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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that January is already behind us. While it has been chilly in the mornings, it does not seem like January with the sun out most of the day. But it is better than the freezing temperatures in other parts of the country. I will gladly enjoy our California weather. Now we move on to February and Valentine's Day.

Jann did a great job starting us off with a snowflake and a heart for our HOME project. They all came out so cute and it looked like everyone had fun painting them. Marianne has scheduled March and April for this month and then we will be a quarter of the way done with this project. Start planning your backpack designs for March. The backpacks always turn out so wonderful.

The meetings will continue to be in person and via Zoom. The first part of our meeting is generally our general meeting going through any business we need to discuss or decide upon. Then we will move onto the monthly project. Please join us for one or both of these. It is really nice to see our chapter members.

Hoping you have a nice Valentine's Day!

*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 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 \$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

Our February meeting will be taught by Karen V. We will be doing the Shamrock and Easter Egg for the HOME project. Here are some ideas or options for them. The detailed instructions will be emailed to everyone who signed up to do it.



MARCH 19th MEETING:

We will be painting backpacks for Foster Children again this year at our Saturday meeting on March 19th. Jann O. will be bringing the backpacks to our February meeting for those that would like to participate in this very rewarding program. Due to shipping and supply issues, we have only been able to get 16 backpacks, therefore we need to limit each member to paint 1 backpack. Please check your schedules to ensure that you will have time to paint a backpack by the April 15th deadline.

Marianne
1st VP, Programs



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- Saturday July 23, 2022 – 25th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration – 11:30 – 3:00 at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on Gregory Dr.
- Saturday August 20, 2022 – Fall Ornament Frenzy – We are looking for anyone interested in teaching a 2 hour Fall or Halloween project. Get in touch with Karen or Marianne if you have an idea for a project.
- Saturday September 17, 2022 – Bunko Fundraiser – Start preparing raffle prizes. We always have such nice raffles and appreciate the donations to make our event a success!

Let me know if you have any ideas in this area for our chapter.

*Karen & Connie
Co-Seminar Chairs*

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
January 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen V. at 7:06 pm with a quorum present in person and via Zoom. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the December newsletter (Barbara B./Kathy G.)

President: Karen advised the annual report to SDP is being developed.

Membership: Karen announced we have 34 members.

Treasurer's Report: Jann O, had the Treasurer's Report available for review. Marianne S. will do the annual audit for us.

Community Projects: Karen advised Kathy G. and Darlene S. brought painted memory boxes for Roz B.

Programs: We will be painting backpacks for foster children at our March meeting on Saturday, March 19th.

Hospitality: Barbara B. circulated the Hospitality book for sign-ups.

25th Anniversary Party: Karen, Trish B. and Cathy McC. met to plan the party on July 23rd at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

Announcement: Karen read a thank you letter from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for our Bunco fundraiser donation.

Special Drawing: Darlene provided the drawing prize that was not claimed from the Bunco fundraiser consisting of three painted snowmen. The prize was won by Kathy G.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm to the HOME project (January and February) program led by Jann O.



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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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

February Birthdays- Roz B., Teri H. and Holley Y.

March Birthdays- Jan V., Jann O., Rose Marie R., Vivian R. and Debra W-D
I'm off to volunteer for the AT&T. Happy Birthday on your special day.

*Holley
Sunshine*



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Marianne S. and Luci F.

Beverages: Barb B

Ice: Barb B

*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
February 15, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project March/April	Karen
March 19, 2022	Saturday	10:00-3:00	Backpacks & Blankets for Foster Kids	TBT
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	TBD
June 21, 2022	Tuesday	7:00 pm	HOME Project July/Aug/Sept	Luci
July 23, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	25 th Anniversary Celebration – PH Senior Center	
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