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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Karen Vecchi**

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. We had a great Halloween Candle Pillar Paint-In with Vicki Gardiner and it was a wonderful project with lots of embellishments! Hopefully I will get this one done by Halloween as it is so darn cute! The invitations for our chapter's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 23<sup>rd</sup> were handed out or mailed to our club members. The cost for the luncheon buffet is \$20 and payment is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send a check made out to Toll Bridge Tolerers to me – my address is on the invitation and also in the handbook. Please let me know if you did not receive an invitation. As always, there is plenty going on with our chapter. Bunko tickets for our chapter fundraiser on August 27<sup>th</sup> are going fast – submit your payment to Merlene Ryan or Vivian Roubal to get your tickets and seats reserved. There are only 100 spots and payment (\$25 per seat) must be received to reserve a seat. The ornaments for teaching at the November Ornament Frenzy are due this month at the June meeting. We would like to have a nice selection of ornaments to choose from so please plan to submit a project. If you have never taught before, it is an opportunity to teach with a wonderful and supportive group. Next month we have another paint-in. Merlene Ryan will be teaching a Halloween project with a witch and caldron. Our July meeting will be the anniversary celebration and there will not be a regular chapter meeting in July (normally scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>). Hope to see you at one or all of our many wonderful events.

Karen Vecchi  
President

## PROGRAMS

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



So where has summer gone?

I don't know about the rest of you, but I sure would like it if summer got here. We have definitely had our share of rain and I'm ready for some sun!

I would like to thank Liz Doran for teaching our Chapter project in May. I was unable to attend and I'm quite anxious to see how the project turned out. I hope you all enjoyed trying a new medium.

June's project will be taught by DJ West and is a Hawaiian Heart Pin. You will need to bring your normal painting supplies and make sure you include your favorite liner brush. The cost of the project will be \$2.00.

*Connie*



## MEMBERSHIP

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

We are very excited to WELCOME a new member into our family of fine painters. Her name is Trish (Patty)

Bertolucci from Oakley. This May meeting seemed a little skimpy on members at first but as the evening progressed we did have 1 new member, 23 original members and 2 guests. Our first guest was Sharon Graves who quilted our hand painted quilt for the Contra Costa Food Bank's fundraiser raffle in June. We also welcomed Kathy Gleason from the Contra Costa Food Bank to receive the quilt. Kathy brought each of the members who participated in making the quilt some gift cards made by the residents of the Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall. This event was sponsored by Chevron that produced the generic cards.

Thanks to Liz Doran for her fun filled evening of making cards with watercolor crayons, a new and exciting way to produce great looking handmade gift cards. Way to Go Liz!

Respectfully submitted  
 Jeanie Strech  
 2nd V.P. Membership.

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



Stay tuned. Don't touch that dial! The Bunko Bonanza is coming right up! Get those saddle shoes polished up for our trip back to the 50's on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Tickets are on sale now! Call Merlene (925-754-7997) to order your \$25 tickets to a hot time in the old town. Only 100 tickets can be sold, so get your tickets early!

The menu will be the same as last year as we received lots of good comments on the food service. We'll have sandwiches and condiment trays provided by the club, and once again we ask for donations of a salad or a dessert from our members. Call Eileen (707-552-9104) to let her know what you will be bringing.

The committee is still looking for fun and unusual items as well as painted objects, gift certificates, gizmos and gadgets to fill the prize baskets. Don't forget, contributing prizes earns you tickets for the drawings!

Congratulations to lucky lady, Cathy McCaughey for winning the "Evening in Tuscany" basket donated by Vivian Roubal!

**SEMINARS & PAINT-INS**

**Liz Doran**

We have completed our fun day painting with Vicki Gardiner and now have a great Halloween Candle holder. Thank you Vicki!

It's time to look forward to Merlene's paint-in on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Plumbers Hall from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Deadline for the wood piece was June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still sign up for the paint-in until June 30<sup>th</sup> but you will need to find something to paint on. There is prep work. We hope to have the pieces by the June meeting. You will also receive the pattern and supply list. Bring a brown bag lunch on the day of the paint-in. We will have coffee, tea and water. You may also bring a snack to share.

