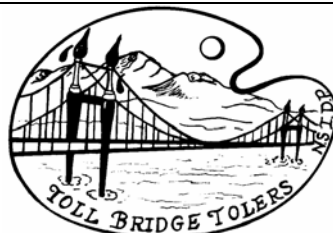


The Painting



Connection

Concord, California, U.S.A.

A Monthly Newsletter
Marianne Simpson, Editor
Loretta Mateik, Webmaster
Website: tollbridgetolers.org

2009 Issue Number One
January 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jann Otvos

Happy New Year! It is sure hard to believe that it is 2009 --- seems like only yesterday that we were all being warned of a Y2K global catastrophe. Despite all the doom and gloom in the news, I am excited about the year ahead.

Looking back for a moment, I want to thank everyone for all of the hard work and wonderful times in 2008. TBT was certainly blessed to have the inspired leadership of Connie for the past four years. Her dedication, commitment and, perhaps most important, her sense of humor helped keep TBT's premier status among decorative painting groups. The Christmas party was the perfect cap to her reign. Great food, great decorations and great conversation!

We will kick 2009 off with a chapter planning meeting on January 18th, 1:30 pm at my house. Officers and committee chairpersons are expected and members are invited. The budget will be developed, goals for the year will be submitted and plans will be discussed. Please come with thoughts of how you would like the club to function in the next year. Meeting results will be presented to the membership at the January 20th monthly meeting.

I'm excited! I hope you are too.
Jann

PROGRAMS

Connie Oakley
1st Vice President



It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past four years. I have enjoyed getting to

know each of you in the Chapter and look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. I would like to thank you for the more than generous gift baskets that you gave me at our Christmas Dinner. You all were very generous and it is truly appreciated. Each and every ornament was on my tree this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed all the special goodies in my baskets. I wore my "moose" apron to cook Christmas dinner and felt quite festive wearing it! Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.



Our program for this month will be a snowman chip clip taught by DJ West. Bring your normal painting supplies.

I am in need of volunteers to teach at our monthly meetings. If you have something that you would like to teach, please see me. If you have ideas of what you would like to have taught, please let me know.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Gollow
2nd Vice President



As of January 1, 2009, we have 66 members and still counting. It looks like our 3 newest members are Robin Achterberg, Viola DaSilva, and Marilyn Gover. If you see them at a meeting, seminars, conventions, etc., say "Hi"

and give them a warm welcome to our chapter. If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please contact Jeanie Gollow. Thank You! (Editors Note)

NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



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 Marianne Simpson at maritoler@comcast.net or Loretta Mateik at lmateik@comcast.net. 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.



SEMINARs-PAINT-INS

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley

D'Ann Hayes will be doing a paint-in on Saturday, January 31, 2009 being held at the Live Oak Club House in Concord. This cute little snowman should help to melt the winter blues away. The project is a Barb Jones design, painted on a glass block. Registration fees include one surface.



Important Dates to Remember:

January 31, 2009 – Paint-in with D'Ann Hayes
 March 14 & 15th, 2009 – Rosemary West Seminar
 April 25, 2009 – Watercolor Class with Claudette Garcia
 February 20-21, 2001 – Arlene Linton Seminar

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

December 6, 2008

In lieu of the 2008 December Board and General Meetings, our annual installation dinner was enjoyed by all at the Concord Holiday Inn. No minutes were taken. (Editors Note)



SUNSHINE

Jann Otvos

January

1/1	Vicki Burton
1/1	Jo Iaconis
1/6	Roxie Fechtner
1/14	Loretta Mateik

February

2/2	Roz Borgerson
2/5	Beth Pierce
2/9	Teri Hallock
2/18	Lucille Hart
2/19	Shirley Irwin
2/23	Sheila Stepp

NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

Nothing to report for NCCC at this time. (Editors Note)



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Ways and Means is busy working on money making activities for 2009. I know we are all looking forward to this years Bunko Fundraiser. If anyone has any suggestions, I'm sure Liz would appreciate your input. (Editors Note)

2/28 Delta Lamb
 2/28 Holly Yarberry
 2/28 Carl Larson

As always, if you know of someone in need of a little "Sunshine", please let me know.

National & Chapter Purpose

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.

BANANA – SOUR CREAM CAKE RECIPE

Submitted by Darlene Smith

Numerous people asked to have the recipe for the dessert Darlene made for our November General Meeting. Here it is.

BANANA – SOUR CREAM CAKE

1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
 3 eggs
 1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 3)
 1 cup sour cream
 ¼ cup oil

Beat cake mix, eggs, bananas, sour cream and oil with mixer on low until moistened, scraping bottom of bowl often. Beat on medium 2 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake 35 min. or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake completely in pan on wire rack.

