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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Whew – wedding showers, bachelorette parties, and a wedding plus moving to a new forever home 2.5 hours away which included packing up 30 years of accumulated life along with chickens, dogs and so much stuff. That is what our President has been doing the last few weeks. She plans to participate when she can and plans to attend the Tami Carmody seminar in June.

We had the sad news that a past member, Virginia Davison, passed away on April 24th after a battle with cancer. She was a fun and lovely lady with a great sense of humor and wonderful laugh. Our thoughts are with her family. We have the address of her son, if anyone would like to send their condolences.

*Karen for Trish
President*



PROGRAMS



Our Saturday May 15th, 2021 meeting will be this “Summer Daisy” project (an original pattern by D.J. West-Davis). You provide at least an 8”x 8” surface – any surface like wood or canvas. This program is being taught by D.J. on Zoom starting at 10:00 AM with a short meeting. If you would like to take this project but have not yet sent in your registration form and money, it is not too late. I have extended the deadline to Friday, May 7th. After I receive your registration form (located at the end of the April newsletter) and money (\$5), I will email the prep and painting instructions to you. If you have any questions about this, please call or email me.

Backpacks – March Program:

Thanks again to those members who painted these very special backpacks for foster children. They all turned out beautifully and I am sure they will be treasured by the children who get them. You can view some of the backpacks at the end of the newsletter.



Sending a big thank you to Karen for teaching our April program, a pen and ink style greeting card and gift tags. There was a good turnout for this project, and I have heard that everyone enjoyed it. We completed 2 of the 4 projects and they all looked great! Please let Karen know if you have any questions on painting the other 2 designs. Karen, you always come up with fun, new, and creative projects!

Our June program will be the Tami Carmody glass painting seminar on June 19-20, 2021 at the Veteran's Hall. Information on this seminar is in the Seminar & Events section below.

Marianne
1st VP – Programs



MEMBERSHIP

With several of our members moving to new homes, I will be updating the TBT membership Handbook and excel worksheet. I will send this out separately via email.

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 Tolors Membership Application available on our chapter website needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Tolors, 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 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 or call them and they will assist you with payment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen
2nd VP – Membership



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 First Lutheran Church
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – Planning for 2022 – What is the best month to hold this event?

Tami Carmody Seminar

We are painting with Tami Carmody on June 19th and 20th. Tami is providing the paint, pictures and patterns and surfaces. For those opting to do this seminar via Zoom, we are working on the logistics. Our understanding is that Tami is bringing the surfaces with her on Friday June 18th and we will need to figure out how and when people can pick up surfaces. Since Tami is also bringing the Folkart glass paint, we will try to get a list of the colors and also figure out how to share the paint with Zoom participants. The registration and deposit were due by April 30th but we may be able to accommodate a few more but

need to know if you are interested as soon as possible. Those attending in person should plan on bringing their lunch, drinks and snacks and a mask. Please contact Karen if you have any questions.

Tami recommends using good glass art brushes for painting on glass. She will bring them for purchase. If you indicated on the registration form that you wanted a set, there will be a set for you at the seminar. These are the brush sets Tami recommends and will be bringing:

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

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. 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 with donations we previously received or combine with other items to create a raffle prize. We will have tickets available for sale very soon.

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. The location has changed and will now be held 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-Chairs*



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our community service backpacks are being prepared for delivery to Contra Costa County Social Services. Once again, this project has been a huge success with 19 members painting 32 backpacks! Each and every pack is a treasure - sure to please the young recipient during a very difficult time. A special thank you to Karen for fringing all the blankets and Luci for ordering and decorating the little bears which will be put into the packs. I will be photographing each pack and we will post the pictures so that you can all enjoy the wonderful artwork.

Jann

Memory Boxes for infants who do not make it in this world are always available for painting and returning to Roz. Please contact her if you would like to paint a memory box for donating to the county hospital in Martinez.