Bring your ornament to teach at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Ornament Frenzy to the June meeting. That is our last time to vote on them.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 925-634-5137.

Liz Doran



**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

**Tamara Mannon**

We had quite a number of awards given out to members in May:

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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Barbara Bouchet</b>  | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Cathy McCaughey</b>  | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>DJ West</b>          | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Jeanie Stretch</b>   | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Jo Iaconis</b>       | <b>Donating painted piece for the church</b> |
| <b>Karen Vecchi</b>     | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Liz Little</b>       | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Loretta Mateik</b>   | <b>memory box</b>                            |
| <b>Lucille Hart</b>     | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Marianne Simpson</b> | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Merlene Ryan</b>     | <b>quilt, memory box</b>                     |
| <b>Roz Borgerson</b>    | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Shirley Irwin</b>    | <b>quilt</b>                                 |
| <b>Sue Shimansky</b>    | <b>sew</b>                                   |

The donated quilt to the food bank was awesome!!! Also the other ladies who contributed their time and effort into painting very much needed donations. Thank you ladies.

Remember; please email me members who have gone out of their way to contribute precious time. We want them to be recognized.

Tamara

## NCCC News

Roz Borgerson, Connie Oakley, DJ West



The NCCC meeting was held on May 14, 2011 and the committee is in the beginning stages of discussing business to coordinate the NCCC Retreat in 2012 -**Carnival of Color**. We are in the need of teachers for the NCCC Retreat in 2012. If you would like to teach at our upcoming Retreat, please let one of us know.

Below is a list of upcoming painting opportunities with the chapters within NCCC:

8/13-14/11 – Judy Carlson (JoSonja’s Snow Queen) will be teaching at Gold Country Decorative Artists

10/15-16/2011 – Rosemary West teaching at Grapevine Tolars

9/17-18 – Janice Ascota will teach a Michelle Walton pattern at Magic Palette

9/10-11 – Lynn Deptula; 1/13-15/12 – Maureen McNaughton, 2012 – 1/13 (evening), 1/14-15 Trudy Beard will be teaching at Monterey Peninsula Decorative Artists

7/8-10/11 – Carl Larson (Swedish Bride Box); 9/17 – Barbara Nielson (pen and ink project); 10/22 – Marley Wright-Smith (Christmas Plate); 11/5 – Rosie Mazzamuto will teach a Jamie Mills Price scarecrow at Northern California Decorative Artists

8/27 – Marley Wright-Smith; 10/22 – Antoinette Cox will be teaching at Toling Belles of Santa Clara County

8/20-21 and 9/20-21 – Jeanie Strech will teach Maureen McNaughton’s butterflies; 10/22 – Carole Valtierra will teach “A Taste of Tuscany II at Wine Country Decorative Artists

*Roz, Connie and DJ*



## 2011 COUNTY FAIR

**“The Tradition Continues”**

[www.contracostafair.com](http://www.contracostafair.com)

The County Fair opens Thursday, June 2 and runs through Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Stop by for a visit or join us to paint some memory boxes or help with Adult and Children make it and take its. The schedule is listed below:

### **Thursday 12:00 to 5:00**

Painting Memory Boxes (Please bring your own pattern, paint and painting supplies)

### **Friday 12:00 to 5:00**

Painting Memory Boxes (Please bring your own pattern, paint and painting supplies)

### **Saturday 11:00 to 5:00**

Adult free class project 12:00 and 2:00

Flag on Tote Bag

### **Sunday 11:00 to 5:00**

Kids free project 1:00-3:30

Switch Plates, Gift Bags, Chip clips and magnets.

For those of you who entered exhibits, the pick-up dates and times are listed below:

- **June 6** – Pick up Exhibits 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **June 7** – Pick up Exhibits 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thanks in advance to all those volunteers for your help and support.