Beat together in mixer on medium speed until blended:

1 pkg (8 oz.) Philadelphia cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup (one stick) butter, softened

Gradually add one pkg. (16 oz.) powdered sugar (about 4 cups), beating well after each addition. Frost cake and sprinkle one cup chopped walnuts over the top.

Notice: First Lutheran church is collecting foodstuffs year round for Project Share. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Darlene Smith for details.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President	Jann Otvos	925-706-8365
	jjotvos@comcast.net	
1 st V.P., Prog.	Connie Oakley	925-825-3851
	oakley1@lnl.gov	
2 nd V.P., Mem.	Jeanie Gollow	707-838-6489
	jeaniepaints@yahoo.com	
Secretary	Darlene Smith	925-689-8557
	dsmit@astound.net	
Treasurer	Karen Vecchi	925-228-0409
	Karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net	
Newsletter	Marianne Simpson	925-754-1362
	maritoler@comcast.net	
Ways & Means	Liz Doran	925-634-5137

Committee Chairpersons

N.C.C.C. Rep.	Jann Otvos	925-706-8365
	jjotvos@comcast.net	
	Karen Vecchi	925-228-0409
	karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net	
	Barbara Flavin	925-779-9596
	hlpinghand@aol.com	
Sunshine	Jann Otvos	925-706-8365
	jjotvos@comcast.net	
Handbook	Karen Vecchi	925-228-0409
	karenvecchi@sbcglobal.net	
Historian	Loretta Mateik	707-782-1082
	lmateik@comcast.net	
Seminars/Paint-in	Roz Borgerson	925-825-6547
	Rogerroz1@astound.net	
	Connie Oakley	925-825-3851
	Oakley1@lnl.gov	
Rewards & Recognition	Shirley Irwin	925-458-3454
	shirleyirwin@sbcglobal.net	
County Fair	DJ West	925-679-0676
	debrwst@aol.com	
	Becky Nivolo	925-899-4370
	beckyniv@earthlink.net	
Librarian	Lisa Schall	925-699-4226
	Tjschall01@yahoo.com	
Community Projects	Merlene Ryan	925-754-7997
	Merlenerny@comcast.net	
Parliamentarian	Connie Oakley	925-825-3851
	Oakley1@lnl.gov	
Publicity	Tamara Mannon	925-676-5492
	temann@att.net	
Hospitality	Barbara Bouchet	925-682-5312
	Audret9@hotmail.com	

HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet



Happy New Year!

Snacks: Jo Iaconis
 D.J. West
 Eileen Galea

Beverages: Tamara Mannon
 Barbara Bouchet

Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Nominating Lisa Schall 925-699-4226
Tjschall01@yahoo.com
 Decorative Painting Jo Iaconis 925-432-6832
 Month – East Cty nonajo@made4usa.com
 Decorative Painting Lucille Hart 925-672-4169
 Month –Central Cty Lhart32@astound.net
 Website Loretta Mateik 707-782-1082
lmateik@comcast.net

The costs of advertising in this newsletter are as follows:

		Monthly	Yearly
Business card	Member	\$ 4.00	20.00
	Non Member	5.00	25.00
1/4 Page	Member	7.50	37.50
	Non Member	10.00	50.00
1/2 Page	Member	10.00	50.00
	Non Member	15.00	75.00
Full Page	Member	15.00	75.00
	Non Member	20.00	100.00

THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS

Are Proud to Present

D'Ann Hayes – Snowman Glass Block Paint-In

Saturday, January 31, 2009

9:30 a.m. – 2:00ish p.m.

Live Oak Club House
5051 SEMINOLE CIRCLE
Concord, CA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: This paint-in is offered for Toll Bridge Tolars or NCCC members. If you are a non-member, then please add \$5.00 for the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Oakley at (925) 825-3851 or email oakley1@lnl.gov or Roz Borgerson at (925) 825-6547 or email rogerroz1@astound.net.

REGISTRATION FEES	TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS/ NCCC MEMBERS	NON TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS/NCCC MEMBERS
	\$25.00	\$30.00
Extra Surface	\$7.50	\$7.50
TOTAL		

NOTE: All persons registering for the seminar must use this registration form. Payment must accompany registration form. All classes will have a NO Smoking Policy. Please remember that Registration Fees are not refundable but are transferable. Prep instructions and pattern will be passed out after receipt of fees.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS January 15, 2009.

Please make checks payable to **Toll Bridge Tolars** and send the Registration Form and Fees to:
Connie Oakley, 1103 Crest Ridge Lane, Concord, CA 94521-453