Roz



WAYS AND MEANS

Karen donated a cute painted pen and ink greeting card from her April program with a \$40 gift certificate to Just Fine Designs. The drawing was won by Cathy McC. and she said she has already spent the money on patterns, brushes, and flow medium. Just Fine Designs by Sandy LeFlore is having a 50% off sale on her printed patterns using the coupon code Half Off Paper. More info is available on the Just Fine Designs website and Facebook page. Cathy McC is donating the May drawing prize. Everyone attending the meeting is eligible to win the drawing prize. If you would like to donate a drawing prize for a future meeting, please contact Jann.

Jann



Hospitality

Hope everyone is enjoying this amazing weather. Try and get your loved ones together and take a picnic. Hope we can all be together soon.

*Barbara B
Hospitality*

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Karen V. at 6:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter (Holley Y./Kathy G.).

Membership: No report.

Programs: Marianne S. reported D. J. W.'s "Summer Daisy" project is Saturday, May 15th, via Zoom. Registration and check for \$5.00 is due by April 30th. You must provide your own surface. Jann O.'s colored pencil pillow project is Saturday, August 14th. The registration form is coming, and the cost is \$20. The class is limited to 20 people and will be held in the First Lutheran Church gym. We will need to bring our own card table and social distance. Our 25th Anniversary party will be held in 2022.

Treasurer: Jann O. reported she will have a complete tally of painted backpacks at the May meeting. Thirty backpacks have been completed and the deadline to finish the remainder is April 30th. They are being stuffed with blankets and teddy bears. Luci F. bought the teddy bears for the backpacks. The backpacks will be delivered to County Social Services in May or June. Jann noted 19 members participated in this project. She advised she has finalized purchase of the projector, camera and screen for our Zoom meetings and projects and has successfully tried the equipment at her home. They will be used first for the Tami Carmody seminar in June. So far there have been 12 sign-ups. Bunco is September 18th in the church gym. Darlene S. has arranged for the October 16th ornament frenzy to be held in the church gym rather than the Veterans' Hall in Martinez. The Covid-19 protocol will be in effect.

Karen advised the Executive Committee will determine who will be Acting President for the remainder of the year.

Seminars: D.J.'s project will be taught on Saturday, May 15th via her Zoom account.

Special Drawing: Karen provided the prize consisting of a cute card and a \$40.00 gift certificate for Sandy LeFlore's Just Fine Designs. Sandy is selling her paper patterns at 50% off on her website. The discount is listed on her Just Fine Designs Facebook page. Use the code Half Off Paper in the coupon code at checkout. Cathy McC. was the winner.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm to Karen's watercolor note card and gift tag program. The patterns were taken from Kathi Walters' Pipsqueaks V book.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene S., Secretary



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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SUNSHINE

Happy Birthday to Connie who celebrates her birthday on May 24th.

Birthday wishes to our June birthdays: June 20th – Torie; June 25th – Darlene; and June 26th – Agnes

Remember to get your vaccine so we can get together soon.

Holley
Sunshine



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- May – Saturday May 15, 2021, 10:00 – Zoom (DJ's); Summer Daisy – DJ
- June – Tami Carmody Seminar – Saturday & Sunday June 19-20, 2021, 10:00 – Veteran's Hall both days
- July – Open for picnic/social distance TBD – temporarily scheduled for Saturday July 10, 2021
- August – Saturday August 14, 2021 – Church, Concord, CA – Colored pencil pillow – Jann
- September – Annual Bunko Fundraiser – Saturday September 18, 2021 – Church Gymnasium, Concord, CA
- October – Ornament Frenzy – Saturday October 16, 2021, 9:00 – Church Gymnasium, Concord, CA
- November – Sunday November 14, 2021 – TBD-Zoom or Church, Concord, CA – 2022 Planning Meeting
- November – Tuesday November 16, 2021 – Church, Concord, CA – Maple leaf door hanger – Trish
- December – Annual Christmas Luncheon – Saturday December 11, 2021 – Location TBD

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



BACKPACKS, BLANKETS AND BEARS – OH, MY

These will be donated to children in foster care – well done!



There are more on the next page.