Thanks,  
Marianne Simpson  
(925)754-1362

## 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”

**GIVE AWAY!** I have a Pheasant decoy I would like to give away to someone to carve or paint. It is made from sugar pine, measures 21” from head to tail and is narrow in body. I also have a pattern to help you paint it. Please call me at 925-634-5137 if you would like to have it...Liz Doran

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



#### June 2011

- 6/7 Merlene Ryan
- 6/12 Vicki Gardiner
- 6/15 Barb Flavin
- 6/19 Virginia Davison
- 6/20 Cookie Tillman
- 6/21 Kathy Prewitt
- 6/25 Darlene Smith
- 6/26 Agnes Ketterman-Dobert
- 6/26 Linda Sharp



#### July 2011

- 7/1 Liz Little
- 7/4 Cathy McCaughey
- 7/22 Eleanor Metzger
- 7/27 Pat Barcelona
- 7/29 Carrie Garrett

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.

### June 2011 HOSPITALITY Barbara Bouchet



Snacks: Liz Little, Luci Flynn, Patty Bertolucci and Roz Borgerson

Beverages: Darlene Smith and Shirley Irwin

Ice: Lucille Hart

Thanks everyone,  
Barbara

### TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011

PRESENT: Darlene Smith, Marianne Simpson, Jeanie Strech, Liz Doran, Carrie Garrett, Eileen Galea, Karen Vecchi, Roz Borgerson.

President Karen Vecchi opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and advised that Kathy Gleason will be present this evening to accept the child's quilt several members of the Chapter made for the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank auction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Smith, Secretary



## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETINGS

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Vecchi at 7:30 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter (D.J. West/Barbara Bouchet).

**Bunco:** Merlene Ryan has tickets available tonight (\$25 each) for the August 27 Bunco fundraiser. Sign-up sheets for food, card tables and help with the event will be circulated. The theme this year is "Rock Around the Clock 50's Party". She noted that tickets will not be handed out to members to sell this year. Members can purchase tickets from Merlene and Vivian Roubal. Merlene introduced guest Sharon Graves who donated the materials and quilting for the child's quilt.

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party:** Karen Vecchi passed out invitations to the party. The cost is \$20 for a luncheon buffet.

Jeanie Strech read a thank you note received from Ellie in Brazil who designed the bunny and tulips project painted at the March meeting.

**Correspondence:** Information on the Portland, Oregon convention being held September 22-25, 2011. Correspondence was also received from charities we have previously donated to. We have also received six "Paint for Freedom" cards to be painted. Three are to be returned to national and the other three donated to the local Veterans' Hospital. Liz Little, D. J. West and Loretta Mateik will paint three of the cards.

**Seminars:** Liz Doran discussed the upcoming July paint in. She thanked Vicki Gardiner and herself for the May 15<sup>th</sup> project. The ornament frenzy will be held Saturday, November 12. She asked members to bring sample ornaments to the June meeting to be voted on.

**Fairs – County & State:** Marianne Simpson reported on the status of the projects planned for the County Fair and indicated she has one pass left for the fair.

**Awards & Recognition:** Tamara Mannon distributed awards to Jo Iconis, Sue Shimansky, Lucille Hart, Roz Borgerson, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Bouchet, D. J. West, Loretta Mateik, Marianne Simpson, Cathy McCaughey, Shirley Irwin, Jeanie Strech and Merlene Ryan. Tamara

asked members to email the names of deserving recipients for future awards.

**Special Drawing:** The basket this evening was a spaghetti dinner donated by Vivian Roubal. Cathy McCaughey was the winner.

**Ways & Means – Presentation of Quilt to Food Bank:** Kathy Gleason was presented with the child's quilt painted for their June raffle. She noted that Jann Otvos also painted a jewelry chest for the event. The raffle will be held at Mare Island in Vallejo on June 26. Ms. Gleason brought note cards designed by the children at Juvenile Hall for distribution to members involved with the quilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm to the watercolor crayon program taught by Liz Doran.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Smith, Secretary

### 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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