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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jann Otvos

I know that we don't want to think about it --- but the holidays are just around the corner! I think that Toll Bridge Tolerers has the best way to get us all jump-started -- the Ornament Frenzy. As you read this, I know that the Frenzy has come and gone, and I know that it was a huge success. With so many creative and talented painters to teach, paint and share in the fun, it is a perfect way to get us all in the holiday mood. Thank you to all who helped make this wonderful event one we look forward to all year.

Marianne has been working hard to make our newsletter a valuable resource as well as a means to inform members of club news and events. I want to add my voice to hers and encourage you to submit items that you feel might be of interest. We all have interests that reach beyond decorative art and it can be fun to share these interests with each other. Recipes; home, travel and shopping tips; great quotes; good jokes are all welcomed and will be printed as space permits. Trading Post items and painting tips are always welcome.

Don't forget the ornament exchange! We will be exchanging ornaments at the November meeting, so it's time to begin thinking of what you would like to paint. If you are like me, you will start thinking about what you want to paint when you read this and then move to what you have time to paint as the meeting gets closer. Maybe we need to change our strategy this year?!?

Jann

PROGRAMS



Connie Oakley
1st Vice President

Thank you Karen for teaching your fabric/ink project. It is always nice to learn about new products and how to use them. As I walked around the room the flowers came to life as each layer of ink was added. Thank you for continuing to broaden our knowledge and expose us to new projects.

Our project this month will be taught by Liz Little. The pattern is "If the Shoe Fits" and is designed by Chris Haughey and will be painted on a black candle. The cost will be \$5.00 and will include the candle, instructions, paint and a couple of wood candy corn. Liz will have the pattern and first base coat on your candle. You will need to bring a #6 flat shader, 3/8 angle, 1/4 angle, 10/0 script or liner as well as your normal painting supplies.



MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Strech
2nd Vice President



What does membership mean to you?

Many think membership means paying dues and that is it: you are in the elite group now and that is where your commitment ends. You do not take an office or come to the meetings-- the only time you can be counted on is for the "FREEBIE EVENTS". Our society has become complacent; someone else can do all the unpleasant tasks. Let the worker bees do it.

We all have a responsibility to communicate our desires and opinions for a successful viable organization. With the computer age it is very easy to communicate with one another but the computer cannot take your place when it comes to a face to face meeting. This is vital for good quality communication as body language is an added bonus.

To me membership means that I pay my annual dues and then throughout the entire year I give my support to the organization in any way I am needed. Make at least 90% of the meetings to see old friends, meet new ones and to be there for voting and giving my opinion on any major issue that might arise.

Involvement is a KEY word to any successful venture by ALL that belong to the organization. So please when you are called upon, make an effort, not an excuse. If this offends anyone, then take a good look in the mirror to see why it is offensive----are you one of the worker bees or are you the passive one.

It is time once again to renew your dues and your commitment to the Toll Bridge Tolars. We have a terrific group with 70 members at last meeting count. We had five guests, two of which signed up as new members. Our new members are Luci Flynn of Brentwood and Sonia Wilkinson of Concord ~ welcome ladies. Our other guests were Barbara Stienwalt of Bay Point, Pat Frazier of Concord and Liz Drozda of Concord. We hope the other ladies will also become Toll Bridge Tolars members.

Thank you all for a great year with the Toll Bridge Tolars as your "Membership Chairperson" and I expect you all to rejoin this GREAT organization.

Jeanie Strech

SEMINAR'S & PAINT IN'S

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley



By the time our newsletter goes to print we will have already had our sixth Ornament Frenzy and I know everyone will have a wonderful time. Roz and I would like to thank all the teachers who have volunteered to teach and everyone who participated to make the Ornament Frenzy another great success.

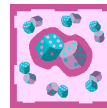
Important Dates to Remember:

February 20-21, 2010 – Arlene Linton Seminar

NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

There is nothing new to report for NCCC at this point.



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Nothing to report this month (editor's note).

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Jo Iaconis and Lucille Hart

We have displays for Decorative Painting Month in the Libraries in Antioch, Pittsburg, and Concord. Stop by and check it out if you get a chance.

Thank you to the following who gave us items for display: Roz Borgerson, Barbara Bouchet, Liz Doran, Barb Flavin, Lucille Hart, Jo Iaconis, Liz Little, Jann Otvos, Vivian Roubal, Merlene Ryan, Marianne Simpson, and Karen Vecchi. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Thanks also to Jo Iaconis, Barbara Bouchet, Merlene Ryan and Lucille Hart for all your hard work putting the Library displays together.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS / MEMORY BOXES

Merlene Ryan

Thanks to all who are turning in their painted memory boxes. I'll have more to pass out soon.

