

# The Painting



# Connection

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are in full swing of Spring and hoping for April showers. The backpacks painted by our generous members look really wonderful and I know they will be appreciated by the recipients. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this worthwhile project and for all the generous donations our chapter received for this project. We will be including a small blanket and stuffed animal to make the backpacks even more special. Please be sure to drop off your painted backpacks at Jann's or Karen's house by April 15th or bring them to the meeting on April 19th. This month we continue with the wonderful HOME project. Marianne will be giving us ideas for the May and June pieces. It has been fun to see all the creative ways people are decorating their pieces. In May, DJ will be teaching a darling snow people project at our Saturday meeting. If you have not signed up for the project, please do so as soon as possible so we can determine where to hold the paint-in. I hope the Easter Bunny is good to you!

*Karen  
President*



## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, 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 Tolerers Membership Application available on our chapter website that needs to be submitted for record keeping. Mail the membership application to: Toll Bridge Tolerers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553-0267.

The 2022 SDP renewal dues are \$50-\$60 annually depending if you want the Decorative Painter magazine in hard copy or electronically. 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

### April meeting Program

For our April meeting we will be continuing working on our “Home” project chunky pieces.

Please prep your Daffodil and your Blue Bird by sanding, sealing, and sanding all surfaces.



Base coat the Daffodil with moon yellow, the stem with Hauser medium green and the trumpet (center part) of the flower with canyon orange. You will need to base the main piece 2 or 3 coats for good coverage. Bring your base colors plus butter, burnt orange and plantation pine for shade and hi-lites.



Base coat the Blue Bird province sky, the beak canyon orange, the egg moon yellow and the nest burnt umber. Again, base your pieces with 2 to 3 coats. Along with the base colors please bring sapphire and blue chiffon. Also bring soft black, white, milk chocolate, honey brown, and burnt sienna for the twigs.

You can sub colors as you choose according to your taste and/or home décor.

Bring your regular painting supplies and brushes including a small dry brush, a liner and angle brush for shading.



Baseball season is starting this month. Paint your baseball white and adhere your red stitching. You may bring this to the meeting if you would like or you can complete this on your own at home.

### **May 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday Program**

Our May meeting is on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. D.J. will be teaching us the Shara Reiner "Snow Days" project. It is a free project from SDP. Please complete the registration form at the end of this newsletter and return it to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to get a count on how many members will attend so we can arrange a meeting place. At present, I only have 4 members that have responded so please, let me know by mailing the registration form to me or email me at [maritoler@comcast.net](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net) letting me know if you will attend in person or by ZOOM. I hope to hear from you soon.

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



### **WAYS AND MEANS**

The lucky winner of our March drawing basket was Kathy G. The basket contained two painted items, including a super cute frame, and a hand crochet afghan. Our April drawing will be an unclaimed bunko prize.

*Jann*  
Ways and Means





## SEMINARS AND EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE YOU ARE INVITED!!

25th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration Saturday July 23, 2022 11:30 – 3:00 More Information to Follow.

Saturday August 20, 2022 – Fall Ornament Frenzy – Marianne has found wonderful projects for this event and interesting surfaces. Plan to join us of for some Fall fun!

Saturday September 17, 2022 1:30 – Bunko Fundraiser – Bunko, Dessert & Raffles!! Start preparing raffle prizes. We always have such nice raffles and appreciate the donations to make our event a success!  
Be sure you have these dates on your calendar!

*Karen & Connie  
Co-Seminar Chairs*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hi all. I have some painted memory boxes. The Regional center has a good supply for a few months. No rush. Take your time and enjoy painting.

*Roz*

## CONTRA COSTA FAIR 2022



The fair is coming May 12-15, 2022! The theme is Cows, Corn Dogs, and Carnival Rides, Oh My! Applications are due April 8th and must be done online at <http://www.contracostafair.com>. Submissions for exhibiting decorative painting projects need to be dropped off on April 29th from 3:00-8:00 or April 30th from 9:00-2:00 in Building 1. The Decorative Tole Painting is Division 109-Tole Painting and has 3 classes; 1. Beginners, 2. Intermediate, 3. Advanced. The entry fee is \$2 per entry. There is a Special Contest this year for painted rocks. It is Division 179-Painted Rocks and the entry fee is \$5. Here is the link for the Exhibits Handbook and Application:

### Quick Links

**2022 Handbooks & Applications**

[Still Exhibits](#)

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

March 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by President Karen V. with a quorum present.

