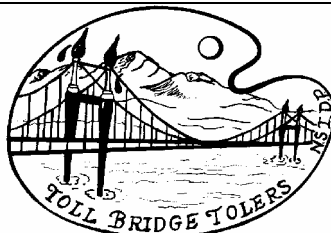


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jann Otvos

Once again, thanks to a lot of hard work from Liz Doran and her committee and our very generous members, we have managed to turn a fundraiser into a fun event! Most organization members groan when the word fundraiser is uttered, however Toll Bridge Tolerers has discovered how to make fund raising both fun and successful. Since our inception in 1994, we have donated \$24,667.00 to charities – that's a huge number that we can all be proud of. All too often people feel that they can't make a difference, and yet look what our little painting group has done.

Thanks to Shirley Irwin allowing us to use her side yard and the construction muscle of my husband Jay, we now have a storage shed for club items. We have put a combination lock on the shed so that members can access items without having to track down a key. Details and the combination will be shared at the September meeting.

The conversion of club VHS tapes to DVD has been completed as well. The DVDs take up far less room than the old tapes, and allow viewing on computer as well as on TV. The shed and the tapes were action pledges Jay made to the club and he is very glad both projects are now finished!

A wonderful time was had by all at the July picnic at Loretta's house. We enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with plenty of story and idea swapping. Summer has gone quickly this year. It's hard to believe that fall is virtually here. It's been a busy year with more fun on the horizon. I can hear the excitement over the ornament frenzy building.

Jann

PROGRAMS



Connie Oakley
1st Vice President

Thank you Liz Doran and your committee for yet another fabulous Bunko Fund Raiser. I hear nothing but praises on what a wonderful event it was and how much fun everyone had. Our guests were already asking for the date of our Bunko Party for next year. It sounds like we have a fund raiser that just keeps bringing them back and asking for more.

Our project this month will be taught by Karen Vecchi and will be a Fabric/Ink project. Karen is still waiting for supplies to be delivered and does not have an actual cost for the project yet. She is expecting it to be between \$3-5 and is hoping to keep it around \$3.00.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Strech
2nd Vice President



We are holding at 67 members with no changes since the June meeting.

We have had some grand activities since June starting with the July barbeque at Loretta's in Petaluma which included some wonderful Strawberry Shooters--Yum!!!

August 22nd was the Bunko Fundraiser with 79 wonderfully wrapped raffle prizes. At this time I would like to challenge every TBT member to supply at least one raffle prize by the next Bunko Fundraiser in 2010. We would have a whopping royal raffle if this came to fruition, as several members DONATED multiple prizes this year.



BOO! EEK! SPOOKY!

We will have one more ornament taught by D'Ann Hayes that will be a Halloween design.

SEMINAR'S & PAINT IN'S

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley



As scary as it may seem, our Sixth Ornament Frenzy is a month away. This year's Ornament Frenzy will be held on October 3rd at the Plumbers Hall. The registration form is attached and we hope to have all the ornaments in order to have them packaged and ready to hand out at our September meeting.



This is the front and back of the ornament that will be taught by DJ West.



Taught by Jeanie Strech

Taught by Merlene Ryan



Taught by Jo Iaconis

Taught by DJ West

Important Dates to Remember:

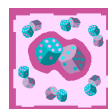
February 20-21, 2010 – Arlene Linton Seminar

NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

The NCCC Board is still negotiating for a retreat location. There are 3 options for locations that are being looked at – Sacramento, Concord and Santa Nella. They would like to schedule the retreat in early October 2010 but if that is not possible, it will be held over until 2011. The hold up is pricing and cancellation fees that NCCC would be subject to if the retreat were cancelled.

There was a much smaller turn out for the State Fair this year than last year and NCCC is going to try to get the word out to have more painters submit next year. The Idaho chapter is challenging all SDP chapters to contribute \$500 or what they can to help out the SDP National Office. They have donated \$500 and so has the Northern Cal chapter. We could bring this up at the next meeting and discuss this issue. There was an article in the SDP Decorative Painter regarding the financial troubles of SDP.



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Our Charity Bunko on Aug 22, 2009 was a great day!

I want to thank all that attended and helped in making it such a success. We filled 21 tables with 84 players and sold 97 tickets.

Thanks to all that donated items for the raffle. We had 56 painted pieces, 5 scrap booking baskets, 2 handmade Christmas cards, 2 handmade beaded items and 14 others.

The chairwomen all did a great job this year.

Rose Marie Roza – Food

Jo Iaconis – Tables

Karen Vecchi – Tickets and Bunko Game

Liz Doran – Raffle

Helping these chairwomen from setup on Friday afternoon to the end on Saturday, were: Virginia Davison, Barbara Flavin, Marilyn Grover, Cathy McCaughy, Zoëann Barbier, Vivian Roubal, Marianne Simpson and Tamara Mannon.

Lisa Schall and Marianne Simpson for selling raffle tickets and Connie Oakley for reading off raffle tickets.

Loretta Mateik – Our truffles in a dice box.

Jeanie Strech – Flip Flops for the eating utensils and dice boxes.

Liz Little – All the help with the hall.

Connie Oakley and Jeanie Strech – Sale of Bunko Bracelets.

Guests of our workers helping were: Mike Simpson, Jeff Roubal, Eleanor Cain, Gloriann Lindberg, Evelyn Johnson and Sue Coats.

And finally thanks to “Diablo Woodworkers” for loaning us the raffle ticket spinner.

