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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is it March already? Spring is in the air and the trees are blooming with beautiful little flowers. I have been seeing a lot of birds and little critters welcoming the lovely weather and the awakening of the plants that went dormant for the winter. Such a wonderful sight to see. I would like to welcome Beckie U. who is our newest member to our chapter. Thank you Marianne for teaching the adorable Gnome recipe card holder at our February meeting. We had a great time painting him together by Zoom. It was so nice to see everyone that was able to attend. Our March meeting will be by Zoom and we will be doing backpacks for the children who go into foster care after being removed from their homes. I hope you all are able to attend. Since it won't be a "teaching" kind of project, we will have more time to get caught up with each other. I am looking forward to Tami Carmody's seminar in June. It will be our first in person event at the Veterans Hall in Martinez. Look for the sign up sheet and get it in to Karen as soon as you can.

As we move through this pandemic, it's so nice to know we all are sharing our love of painting with each other. Some help motivate others to get those brushes out and dust them off. Others have ventured out and tried a new craft too! I know I have dabbled in other types of crafts to keep the brain entertained. I am so thankful for our chapter and all the friendships I have gained by joining. Take care and stay safe!

Trish
President



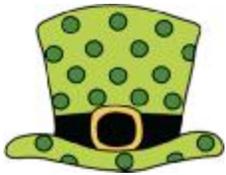
MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed new member Beckie Underwood at our last meeting. We are happy she joined our chapter. She is also a member of other chapters and is the current president of the Northern California Decorative Artists chapter. Welcome Beckie!! We are excited to have you join us.

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 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

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



Thanks to those members who attended the February meeting and joined me in painting the Gnome chef recipe card holder. It was a fun time! I also would like to thank Jay O. for cutting out our little recipe card holders, without you we couldn't do many of our projects!



Our March program will be a Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 20th at 10:00. We will be painting backpacks for children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. There are still some backpacks on hand so if you would like to paint one, contact Jann. The backpacks are lightweight and appropriate for children ages preschool to 10 years. Please start gathering patterns keeping in mind that age group. Jann suggests underpainting your design with an off white. The painting area is 7x12. You will need a piece of cardboard to place inside the backpack while painting.

We had so much fun painting these last year and hope to have a good turnout this month. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact me or Jann.

Marianne
VP Programs



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Seminars and Events

- Tami Carmody Seminar – June 19th and 20th at the Veteran's Hall & via Zoom
- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18th at the First Lutheran Church
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16th at the Veteran's Hall & via Zoom
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – on hold until we can all celebrate in person

Seminars

We will be painting with Tami Carmody on June 19th and 20th. Secure your place for this exciting seminar. This is open to everyone – members and non-members. We need to get a count of how many people are interested in the hummingbird feeder so they can be ordered in time for the seminar. Please email Karen if you plan on painting the hummingbird feeder so we can provide Tami with an estimate.

The seminar form is included in this newsletter. We selected to paint her gorgeous glass hummingbird feeder and glass Fall block. The block includes lights and beautiful autumn ribbon. Tami is also providing the paint, pictures and patterns. The registration and deposit are due by April 30, 2021 (we moved the date up from the prior date so brushes can be ordered). Tami recommends using good glass art brushes for painting on glass. She will bring them for purchase but needs to know by May 1st so she can order them in time. There is a box on the registration form where you can indicate that you are interested in purchasing glass art brushes. This will provide idea of how many brushes Tami will need to bring.:

- #1, #3 and 1/8 flat: Set is \$10.00
- Full glass art set 7 brushes in Set: \$26.00

Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

Bunko 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser will be September 18th in the church gym. We are hopeful we will be able to gather, play bunko, and try to win fabulous raffle prizes. Please hang on to your Bunko raffle donations. Karen has run out of storage. If you can assemble a raffle prize, please do so and plan to bring it directly to Bunko. We will also take items as we get closer to Bunko and assemble raffle prizes or combine with other items to create a raffle prize. We will have tickets available for sale closer to the event and once we determine it is safe to hold the event.

Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16th. We have 3 teachers who indicated they would 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 held at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez from 9:00-4:00 and also available via Zoom.

- 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*



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello everyone. Martinez Regional Medical Center has not contacted me for more memory boxes. Will let you know when we have to start painting again. Thank you to Jann and all you wonderful painters who are painting back packs. Will be great when we can all be together again. Stay safe

Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Suzanne won the cute February drawing basket donated by Luci. The basket had a hedgehog theme and was filled with a table runner, visor, coloring book, pin and drinking cup all housed in a beautiful gift box. Trish is donating the March drawing prize.

If you would like to donate a drawing prize for a future meeting, please contact Jann.

Jann

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

February 16, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Darlene S., Barbara B., Judy H., Jan O., Beckie U., Marianne S., Luci F., Karen V., Suzanne O., Sue S., Diana B., Trish B., Liz L., Kathy G., Cathy McC., D.J. W.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by President Trish B. with a quorum present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter (Kathy G., Diana B.)