Karen advised the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party is July 23, 2022 and it is necessary to approve the budget for the party. The cost for the Pleasant Hill Senior Center is \$525 and the estimated cost for the food to be catered by Los Panchos is \$500. The decorations are estimated at \$200 for a total cost of \$1,225. She estimates 24 people may attend. \$150 was put in the 2022 budget and an additional \$1,075 is needed. Jann O. noted we have \$5,000 in our checking account. It was suggested that each person be charged \$20 for the lunch and the balance come from the Chapter's checking account. It was moved and seconded that a budget of \$1,100 plus charging each person \$20 for lunch be approved for the party (Luci F./Kathy G.). The motion was approved. Karen noted the room is reserved from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm and the event will be from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm to allow an hour prior for set-up and half an hour after for clean-up.

2022 Charity: Karen suggested the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano be nominated again for the Bunco fundraiser. It was moved and seconded (Barbara B./Luci F.) that the Food Bank be the charity recipient for our 2022 Bunco fundraiser. The motion was approved.

Special Drawing: Darlene S. brought an unclaimed raffle basket from our Bunco fundraiser consisting of a Raggedy Ann painted mirror, a painted box and pin from Shirley I. and a patriotic blanket crafted by Jeanie S. and Jan V. and donated by Darlene. The winner was Judy H.

Backpacks: Jann advised we received two generous donations for our backpack project for foster children consisting of \$50 from a shopper at Joanne's and an anonymous donor from the Chapter. Each painted backpack will include a blanket and a stuffed animal. Jann also noted using Zelle for Chapter deposits is working well at Bank of the West. It can be accessed at [tollbridgetolers@gmail.com](mailto:tollbridgetolers@gmail.com). She asked that if anyone uses it to text her so she has a record of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.



## 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)

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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 Jeanne and Karen who are celebrating their special day in April. Eat lots of cake!

*Holley  
Sunshine*



## HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Jann O and Kathy G

Beverages: Barb B

Ice: Barb B.

See you at the April 19th meeting. Now I have to go sand, seal and sand the May and June projects!!

*Barbara  
Hospitality*



## 2022 Calendar of Events

**Tuesday night meetings – Board meeting at 6:45; General Meeting at 7:00**

**Events will be in person and most will be available via Zoom.**

Date	Day	Time	Project	Instructor
April 19, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project May/June	Marianne
May 14, 2022	Saturday	10:00-4:00	SNOW Friends – Shara Reiner Project	DJ W-D.
June 21, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project July/Aug/Sept	Luci
July 23, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	TBD
August 20, 2022	Saturday	9:00 am	Fall Ornament Frenzy	Various
Sept 17, 2022	Saturday	1:30 pm	Bunko Fundraiser	TBT
October 18, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project Oct/Nov	Darlene
Nov 15, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project Dec	Trish
Dec 10, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	Holiday Luncheon & Ornament Exchange	

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

# SNOW FRIENDS

Shara Reiner Free Project



Saturday, May 14, 2022  
Chapter Meeting Project  
Taught by D.J. West-Davis  
10AM-4PM

## REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I will Attend (please check one) In Person  or Via Zoom

**THIS IS A FREE PROJECT BY SHARA REINER THROUGH SDP.** If you have any questions, please contact Marianne at (925) 354-1846 or email [maritoler@comcast.net](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net). Please Mail this registration form to Marianne Simpson, 51 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Antioch, CA. 94509 by April 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to have an accurate count as to those members who will attend *in person* so we can decide which location this project will be held.

**NOTE:** This Chapter project will be taught in person and via zoom. Prep instructions will follow by email. You will need to supply your own surface (the pattern is 8x11 but can be enlarged or reduced as you like to fit your surface), paints and supplies for this project. Also bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks.