

# The Painting



# Connection

Concord, California, U.S.A.

**A Monthly Newsletter**  
Trish B.- Editor  
Loretta M.- Webmaster  
Website: [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org)  
Email: [berts4@comcast.net](mailto:berts4@comcast.net)  
P.O Box 2671  
Martinez, CA 94553



**Issue # 7**  
**2021**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In June we hosted our first seminar with an outside teacher in a very long time. She was a wonderful teacher and shared many tips and techniques for painting on glass. Her projects were really gorgeous and we had a great time with Tami. She is a lovely person and a great teacher. We have a colored pencil project with Jann in August on a pillow. Please sign up as soon as possible so Jann and Marianne can get the project supplies organized. It is a very attractive project that will look great in any home. Get the word out about our upcoming Bunko. It will be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to hosting this fundraiser again. You can obtain tickets from Jann or myself. Tickets this year are \$20 since we will only be serving desserts, but we will still have our fabulous raffle prizes. I have secured Mangia Bene in Martinez for our holiday luncheon on Saturday December 11th. Mark your calendars. Stay cool and enjoy the rest of the summer.

*Karen V.*  
*Ad Hoc President*



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is always open for anyone interested in joining our fabulous chapter. Invite friends, students, or family to join us. There is no cost for chapter dues for 2021 and members also need to have an annual membership in the National Society of

Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Toler Membership Application available on our chapter website needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Toler, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267.

Beat the rush of renewal at the end of the year!! If you renew your 2022 membership between July 1st and August 31st you will be rewarded with **FOUR FREE** ePackets by the following artists:

Prudy Vannier CDA  
Jamie Mills-Price  
Linda Sharp MDA  
Lynne Andrews

It's Easy...

1. Go to the SDP website and login to your profile
2. Find the orange renew button and click, you can send in a check OR Call the SDP office at 316-269-9300!

Once you complete your renewal you will receive an email the following Friday with your **FOUR FREE** epackets!

The 2021 SDP renewal dues are \$60 annually. New members can join SDP and get a Trial membership for \$40 for the first year and student memberships for full time students are available for \$20 annually. The Society of Decorative Painters dues need to be paid directly to the SDP. You can submit payment on their website at [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org) or call them and they will assist you with payment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

*Karen*  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership



## PROGRAMS

I wanted to thank Karen V. for arranging our June seminar with Tami Carmody. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun! Even our woodcutters (Jay O. and Robert S.) joined us on Saturday to paint Hummingbird feeders. A good time was had by all and everyone was able to finish their projects. Special thanks to Tami for coming in to teach this seminar!

Please note that there will be no project in July.



Our August program will be this “Fall Get Together Pillow” cover taught by Jann O. at the First Lutheran Church Gymnasium on August 14, 2021. There are still some spots available so make sure to get your registration form and payment into me as soon as possible. The registration form is at the end of the newsletter and the deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>. This is sure to be a fun and novel project for us that you don’t want to miss.

I hope to see everyone soon!

*Marianne*  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs



## SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- Fall Get Together Pillow—August 14<sup>th</sup>. At the First Lutheran Church or via Zoom
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18<sup>th</sup> at the First Lutheran Church
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at the First Lutheran Church Gym/ or via Zoom
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Planning for the event in 2022

### Tami Carmody Seminar

The seminar with Tami Carmody was wonderful and the projects were beautiful. We tried out our new technology and it worked great and it was so nice to have the teacher's image on a large screen for the painters. We had both in person and zoom attendees and it seemed to work well. We also had several guests painting with us. We had 2 new painters Jay and Robert and three that were familiar and great to see again – Jeanie, Jan V. and Peggy. Pictures of the projects were posted on Facebook and I appreciate anyone keeping us current on social media. Thanks to Jay and Jann for the video equipment and set up and everyone who helped with set up and clean up. It made for an easy and fun seminar.