Liz Doran

LOST AND FOUND

Someone left a Black Sweater (Heirloom Collectibles, Size M) on the back of a chair near the head table at the Bunko Fundraiser event on the 22nd. If you or one of your guests are missing a sweater, please contact Rose Marie Roza.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Merlene Ryan

On August 5th, Jann Otvos and Merlene Ryan helped 12 patients at the Diamond Ridge Convalescent Health Care Center paint tote bags. “Thanks to the City of Concord for donating the shopping bags to Tole Bridge Toler.” It was mostly sponge painting ---a variation of a Doxie Keller shirt. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and were proud of their bags. Yes, they want us to come back! Tell me if you’d like to help.



MEMORY BOXES

Merlene Ryan

Don’t forget to paint and turn in your memory boxes. I still have a few unpainted to hand out.

ELECTION FUNDRAISER

Merlene Ryan

Three of our members and one husband will have worked at the polls on Sept. 1 and donated their earnings to Toll Bridge Toler: Jann and Jay Otvos, Roz Borgerson, and Merlene Ryan.

Another opportunity is coming up on Nov. 3. You must be a registered voter and live in Contra Costa County. I will have the sign-up sheet at the Sept meeting. I need to send it in by Sept 18th. You must sign the paper work if you want to donate your earnings to Toll Bridge Toler. It isn’t difficult to do, you go to a training session and then spend the day or half day helping people vote. Questions, or if you won’t be at the meeting to sign up, give me a call and I’ll do my best to answer your questions. Merlene 925-754-7997

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.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Marianne Simpson

I thought it would be nice to list any upcoming events that members may want to attend but may not be aware of:

Harvest Festival at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds, September 11, 12 and 13th.

36th Annual Benicia Chamber of Commerce **2009 Fine Arts & Craft Fair** will be held on September 19th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM located on First Street.

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”

The trading post is not just for painting tips.....

Great Tip for Peeling Potatoes: The following tip comes from Liz Little by way of a “You Tube” video by Dawn Wells (Mary Ann) of Gilligan’s Island. For those of you who make potato salad, you’ll love this easy way of peeling potatoes.

Wash potatoes and score the potato all the way around the middle with a knife. Place the scored potato in a pot of boiling water and boil for about 15 minutes. Place the boiled potato in a bowl of ice water and then hold the potato with both hands on both sides of the scored line and

simply peel away the skin with your hands. It really does work.

Bounce This Along: Another tip from Liz Little....although unconfirmed that these really work they sound like they are worth a try. Please let us know if you so try any of these and how they worked for you:

And all this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.

2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

3. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

4. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.

5. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors in a jiffy. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.

6. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.

7. Freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

8. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.

9. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.

10. Collect cat hair. Rub the area with a sheet of Bounce and it will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

11. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.

12. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

13. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

14. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

15. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.

16. Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.

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 AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Our annual July BBQ was held at Loretta and Robert Mateik's beautiful home in Petaluma on the 18th of July. No meeting minutes were taken. (Editor's Notes)

As usual, there was no meeting scheduled for August but we did have our 3rd annual Bunko fundraiser which was a huge success! Many thanks to Liz Doran, Rose Marie Roza, Jo Iaconis and Karen Vecchi for another wonderful event! (Editor's notes)



SUNSHINE Jann Otvos

September

9/3 D'Ann Hayes
9/12 Roni Marks
9/14 Phyllis Josephson
9/16 Donna Singer
9/19 Becky Nivolo
9/24 Sue Shimansky

October

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



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



SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Carrie Garrett, D.J. West, and Marianne Simpson

Beverages: Marilyn Gover and Jeanie Strech

Ice: Marianne Simpson (for Darlene Smith)

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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THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS
Are Proud to Present
ORNAMENT FRENZY VI
Saturday, October 3, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Plumbers Hall
Martinez, CA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

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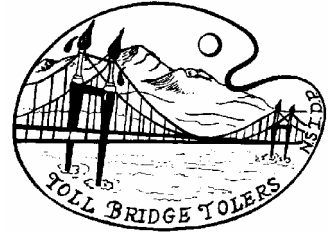
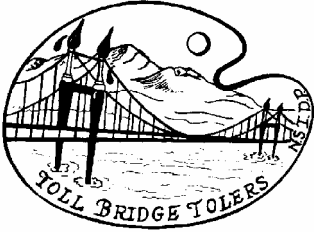
REGISTRATION: There are **NO** registration fees for this Seminar. This Seminar is free for paid Chapter members only who attend the day of the seminar. You will be provided with **“one free”** surface for each ornament taught. A continental breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Roz Borgerson at 925-825-6547, email rogerroz1@astound.net or Connie Oakley at 925-825-3851, email oakley1@lml.gov.

Class Description	Class Hours	Instructor
Snowman Canvas Cone	8:00AM — 10:00AM	Jo Iaconis
Snowmen Come From Heaven	10:15AM — 12:15PM	DJ West
Kringle Parade	1:00PM — 3:00PM	Merlene Ryan
Halloween	3:15PM — 5:15PM	D'Ann Hayes
Christmas Basket	6:00PM — 8:00PM	Jeanie Strech
Pure Winter Magic	8:15PM — 10:15PM	DJ West

NOTE: All persons registering for the paint-in must use this registration form. All classes will have a **No Smoking Policy**. You will receive your prep instructions and surfaces prior to the Seminar. Prep must be completed prior to your arrival at class.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Please send the Registration Form to:
Connie Oakley, 1103 Crest Ridge Lane, Concord, CA 94521-4539



Toll Bridge Tolerers

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

OK to publish: Yes or No



Birth Month & Day: _____

Are you a new Member? **Yes or No** Student? _____

Are you a Teacher? **Yes or No** What Medium: _____

Dues are \$15.00 per year, payable October 1st, delinquent November 1st.

Please enclose a copy of your S.D.P. Membership Card, complete this form and return to:

Toll Bridge Tolerers Membership
P.O. Box 2671
Martinez, CA 94553

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