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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

September is here and hopefully the heat and smoke will go away so that we can have Fall in the air. The August colored pencil on a pillow project was wonderful. I learned so much about using colored pencils and never thought about it on fabric. It is a very transportable medium with a wide variety of options to use while traveling and on vacation. Marianne has a wonderful project for 2022 and hopefully you turned in your reservation to her. It is HOME letters that you can change out the "O" each month or season. It is really darling and other options are available. Jann has kindly offered to pick them up in Utah on her travels which will save a huge amount on shipping. We are very appreciative of this offer.

Bunko is here on Saturday September 18th. We are making it a very safe event. Everyone will have their own dice and the desserts will be individually packaged. Please get in touch with me asap if you need a ticket and get the word out about our upcoming Bunko and invite your friends and relatives. 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 safe desserts and we will be starting at 1:00. We have really great raffle prizes and have almost 100, so there is a good chance of winning one of the fabulous raffle prizes. Call or email me for Tickets!!

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 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



PROGRAMS



Thank you, Jann, for teaching us this wonderful colored pencil pillow cover. It was so much fun learning a new medium. We had 13 members participating and everyone really enjoyed the day.

Our Annual Bunko Fundraiser is Saturday September 18, 2021, at the Church Gymnasium. There is no September meeting scheduled.

Our Ornament Frenzy is being held Saturday October 16, 2021, at the Church Gymnasium. There is no October meeting scheduled.

Our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday November 16, 2021, at our regular meeting place. The meeting program will be announced in next months newsletter.

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

Introducing our 2022 meeting Program:

The 2022 evening meeting programs will be a "HOME" sign with interchangeable figures for the "O". Pictures of this adorable interchangeable project are on the attached sheet. The January program will be the H, M & E letters as well as the Snowflake and the Heart. In February we will do the Shamrock and the Easter Egg. April we will paint the Daffodil and the Nesting Bird. The June program will be Uncle Sam, the Watermelon, and the Baseball. In October we will do the Pumpkin and Turkey and the Santa Hat will round out the programs in November.

The HOME pieces are available from The Wood Connection in Utah. Fortunately, Jann O. will be visiting friends this October in Utah and will pick-up all the wood pieces for us. This will save us the trouble of ordering on-line as well as saving shipping and handling costs. **We will need to have all your orders and deposit no later than September 15, 2021.** This will allow Jann time to place the bulk order with the vendor. The cost for the entire program will be between \$50.00 and \$60.00. The

prices are a current approximation because wood prices are unstable right now and may change by the time they are picked up in October. **A deposit of \$40.00 will be required with the balance due upon delivery.** If you wish to order the chunky pieces your self during the year you may do so online via www.thewoodconnection.com The registration form is located at the back of the newsletter. Please complete the form and forward it and the \$40.00 deposit to me as soon as possible. The Deadline is coming up fast and we need to get a headcount of participants.

Marianne
1st VP, Programs



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- Bunko Luncheon & Fundraiser – September 18th at the First Lutheran Church Gym
- Holiday Ornament Frenzy – scheduled for October 16th at the First Lutheran Church Gym/ or via Zoom
- 25th Anniversary Celebration – Planning for the event in 2022

Bunko 2021

The Bunko Fundraiser is here and is on September 18th in the church gymnasium from 1:00 – 5:00. We will play safe bunko with everyone having their own set of dice, serve safe desserts, and have really amazing raffle prizes. The cost is \$20 per ticket. It is reduced this year since we are not serving lunch and will only be serving safe desserts. Tickets are available at Jann's house and Karen's house. Please contact Karen for tickets as soon as possible!

Holiday Ornament Frenzy 2021

The Holiday Ornament Frenzy will be October 16th at the Church gym (note the location change). We are offering 3 ornaments. The cost for members is \$15 plus \$10 for the surfaces. A bargain at \$5 per ornament session. 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. An application was previously sent out and is also included in the newsletter. Prep instructions, painting directions and pictures will be emailed when they become available. Participants will need to provide their own paint and the recommended colors will be available in the prep instructions. The ornaments will be available at Bunko for anyone who has paid for the seminar.

Ornament 1 – 9:00-11:00
Ornament 2 – 11:30-1:30
Lunch/Break – 1:30-2:00
Ornament 3 – 2:00-4:00

Candy Cane Cupcake Girl-Loretta
Festive Elf-Jann
Guiding Gnome-Karen

Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello everyone. I have boxes to be painted. Call me if needed. Have a wonderful day.

Roz



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

Happy Birthday to Donna S. and Sue S. who celebrate in September and Happy Birthday to Judy H., Diana B., Tamara, Kathy G., Barb B and Cheryl R. who celebrate in October. Hope you all have a wonderful day!

Sending our condolences to Agnes. Her husband passed away a few days ago. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

Hope to see everyone at our annual Bunco fundraiser!!! Cheers.
Barbara

Hospitality



TBT 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

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; our evening project TBD

December- Annual Christmas Luncheon- Mangia Bene in Martinez, Saturday December 11, 2021



MARKETPLACE

Darlene has a 11 cu.ft. upright freezer for sale. It's about 20 years old but it works great. She no longer needs it and would like to get it out of her house. She is flexible on the price and would take the best offer. If you are interested, please contact Darlene.

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 2022 Home Sign
Evening Meeting Programs**

Date: 3rd Tuesday of January, February, April, June, October and
November 2022

Project Location: First Lutheran Church

Address: 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord, CA. 94519

Program Cost: \$50.00 to \$60.00 depending on wood prices.

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP AND \$40.00 Deposit September 15, 2021

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: FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE UPON DELIVERY IN LATE OCTOBER OR
NOVEMBER.**

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Material Prices:

January – Snowflake	\$3.95
February – Heart	\$3.50
March – Shamrock	\$2.50
April – Easter Egg	\$2.25
May – Daffodil	\$2.75
June – Nesting Bird	\$3.50
July – Uncle Sam	\$5.25
August - Watermelon	\$4.50
September – Baseball	\$4.25
October – Pumpkin	\$3.50
November – Turkey	\$2.25
December – Santa Hat	\$2.25
Total	\$40.45
HME Letters	\$8.75

Estimated cost for the year \$49.20. This is dependent on final wood prices at time of order and applicable tax.

THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS
 Are Proud to Present
Christmas Ornament Frenzy 2021
October 16, 2021

First Lutheran Church Gym – 4000 Concord Blvd, CONCORD, CA
 Zoom Option will also be available
 9 AM – 4 PM



Ornament #1
 Loretta
 9:00-11:00



Ornament #2
 Jann
 11:00-1:00



Ornament #3
 Karen
 2:00-4:00

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

All are welcome to attend this seminar. If you are a not a member of an SDP Chapter, then please add \$5.00. Registration fees are listed below. **Registration and payment is due by September 15, 2021.** We will have the ornaments available for pick up on Jann’s porch or Karen’s porch once we receive payment. Please indicate if you would like them mailed to you and include that cost. 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
Frenzy Fee + Surface Fees	\$15 + \$10= \$25	\$20 + \$10 = \$30
Mailing Fee – (if not picking up) Priority 2 Day Padded Envelope	\$9	\$9

NOTE: All persons registering for the seminar must use this registration form. 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, drink and general painting supplies and paints. Prep and painting instructions will be provided electronically when available.

Please make checks payable to **Toll Bridge Tolars** and send Registration Form and Fees to:
PO Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267