Chapter Charities: Trish requested charity nominations for our bunco fundraiser by the April meeting. Following discussion, Karen V. moved and Liz L. seconded that we designate the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank as our sole charity this year. The motion was approved.

Trish advised she received the SDP 2020 chapter "survivor" patch and read a letter from SDP thanking the Chapter for continuing to meet during the pandemic. She and Jann also received a copy of our 2021 liability insurance policy from SDP.

Membership: Karen welcomed our two new members – Beckie U. from Hayward and Diana B. from Concord.

Seminars: Karen advised Tami Carmody will be here in June at the Martinez Veterans' Hall or via Zoom. Attendees are to bring their own lunch and card tables. Vivian R., who arranged for the room is moving to Washington State next month. Jann, Loretta M., and Karen will teach at the ornament frenzy in October. Bunco is September 18th this year at the church gymnasium adhering to Covid 19 protocols. Our 25th anniversary is this year and the party will be held in 2022 with the location to be determined.

Programs: Marianne reviewed upcoming programs. Backpacks will be painted on March 20th starting at 10:00 am via Zoom. There are a few still available to paint. Jann has 24 Teddy Bears and blankets are being made to include. The backpacks are due back by the end of April. D.J. is teaching a daisy and butterfly project in May and the pattern will be emailed. The cost for the pattern is \$5. It will be held via Zoom and each participant is to provide their own paint and an 8x8 surface. She suggested painting on the backside of the project she taught two years ago. Sign-ups will be required in April. The April project is on cardstock, taught by Karen, and a sign-up sheet is coming. Jann will teach her colored pencil pillow cover project in August. The fee for the pillow cover and pencils is \$20 with a sign-up sheet coming. There are 20 slots available. It may be taught in person or via Zoom.

Jann is working on obtaining the audio visual equipment for the chapter. She has the camera and is working on the screen and projector.

Community Projects: Trish advised Roz B. has several painted memory boxes but the hospital has not called for any right now.

Special Drawing: Luci donated a covered gift box with several items enclosed which was won by Suzanne. Trish will do next month's prize.

Trish advised SDP is offering a free paint-in "A Calm Sea" with registration on their website by March 14th. It was noted several artists are offering free classes through their websites or Facebook. The only cost is for the patterns.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm to a gnome recipe card holder taught by Marianne.



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

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

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 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.





SUNSHINE

Sending Birthday wishes out to our members who are celebrating in March, Jann, Jan RoseMarie, Wendy, Vivian and Debra W-D.

Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

The February meeting was so great. My gnome turned out great. Since we are not meeting in person not much to report. However, March meeting is going to be great Zooming!! See you there!!

Barb B.
Hospitality



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- March Saturday meeting- Zoom Saturday March 20, 2021- Jann, painting backpacks for Foster children
- April Regular meeting- Zoom Tuesday April 20, 2021 Karen- Pen and Ink card
- May Saturday meeting- Zoom or in person Saturday May 15, 2021 Flower and Butterfly – DJ West Davis
- June- Tami Carmody Seminar- June 19-20 2021- Veterans Hall both days
- July – Open for picnic/ social distance TBD- temporarily scheduled for Saturday July 10, 2021
- August- Saturday meeting- Zoom Saturday August 14,2021 Jann teaching a colored pencil pillow
- 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 Trish 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

THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS

Are Proud To Present

Tami Carmody

June 19-20, 2021

Veteran's Hall – 930 Ward Street, MARTINEZ, CA

Zoom Option will also be available

10 AM – 4 PM



Surface Cost: \$27



\$28 includes ribbon and lights

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

All are welcome to attend this seminar. If you are not a member of an SDP Chapter, then please add \$5.00 per event. Registration fees are listed below. **Registration and a minimum deposit of \$25 is due by Friday, April 30, 2021.** Remaining balance is due by June 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Vecchi at (925) 228-0409 or email karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net; or Connie Oakley at (925) 876-2790 or email oakley1@ltnl.gov.

REGISTRATION FEES	CHAPTER MEMBERS	NON-CHAPTER MEMBERS
Saturday, 6/19 – Feeder (\$27 surface)	\$35 + \$27 = \$62	\$40 + \$27 = \$67
Sunday, 6/20 – Block (\$28 surface)	\$35 + \$28 = \$63	\$40 + \$28 = \$68
Amount Enclosed/Deposit:	\$	\$
Remaining Amount Due by 6/1:	\$	\$
Glass art paint brushes are recommended and will be available for purchase at the seminar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1, #3 and 1/8 flat : Set is \$10.00 • Full glass art set 7 brushes in Set: \$26.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would be interested in purchasing. <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 set <input type="checkbox"/> \$26.00 set	

NOTE: All persons registering for the seminar must use this registration form. Deposit or full payment must accompany registration form. All classes have a *No Smoking Policy*. Registration Fees are *not refundable but are transferable*. If the seminar is cancelled, all fees will be returned. Please bring your own lunch (or we can offer a sandwich order & pick-up), drink and general painting supplies.

Please make checks payable to **Toll Bridge Tolars** and send Registration Form and Fees to:

PO Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267