

# The Painting



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are in March! The blooming daffodils and flowers bring such beautiful color to enjoy. We are one-fourth of the way through our HOME project and they are all turning out so cute. I am loving them and enjoying a new decoration in my house and it is exciting to change it each month! It has really been fun to see them all.

This is backpack month for foster kids. We have done this project for a few years now and it is very rewarding and fun to paint a design a young child can enjoy and call their own. The backpacks are always wonderful. Jann and I have backpacks available if you want to pick them up from our porches. We have plenty of backpacks. Just let us know if you plan to come by and we will make sure they are out on the porch. We will also bring them to our Saturday meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. You can see pictures of the ones painted last year in the May 2021 newsletter. Coloring books or online coloring pages can provide ideas for designs. The ages of the children range from about 3 to 8.

The meetings will continue to be in person and via Zoom. We will not have a general meeting this month and will enjoy painting the backpacks together.

Hoping you have a lucky St. Patrick'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 Tolers Membership Application available on our chapter website that 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 \$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

I would like to thank Karen for teaching the February program. I am sorry I missed it, but it sounds like everyone had a fun time visiting and painting their Shamrocks and Eggs.

### MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING:



Our March program will be held in person and on zoom at our regular meeting place on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 to 4:00. This will be the third year we will be painting back packs for children that are entering foster care. There are still backpacks available so if you would like to paint one contact Jann. The backpacks are lightweight and appropriate for children ages preschool to 10 years. Please start gathering patterns keeping in mind that age group and bring the acrylic paints needed for those patterns. Jann suggests bringing light buttermilk, bleached sand or warm white to undercoat your designs. The painting area is 7x12. You will need a piece of cardboard to place inside the backpack while painting plus your regular painting supplies. Those attending in person should plan to bring your lunch and drinks.

We had so much fun painting these back packs the last 2 years and hope to have a good turnout this month. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact me or Jann.

You will need to get your completed back packs back to Jann by April 15th so she can get them organized and fill them with the blankets and stuffed animals and take them to the county office.

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



## WAYS AND MEANS

Darlene brought a raffle basket which was unclaimed from our bunko fundraiser. The basket contained a cute elf pulling a watermelon bucket and a summer and autumn plaque, which were all painted by Shirley. The lucky winner was Barb B. The March drawing prize will be another unclaimed bunko basket.

*Jann*  
Ways and Means

## SEMINARS AND EVENTS



### SAVE THE DATE YOU ARE INVITED

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Celebration  
Saturday July 23, 2022  
11:30 – 3:00  
Pleasant Hill Senior Center  
233 Gregory Lane

### Seminars & Events

- 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 – 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  
February 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Karen V. with a quorum present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter (Barbara B./Kathy G.).

Programs – Jann O. reported for Marianne S. that the backpacks for foster children are available tonight for our March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and she will keep track of how many each person takes. They will also be available for pickup at Karen's and Jann's homes. Provide your own patterns or Jann will bring some to the meeting. They must be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Snow Days project by Shara Reiner and sponsored by SDP will be taught by DJ W. for our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting available either in person or via Zoom. A registration form will be provided and the instructions will be sent to all who sign up. This is a free project and it can be done on a surface of your choice. Participants will need to provide their own paints.

Jann brought three suggestions from Marianne for the Fall Ornament Frenzy consisting of a scarecrow on a strainer and brush and a pumpkin painted on a rock with dip dots. Let Marianne know if there are any other suggestions.

Karen has TBT business cards with our email address. Trish volunteered to check for any emails received on that account.

Treasurer's Report – Jann and Karen met with the bank to change signatures on the account. The Bank of the West requested the following statement be read into the meeting minutes: "As the Treasurer of Toll Bridge Tolars, I am informing you of an authorized signer change. We will be removing Patricia Bertolucci and we will be adding Karen Vecchi. s/Jann Otvos, Toll Bridge Tolars "

Jann has opened an account for TBT with Zelle which is used by most banks. That will give members the option of making payments by cash, check or Zelle. The email address for the Zelle account is [tollbridgetolers@gmail.com](mailto:tollbridgetolers@gmail.com). Any questions, check with Jann.

The Treasurer's report is available for review

A check for \$300 was presented to Darlene S. for First Lutheran Church for use of the facility in 2022.

Special Drawing – Darlene S. brought an unclaimed raffle basket from Bunco, consisting of an elf pulling a watermelon bucket and a summer and autumn plaque, all painted by Shirley I. The winner was Barbara B.

Hospitality – Barbara circulated the book for sign-ups for April. Members are to bring their lunch to the March and May Saturday meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm to the HOME project taught by Karen. Members shared assorted embellishments to use on the March shamrock and the April Easter egg.



## 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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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

A very Happy Birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthdays in March and April. They are- Jan V., Jann O., Rosemarie R., Vivian R., DJ W-D., Jeanne P. and Karen V.

Holley  
Sunshine



## HOSPITALITY

This is a Saturday meeting, so be sure to bring your own snacks, lunch and drinks. Hope to see you there!!

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
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	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 – 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