BLAST FROM THE PAST.....

Liz Little found the following picture and article of our own Roz Borgerson in the June 1993 Issue of the "Tol World Magazine" under Tole Exchange. Roz was showing off her Inspirational Witch by Rita Martin that she had painted. She was also thanking Shirley's Irwin's Tole Booth in the article when Shirley's shop was in Concord.

Tole Exchange

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Inspirational Witch

In 1990 when I started doing decorative painting, little did I know the enjoyment it would give me and the many creative doors it would open.

In my excitement and eagerness to expand my creativity, I subscribed to *Tol World* magazine. After finding the instructions for Rita Martin's "friendly witch" in the magazine, I started a whole collection of "friendly witches" and haven't stopped painting since. Many thanks to *Tol World* and to

Shirley Irwin's Tole Booth in Concord, California (where I get my supplies and more inspiration) for helping me to continue my creative pursuits.

Roz Borgerson
Concord, California

Thanks, Roz, for sharing your enthusiasm. Since you liked Rita Martin's "Hazel, the Not So Scary Witch" so much (Sept/Oct '91, page 24), we hope you'll have fun with her "Posy Bucket" on page 46 of this issue.

Stained Glass Painting

I recently became interested in painting on glass. Can you recommend a product that will give me a stained glass look?

J. Sawyer
121 Dogwood Ct.
Hercules, CA 94547

Deka[®]-Transparent is a new scratch-resistant paint for glass that will not fade even in direct sunlight. This paint can also be used on wood, plastic, foil and plaster. Deka-Transparent is available at craft supply stores.

We're always interested in your comments and love to hear about your favorite painting projects. Send your letters (and photos!) to Tol World, PO Box 5986, Concord, CA 94524.

NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



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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

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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.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Marianne Simpson

Pleasant Hill 7th annual Art, Jazz & Wine Fest:

October 10-11, 2009. Each year, between 8,000-10,000 visitors stroll through the venue along Crescent Drive in downtown Pleasant Hill and enjoy great art and entertainment including great jazz, the wares of more than 75 artists, and of course fine wine and premium beer.

Apple Hill Happenings:



October is one of the most popular times of year to visit Boa Vista Orchards and Apple Hill. For good reason, as all of the ranches are open. They have a wonderful variety of Apples, Pears, Baked Goodies, Arts & Crafts, etc. available. Even a wonderful Apple Wine and a delightful Barbera or Syrah Red Wine. You can also ride the Apple Ridge Express Train at El Dorado Orchards on weekends.

U- Pick Pumpkin Patch Opens every day From Oct 3 & 4, thru Halloween.

Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, weekends thru Nov 22nd, 2009

For more information, check the BOA Vista Orchards website at www.boavista.com.

Smith Family Farm / Pumpkin Patch: Oct. 1st - 31st (Sellers Ave. between Delta & Sunset Rd., Knightsen, CA): Hayrides to Pumpkin Patch, Live Entertainment, Farm Animals, Scarecrows, Educational Displays, Corn Maze, Sunflower forest, Picnic Area and more.

Kaleidoscope October Fest Boutique: October 11th at the United Methodist Church, 14671 Byron Highway, Byron from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a fundraising event for Kaleidoscope and they are looking for people to set up a table with their crafts and donate a portion of their sales (20% of sales) to Kaleidoscope. For more information contact Sue Arkwright at (925) 516-4677.

If anyone knows of other craft fairs or events coming up, please pass the information on to me so I can list it in the upcoming Newsletters.



“THE TRADING POST”

GIVE AWAY: Jann Otvos has two of the large sized carousel paint holders free to a good home. If you're interested please call Jann at (925) 706-8365 or email jjotvos@comcast.net.

If you have something you would like to sell, trade or give away; or if you have a recipe or idea you want to share, just send me an email with your tips, recipes, questions, comments or wish lists and I'll publish them in the newsletter. It's that easy but the only way this feature works is with YOUR input. So please, send your emails to maritoler@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Marianne Simpson

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
September 15, 2009

PRESENT: Connie Oakley, Darlene Smith, Liz Doran, Roz Borgerson, Marianne Simpson, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin, Jeanie Strech, Loretta Mateik.