### Bunko 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18<sup>th</sup> in the church gym from 1:00 – 5:00. We will play bunko, serve safe desserts, and have a wonderful raffle. The cost is \$20 per ticket. It is reduced this year since we are not serving lunch and will only be serving desserts. Tickets are available at Jann's house and Karen's house. Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

### Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Church gym (note the location change). We have 3 teachers who indicated they will teach an ornament. Loretta offered to teach the cupcake ornament that she created for the ornament exchange; Jann offered to teach an adorable elf ornament; and Karen offered to teach a gnome ornament. This will be in the Church Gymnasium with the Church's social distancing protocols from 9:00-4:00 and also available via Zoom now that the chapter has projecting equipment.

Ornament 1 – 9:00-11:00

Ornament 2 – 11:30-1:30

Lunch/Break – 1:30-2:00

Ornament 3 – 2:00-4:00

*Karen & Connie  
Co-Seminar Chairs*



## WAYS AND MEANS

There was no drawing in June. Our next drawing will be at our August meeting.

Backpack Delivery:

Jay, Jann, Luci and Karen delivered the TBT painted backpacks to Contra Costa County Children and Family Services on July 23rd. Raymond received the packs on behalf of the county and expressed how grateful he and his co-workers are. He admired the painting and the items inside each pack. He said that he is excited to deliver them to children and to see the smiles of joy on their faces as they receive them.



Jann  
Ways and Means

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

There was not a general meeting held at the Tami Carmody Seminar in June.  
Editors Note



### NEWSLETTER

All Chapter members are welcome to submit painting or craft related articles for the newsletter. Send the articles to me via e-mail. The deadline for newsletter articles is the last day of each month.

I try my best to keep up to date on member's email addresses. However, if you are not receiving your newsletter notification, please contact me as I may have old or incorrect information. Please send any e-mail or address changes to me at [berts4@comcast.net](mailto:berts4@comcast.net)

Note: The following is our policy regarding the method by which you will receive your newsletter:

If you have Internet access, you will be receiving an email to let you know that the current month's newsletter is available online at our website - [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org)

You will need to log onto the website and read or print the newsletter from there. If you need assistance, please contact Trish at [berts4@comcast.net](mailto:berts4@comcast.net) or Loretta. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to access and print your newsletter. There are instructions on our website which will allow you to receive your FREE copy of Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Internet access, you have the option of receiving your newsletter via the mail or as an email attachment. You need to let me know if you choose either of these options.



Wishing Liz, Cathy and Carrie a very wonderful birthday who celebrate in July and to Suzanne who celebrates her day in August. Hope you all have a wonderful birthday!

Holley  
Sunshine



## HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is just trying to stay cool. I will be calling you all in August for treats, if it is allowed. Ha Ha.

Barbara  
Hospitality



## TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- August- Saturday meeting-Saturday August 14, 2021 Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow, Church Gym/ or via Zoom
- September- Annual Bunko Fundraiser- Saturday September 18, 2021 Church Gym
- October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- Church gym (note the location change) or via Zoom
- November- Regular meeting- Tuesday November 16, 2021 Maple leaf door hanger-in person at the Church or via Zoom
- December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Mangia Bene in Martinez, Saturday December 11, 2021

The purpose of the society is a central dissemination point for information about activities related to decorating painting; raise and maintain a high standard for the art of decorative painting; and stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art form.

**NOTICE:** First Lutheran Church is collecting foodstuffs year round for Project Share. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Darlene for details



**Registration Form for TBT August 14, 2021 Saturday  
Meeting Program  
Fall Get Together Pillow  
*Adapted design by Donna Dewberry*  
Taken from Fall 2020 Decorative Painter  
Taught by Jann Otvos**

**Date: August 14, 2021**

**Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Project Location: First Lutheran Church Gymnasium**

**Address: 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord, CA. 94519**

**Program Cost: \$20.00 (include 16 x 16 Pillow Cover & colored pencils).**

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP AND \$20.00 PAYMENT IS JULY 31

\*CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 20 MEMBERS. SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM EARLY.

Questions: Contact Marianne Simpson. Email: [maritoler@comcast.net](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net) Cell: 925.354.1846

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolers.**

**Mail this form plus payment to Marianne Simpson, 51 East 16<sup>th</sup> St, Antioch, CA. 94509**

---

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please bring your own lunch, drinks & snacks. No food will be provided or shared. Bring your own table if you do not want to share a table. We will be following current local mask and social distancing guidelines.