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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It looks like we are slowly getting back to a new normal. We will have our first in person event in 2021 this month with the much anticipated Tami Carmody seminar in a couple of weeks. In addition, we will be using our new camera and projection system for the seminar.

We enjoyed a wonderful Spring project taught by DJ last month. It really brought nature to our brushes and was such a bright and beautiful project. We had many members participating. We will take a break in July. We have several events coming up - August is a gorgeous pillow with Jann and there is limited attendance so be sure to sign up if you plan on doing it. September is our Bunko fundraiser and tickets are available. October will be our Holiday ornament frenzy. November is a Fall leaf project and December will be a Saturday luncheon and ornament exchange. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us!

Karen
President Fill-in



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

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 is 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 or call them and they will assist you with payment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance. I look forward to getting your applications and new year.

Karen
VP Membership



PROGRAMS



I would like to thank D.J. for teaching her Summer Daisy for our May program. We had a good member turn out and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. I believe everyone finished their painting by the end of class.

There is no June meeting scheduled as we will be having the Tami Carmody Seminar on June 19th. I am looking forward to painting a Hummingbird feeder for our backyard as well as a fall block to display. I have taken several classes from Tami in Las Vegas and she is a great teacher.

Additionally, there is no July meeting.



Our August program will be this "Fall Get Together Pillow" cover adapted by a Donna Dewberry pattern taken from the Fall 2020 Decorative Painter Magazine. Jann O. will be teaching this program at the First Lutheran Church Gymnasium on August 14, 2021. Please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter. Please note that the class is limited to 20 members so be sure to get your registration form and \$20.00 payment into me by July 31st. It's sure to be a fun color pencil project.

Marianne
VP Programs



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- Tami Carmody Seminar – June 19th and 20th at the Veteran’s Hall & via Zoom
- Fall Get Together Pillow—August 14th. At the First Lutheran Church
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18th at the First Lutheran Church
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16th at the First Lutheran Church
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – Planning for the event in 2022

Tami Carmody Seminar

We are painting with Tami Carmody on June 19th and 20th. Tami will be teaching the projects at the Veteran’s Hall, 930 Ward Street in downtown Martinez from 10:00 – 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Tami is providing the Folkart glass paint, pictures, patterns and surfaces. The participants attending in person will get their paints and surfaces the day of the seminar. For those opting to do this seminar via Zoom, you will need to pick up your surfaces and paint on Friday June 18th after 3:00 at Karen’s house. You will need to bring paint pots or containers for the paint. We will provide the zoom link closer to the seminar. Those attending in person should plan on bringing their lunch, drinks and snacks and a mask. We plan to use our new projector, camera, and screen so all participants should be able to easily see the project as it is being taught. Bring your usual painting supplies. Tami recommends using good glass art brushes for painting on glass. Tami recommends #1, #3 and 1/8 flat.

Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

Bunko 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18th 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 16th. 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 possibly 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

Cathy M. was the generous donor of the May drawing prize and Luci was the delighted winner. A beautiful hand painted mug containing a \$10.00 Starbuck's gift card as well as a shopping bag pattern book made up the prize, to which Cathy added a \$20.00 TBT bunko ticket. Toll Bridge Tolers will be donating two bunko tickets for the June drawing. If you would like to donate a drawing prize for a future meeting, please contact Jann.

*Jann
Ways and Means*

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
Saturday, May 15, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Darlene S., D.J. W., Karen V., Agnes K.D., Tamara M., Kathy G., Barbara B., Lisa S., Cathy McC., Connie O., Luci F., Jann O., Marianne S., Vivian R., Suzanne O. Guest Merlene R.

The meeting was called to order by Karen V. via Zoom at 10:00 am with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the May newsletter (Agnes K.D./Luci F.).

Bunco – Jann announced the tickets have been printed and will be available for pick-up at her home. The cost will be \$20 per person. Bunco will be held on September 18, 2021 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with prepackaged desserts only. Each person will have their own set of dice and temperatures and masks will be determined by Covid-19 restrictions at the time. Cash prizes were removed from the tickets and will be replaced with gift cards. Karen will not accept raffle prizes until after her daughter's wedding August 21. Darlene S. will confirm the final gym rental cost. The raffle permit will be obtained.

Tami Carmody Seminar – Karen reported the seminar will be held at the Veterans' Hall in Martinez on June 19-20, 2021. There are 21 sign-ups for Saturday and 10 for Sunday. Tami will arrive Friday about 3 pm and those doing Zoom may pick up the projects at Karen's home. Karen will send out more information. Zoom people should bring paint pots to obtain the paints when they pick up their surfaces from Karen.

July Picnic – It was agreed to not meet in July this year.

Programs – Marianne advised the August 14th project is Jann's colored pencil pillow. The cost is \$20 and the registration form will be in the June newsletter. There is a limit of 20 participants and the project will be held in the Church gym and will not be available on Zoom. The November project will be Trish B,'s maple leaf and will be taught by Marianne.

Christmas Luncheon – The annual Christmas luncheon will be held at noon on December 11th at Mangia Bene's in Martinez. The hand painted Christmas ornament exchange will be held.

Special Drawing – Cathy McC. donated the prize consisting of a painted mug, a \$10 Starbuck's gift card, and a tote painting book. It was won by Luci F. The June prize will be two Bunco tickets.

Announcements – Karen advised there will be no usual County Fair this year. Alameda is having a virtual fair. Lisa S. purchased a set of four cocktail spoons at the Dollar Tree Store for \$1 that she recommends using to stir bottles of paint. They are a seasonal item and come in three designs – pineapple, cactus and pink flamingo.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 am to D.J. W.'s butterfly project.



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

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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.



Happy Birthday! SUNSHINE

Happy Birthday to Torie, Darlene and Agnes who celebrate their special day in June. Hope you all have a wonderful birthday.

Do any of our members wear contacts? I have a few brand new bottles of cleaning solution unopened. Since I had my cataract surgery, I don't need these. Contact me if you are interested in them or knows someone who could use them.

Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

Things are starting to open up again. However, we are still not in meeting mode. Everyone stay safe and sane!! Cheers.

Barbara
Hospitality



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

June- Tami Carmody Seminar- June 19-20 2021- Veterans Hall both days

August- Saturday meeting- Zoom Saturday August 14,2021 Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow, Church Gymnasium

September- Annual Bunko Fundraiser- Saturday September 18,2021 Church Gymnasium

October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- Veterans Hall Martinez, CA

November- Regular meeting- Zoom or in person- Tuesday November 16, 2021 Maple leaf door hanger

December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Location TBD 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 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 16th 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.