Connie Oakley called the meeting to order in Jann Otvos' absence at 7:05 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the General meeting to follow. Jeanie will e-mail Connie with information on visiting Apple Hill that Connie will share with all members. The upcoming Ornament Frenzy will be discussed and packets of the projects will be passed out to those who have signed up. The project tonight will be a fabric project taught by Karen Vecchi.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Smith, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
September 15, 2009



Connie Oakley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., with a quorum present, in the absence of President Jann Otvos. The Treasurer's report as published in the September newsletter was approved.

State Fair: D.J. West reported that Jeanie Strech received a third place and an honorable mention, Jann Otvos got a second place and an honorable mention, and Roz Borgerson received two honorable mentions.

Nominations: Connie advised that Lisa Schall is seeking candidates for next year's officers and would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in holding an office to contact her. Liz Doran noted that we really need to have a librarian. Jann's husband, Jay, put our videotapes on CD's for us. Jay also built a shed for storage of TBT records, with a combination lock, which is located in Shirley Irwin's sideyard. If anyone has records to place in the shed, please contact Connie for the lock combination.

Bunco: Liz Doran put a report on the bunco party in the newsletter. She thanked everyone for their raffle donations (79 painted pieces plus other items). The final tally is

unknown yet but everyone had a good time. There were 84 people playing and 97 tickets sold -- \$3,700 less expenses. Bunco bracelets sold brought in \$130.

November Election: Merlene Ryan has a sign-up sheet for members interested in working at the election and donating their salary to TBT. Anyone who hasn't worked before will need to take the training course for which they will also be paid.

Memory Boxes: Merlene has five more boxes to be painted and Lucille Hart needs more. These boxes are important to families who have lost a child and this is a worthwhile project. Lucille showed a box received from Loretta and encouraged more be done.

NCCC: Jeanie Strech, with input from Karen Vecchi and Barbara Flavin, reported on the status of the NCCC retreat. It appears the Modesto Doubletree Inn and Convention Center is the best site so far. The other sites considered were felt to be too expensive. TBT and Wine Country are responsible for decorations and will need help painting table centerpieces. Paint-ins will be scheduled.

Ornament Frenzy: This is scheduled for October 3 and packets will be handed out tonight to those who have signed up to participate.

Guests: Roz Borgerson introduced Sonya Wilkinson who joined tonight. D. J. West introduced Liz and Pat who she met at the 4th of July craft fair. Liz Doran introduced Barbara Stillwell and Lucy Flynn who attend her class.

Martinez Home Tours: Vivian Roubal advised 95 docents are needed for the October 10 annual home tours. They work a two-hour shift and get to tour the homes free for volunteering. Please contact Vivian if interested.

Photos: Tamara requested the group picture from the Rosemary West seminar and the bunco party so she can submit them to National for publishing in the Decorative Painter magazine.

Website: Loretta advised there are security issues with our website if entered through Google. Outlook Express is okay to use. We have been hacked a couple of times and she will need to update the website. Let her know if you experience any problems.

Concord Library: Lucille is seeking items to display at the Concord Library on October 2 for the Decorative Painting month exhibit. Merlene will assist her in setting up the display.

Special Drawing: Items in the basket, including new books, were provided by Virginia Davison and were won by Loretta Mateik.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to Karen Vecchi's fabric project.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Smith, Secretary



SUNSHINE

Jann Otvos

October

10/7 Tamara Mannon
10/20 Bonnie Schwartz
10/24 Barb Bouchet

November

11/2 Nadine Fillipucci-Oliver
11/3 Barbara Gregoire
11/4 Genie Miller
11/7 Zoeann Barbier
11/19 Liz Doran
11/26 Lisa Schall
11/29 Viola Da Silva
11/30 Sue Platania



As always, if you know of someone in need of a little "Sunshine", please contact Jann Otvos.



OCTOBER HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Carrie Garrett, Liz Doran, Vivian Roubal and Robin Achterberg

Beverages: Loretta Mateik and Karen Vecchi

Ice: Connie Oakley

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.

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

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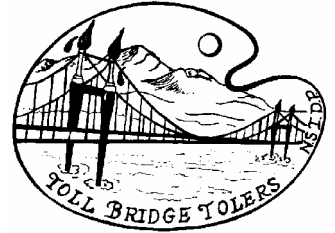
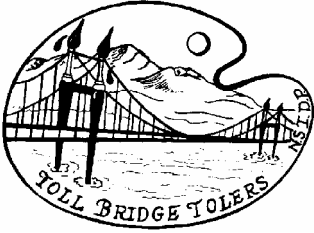
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Email: _____ Fax: _____

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