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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Karen Vecchi**

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2010 is behind us. It seemed to go by in the blink of an eye. It was a wonderful year of painting and fun activities led by Jann and a great group of officers. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful and giving chapter. Our Bunko fundraiser raised more money than any of the past years and we were able to donate to two worthy charities – Meals on Wheels and Bay Area Crisis Nursery. It was very heartwarming to have both of these charities come to our November meeting and let us know how much the donation meant to them and how far the funds will go. Charities seem to be impacted by the crunch of the economy and donations are significantly down and we should be proud that we are able to help these charities continue to help the communities they serve.

I am looking forward to 2011 and all that is in store for us as we learn new techniques and work on exciting painting projects. We have Easter, Halloween (added in 2010) and Christmas exchanges to plan for and many other wonderful paint-ins and seminars. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to make our chapter better, so please feel free to contact myself or any of the other officers with any ideas you have. Please reach out and bring guests to our meetings. We enjoy sharing our love of decorative painting with others and our growing chapter. Wishing you all a very happy, safe and painting-filled 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Vecchi

## PROGRAMS

**Connie Oakley**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



It is hard to believe that 2010 is gone and we are now welcoming in the New Year of 2011. This past year went by very quickly. I hope you all had a safe and Happy New Year! My wish for each of you is that 2011 be a kind and gentle year to all. As I look back over the past year, we have accomplished a lot as a Chapter and I'm sure as we go forward in this New Year we will be just as successful. We are very fortunate to have a Chapter of caring members who are supportive to each other.

At our January meeting we will have a surprise guest teacher. The project fee will be \$5.00. You will need to bring a pair of sharp paper cutting scissors and tape adhesive, if you have it. It is the adhesive tape that would be used for making cards or scrapbooking. Come join the fun and find out what we will be making in January!

Connie



## MEMBERSHIP

**Jeanie Strech**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

The Christmas Dinner was a delightful end of the year get-together. The food was wonderful, the company

stupendous and the weather co-operated beautifully. We had 38 attendees for the festivities. If I could have only one wish at Christmas it would be that all of our members could attend one Christmas dinner together. I challenge all our members to get behind our newly elected president, Karen Vecchi, and have the most attended Christmas dinner ever in 2011. So mark your calendar now for this great event.

Please join me in thanking the members who have worked hard this year in getting the three membership awards: SWEET PEAS: Carrie Garret, Cathy McCaughey, Eileen Galea, Jo Iaconis, Lisa Shall and Luci Flynn  
CARE-O-LOTS: Barbara Bouchet, Bonnie Vernon, Darlene Smith, Karen Fuller, Liz Doran, Liz Little, Merlene Ryan, Roz Borgerson and Shirley Irwin  
CAN'T BEAT'UMS: Barb Flavin, Connie Oakley, DJ West, Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Loretta Mateik, Lucille Hart and Marianne Simpson.

Hope everyone has a safe New Year and we'll see you at our next meeting on January 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanie Strech, 2nd V/P membership.

## WAYS & MEANS

**Vivian Roubal, Merlene Ryan,  
Carrie Garrett & Eileen Galea**

Ways and Means is busy working on fundraising activities for 2011. More information will follow in future newsletters. (Editors Note)



## SEMINARS & PAINT-INS

**Liz Doran**

I think that I am ready to try and plan some paintings and maybe a seminar.

I will put together a questioner for all members to answer or you can call me with ideas. I am waiting to hear from you.

Liz

## NCCC UPDATE

**DJ West, Connie Oakley, Roz Borgerson**

The next NCCC meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Any updates from that meeting will follow in the February newsletter. (Editors Note)



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**Tamara Mannon**

Start thinking everyone--if you know of anyone who has done an outstanding job or has gone out of their way to do things, please let me know. I'll prepare an award for them which will be presented at the January meeting. I have something special planned for this year.

Tamara Mannon

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Happy New Year everyone. I will have more to report after the planning meeting. We are still painting memory boxes, if anyone needs a box to paint, please let me know. I will bring some to the January meeting.

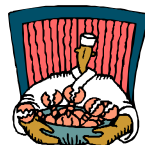
Roz Borgerson



## 2011 COUNTY FAIR

**Marianne Simpson**

Mark your calendar and start planning your entries! 2011 Fair dates are June 2 through June 5. What are you going to enter?



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

SAVE THE DATE: January 29, 2011. Raffle and silent auction items donated by chapter members will be welcomed. Donations can be brought to the January meeting. Contact the Church office at 925-671-9942 for tickets or contact Darlene Smith for further information at 925-689-8557.

# NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



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.

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## “THE TRADING POST”



Please save me your tomato sauce cans. Or if I buy my own cans, tell me if you want the sauce....Merlene

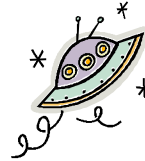


**WANTED:** your burnt out incandescent light bulbs. If you have any, please bring them to any of the upcoming meetings....Thanks, Marianne



**NIGHT CLASS:** If you are interested in a night class, let me know, I might have enough interested

to start. Also, morning classes are open to anyone.  
Merlene Ryan



**UFOs Are Landing!** Vivian Roubal is inviting all chapter members to UFO (unfinished objects) gatherings at her house **each month** starting in January. She's opening her home the second Monday of the month from 9:00am to 4:00pm and says to bring your own lunch, come when you can, leave when you must. You can also come by on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month, from 6:30pm to 9pm. She has plenty of space to spread out, and just asks that you call to let her know you're coming. Vivian Roubal 925-216-8761. (1425 Highland St., Martinez).

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](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net)

## SUNSHINE

Genie Miller



### January 2011

1/1	Vicki Burton
1/1	Jo Iaconis
1/6	Bonnie Vernon
1/7	Carrie Rice
1/14	Loretta Mateik
1/29	Viola DaSilva



### February 2011

2/2	Roz Borgerson
2/4	Beth Pierce
2/9	Teri Hallock
2/12	Rosalie Reed
2/18	Lucille Hart
2/19	Shirley Irwin
2/21	Gloriann Lindberg
2/26	Holley Yarberry
2/28	Delta Lamb
2/28	Carl Larson

We always strive to be accurate but sometimes we do make mistakes. If we miss listing your birthday, or if the letter carrier doesn't deliver your birthday card please contact Genie Miller and Marianne Simpson. As always, if you know of someone in need of a little "Sunshine", please let us know.

## JANUARY 2011 HOSPITALITY



**Barbara Bouchet**

**Snacks:** Carrie Garrett, Lucille Hart and Barbara Bouchet

**Drinks:** Marianne Simpson and Barbara Bouchet

**Ice:** Shirley Irwin

. Barbara Bouchet, Hospitality

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

December 14, 2010

In lieu of the December Board and General Meetings, our annual installation dinner was enjoyed by all at the Concord Holiday Inn.

Santa Claus made an appearance again at this year's holiday dinner to get the party started with a "Who Am I" guessing game.

Jann thanked the 2010 officers for helping to make 2010 a fun and successful year and presented all board and committee members with a gorgeous hand painted heart ornament. She also thanked the painting committee for the beautiful poinsettia table decorations for this year's dinner and presented each person with a strikingly beautiful hand painted candle.

Jann then introduced and welcomed the 2011 Board and Committee officers.

Jann was presented with a basketful of beautiful ornaments donated from the membership as a special Thank You for the last 2 years of service as our President.

A special thanks to Loretta Mateik for the wonderful slide show of TBT happenings during the year.

No official minutes were taken. (Editors Note)

### 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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