

# The Painting



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Bunko happened and we had a good turnout with approximately 50 attendees. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success! There are so many people to thank for helping with the raffle prizes, organizing and getting the food, setting up the room, selling raffle tickets and selecting winners, checking and handing out raffle prizes and clean up. It was great to see everyone and all seemed to have a good time. The raffle prizes were wonderful and there were plenty to choose from. It was almost overwhelming but a nice problem to have. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets. We collected almost \$1,300 on our raffle. I think we made the event as safe as possible with everyone having their own set of dice, which seemed to speed up the games and we served individually wrapped desserts and ice cream to keep contact to a minimum. The extra desserts will be brought to our Ornament Frenzy this month so you can enjoy them again.

It is hard to believe that we are coming up on the end of the year. We need to nominate a slate of officers and we are happy to have any nominations for our board. We will need to vote for our officers in the near future. There are just a few chapter events remaining. We have the Ornament Frenzy this month, a 2022 planning meeting on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> via zoom, a chapter meeting and project next month on November 16<sup>th</sup>, and our holiday luncheon on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Mangia Bene in Martinez. We will have our ornament exchange at our luncheon so start painting an ornament for the exchange. Participation is optional but the ornaments are usually really wonderful every year. It should be a recently painted ornament and if you bring a painted ornament, you get to pick one to open and take home.

*Karen V.*  
*Ad Hoc President*



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now open for 2022. The cost for chapter dues for 2022 is \$15 for the year. Members also need to have an annual membership in the National Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). A Toll Bridge Tolers Membership Application available on our chapter website needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267.

The 2022 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

Our Annual Bunko Fundraiser was held on Saturday September 18, 2021. There was a nice turn out and sooo many raffle prizes. Thanks to Karen V., Teri H., Cathy M., Connie O., Jann O., Barb B. and all those who helped organize, set up and clean up for this wonderful event. Not to forget those who donated raffle prizes, well done, we are a very giving group.

Our Ornament Frenzy is being held Saturday October 16, 2021, at First Lutheran Church Gymnasium. We have 3 cute ornaments being taught by Loretta M., Jann O., and Karen V. I'm looking forward to this fun event and seeing everyone there in person.

Our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday November 16, 2021, at our regular meeting place. The meeting program will be a paper product taught by Connie O. The meeting and program will be available on zoom as well as in person.

And to end the year our annual Holiday Luncheon is being held at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez on Saturday December 11, 2021, so please start prepping your ornament for the exchange. **Only newly hand painted ornaments please!!**

### **Our 2022 meeting Program:**

We have 14 members who have signed up and submitted their deposits for the 2022 "HOME" evening meeting programs. I will be looking for volunteers to teach the monthly evening programs during the year. The interchangeable pieces are easy to paint so don't stress about teaching. If you're interested in helping, please let me know.

If you have not signed up but wish to order the chunky pieces your self during the year you may do so online via [www.thewoodconnection.com](http://www.thewoodconnection.com)

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



## SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- 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

### **Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021**

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy is on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Church gymnasium (note the location change). We are offering 3 ornaments. 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. Prep instructions have been provided and painting directions for the ornaments will be emailed closer to the event. Participants will need to provide their own paint and the recommended colors will be available in the prep instructions. For those attending in person, please bring a card table to paint on, your lunch, and normal painting supplies. We will have water and desserts available from Bunko.

Ornament 1 – 9:00-11:00	Candy Cane Cupcake Girl-Loretta
Ornament 2 – 11:30-1:30	Festive Elf-Jann
Lunch/Break – 1:30-2:00	
Ornament 3 – 2:00-4:00	Guiding Gnome-Karen

*Karen & Connie  
Co-Seminar Chairs*



## 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.



## SUNSHINE

Happy Birthday to Judy H., Diana B., Tamara M., Kathy G., Barb B. and Cheryl R. Hope you all have a wonderful day!

*Holley  
Sunshine*



## HOSPITALITY

Hi everyone. Hard to believe that it is October!!!! The ornament frenzy is October 16th at the Church Gymnasium. Bring your own drinks and lunch, but I have left over prewrapped desserts I'll be bringing. See you there. Cheers!

*Barbara*

*Hospitality*



## TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

October- Ornament Frenzy- Saturday October 16, 2021- Church gym (note the location change) or via Zoom

November- Regular meeting- Tuesday November 16, 2021; Paper project taught by Connie O.

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



## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues are **\$15** for the calendar year.

You must submit a completed application and be a member of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP)  
*Membership Application should be submitted by November 1st*

SDP# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month and Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of other chapters? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a decorative painting teacher? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what mediums: \_\_\_\_\_

You must be a current member of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP)-[www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org)  
Current copy of your SDP membership card or SDP confirmation should accompany this application form and return to:

Toll Bridge Tolars  
P. O. Box 2671  
Martinez, CA 94553-0267

Is it Okay to publish your information in our chapter handbook and membership list? **Yes or NO**  
This is only provided to the SDP and current chapter members and will not be distributed.

*For TBT VP-Membership Use Only*

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_