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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, this year is flying by. I am not sure why that always surprises me. We are halfway through our HOME project. Marianne did a great job teaching 3 of the monthly items as well as doing all the set up and leading the meeting for the evening. I really appreciate all she does for our chapter. This month we have a wonderful project being taught by DJ. It is an SDP chapter project that our chapter selected to paint. I know those that signed up for the event will enjoy painting those adorable snowmen. I hate to miss it, but we will be cruising the British Isles (hopefully).

Start thinking about bunko raffle prizes. We can start getting those ready for our Bunko fundraiser in September. The raffle prizes should be new (please no used items) and current. Painted items should also be new. Maybe you have a UFO (unfinished object) just need some varnish. Finish it up and donate to Bunko. All of our members are so generous and make this event a success. It is really appreciated.

The anniversary planning committee has been hard at work making plans. The cost of the luncheon will be \$20. We will be sending more information about this momentous event in the near future but be sure to put July 23rd on your calendar. It will be an enjoyable afternoon and celebration!

*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 Tolars

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 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

I wanted to Thank everyone who attended the April 19th meeting. It was one of the best meetings this year as far as attendance goes and it was so nice to see some of the old faces we have been missing. Everyone finished their Daffodil and Blue Bird chunky pieces and they all looked so cute! I also wanted to thank my husband Robert for filling in for Jann and Jay in getting zoom set up! He also made small bows for Darlene, Barb B., Judy H. and Kathy G. to put on their blue birds.

May 14th Saturday Program

Our May meeting is on Saturday May 14th from 10am to 4pm. D.J. will be teaching us the Shara Reiner “Snow Days” project. Since there are only 9 people who signed up for this project it will be held at our regular meeting place. Everyone has said they will be there in person so it **will not be** on zoom.

You need to bring your own surface as well as paint and your regular painting supplies. The pattern is 8 x 11 but you can shrink or enlarge the pattern as you like to fit your surface. The prep and painting instructions have already been sent to those attending by email.

Please bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks.
Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

June 21 meeting Program

We will be continuing our “Home Project” chunky pieces at our June meeting. Luci F. will be teaching the Uncle Sam piece for July and the Watermelon piece for August. The prep instructions will be included in the June newsletter.

Marianne
1st VP, Programs



WAYS AND MEANS

Barb B. was thrilled to win the April drawing prize, which was a bunny with an outfit for each month. The May spring themed drawing prize is being donated by Jann.

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*

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
April 19, 2022**

A very brief informational meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by 1st V.P Marianne S. with a quorum present in person and via Zoom (15 members).

Marianne had bunko tickets available for purchase for the September 17th fundraiser. The cost is \$20 per person and the event starts at 1:30 pm with desserts and raffle prizes.

Special Drawing – Darlene S. brought a basket containing a rabbit and seasonal outfits painted by Shirley I. The winner was Barbara B.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm to the May and June HOME project taught by Marianne.



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

Happy Birthday to Connie, Agnes, Torie and Darlene who celebrate their special days in May and June. Hope you all have a wonderful day.

Holley
Sunshine



HOSPITALITY

Holy cow, time flies!! Our meeting is Saturday May 14, 2022. Please bring what you want to eat and drink. There will be waters available for you. See you there.

Barbara
Hospitality



WANTED!!

WANTED: Looking for a painting teacher for our Tuesday painting class in Brentwood at the Senior Center. Doesn't have to be permanent. A few weeks or whatever schedule they would like. Some of the class members want help with shading, highlighting and floating. Any project would do. Please contact Luci if you are interested. Luci was also given several small chairs. They are Free. The dark wood ones are pretty heavy, green one is plastic and the two blue ones are wood. If you are interested in one of the chairs you can let Luci know.



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
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/August	Luci

July 23, 2022	Saturday	11:30 am	25 th 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