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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karen Vecchi



I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween. We certainly had a great spread at our October potato bar and the desserts were fabulous! The Halloween ornament exchange was wonderful and Loretta has posted pictures on our Chapter Happenings web page. November is another full month. We are looking forward to our Ornament Frenzy on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. We have our Christmas ornament exchange at our monthly chapter meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will also be giving our chosen charities donations from our Bunko fundraiser of \$1,000 each. We will also be voting for the 2012 chapter officers. Our holiday party on December 13<sup>th</sup> is coming together and we hope to finalize the details and get information out to our members. Please plan on joining us at the Concord Crowne Plaza Vineyards restaurant. It is a great way to end the year with our fantastic chapter.

If you have not already renewed, don't forget to renew your National and chapter dues. They are now due and National charges a fee after December 1st. Also, members can get a 10% discount card at JoAnn's. Just go to the customer service desk and show your national membership card. JoAnn's will issue you a discount card. Every little bit helps.

Karen Vecchi  
President

## PROGRAMS

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



FALL is gently coming our way. Our warm weather has been nice, but it feels good to have the crisp fall air in the mornings and evenings. I love to see all the leaves changing this time of year and watch how it changes the streets that we drive down each day.

Thank you all who participated in our Halloween Potato Bar. As usual our members brought in an array of Halloween items to exchange that delighted all.



Reminder . . . we will be having our annual Christmas ornament exchange at our November meeting. Hope you all will join us in the fun!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our November meeting and our ornament exchange. I hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with your families!



*Happy Turkey Day*

Connie

## MEMBERSHIP

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

As of the October Meeting we have 34 members renewing out of the 68 we had last year. Hopefully we will again have a full complement of membership. The roster was emailed to all members with an email address and snail mailed to those who did not have an email address. I would appreciate it if you would also include a new application each time renewal is due so the membership chair can make sure that all information is correct on the membership roster. Loretta has posted them on the website and they are in the newsletter and I do have them at meeting times.

The October meeting was our Halloween ornament exchange and may I dare say it will not be the last. So many beautifully hand painted Halloween themed ornaments and not to mention the delicious potato bar. Thank you for your cooperation and see you at the next meeting November 15, 2010 for the Christmas Ornament exchange. Also remember this meeting we elect new officers so please come to make sure your choice is elected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanie Strech,  
2nd V/P Membership

## WAYS & MEANS

Vivian Roubal, Merlene Ryan,  
Carrie Garrett & Eileen Galea

Congratulations to Sue Platania for winning the spooky Halloween prize at the October meeting. Thanks to Shirley Irwin, Carrie Garrett and Vivian Roubal for donating the ghoulish delight. Just as a reminder, a prize is given away every month as part of our fundraising activities. While it's always fun to win a prize, the prize has to come from somewhere. If you're able to contribute, please let us know what month you'd like to do so.

Woo Hoo! Speaking of donations, Merlene has already been given baskets and ribbons for next year's bunko fundraiser! Remember, it's never too early to think about Bunko!

## SEMINARS & PAINT-INS

Liz Doran

Our Ornament Frenzy #8 will be Saturday, November 12, 2011, Plumbers Hall in Martinez, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The cost is \$45.00, Non-Members \$50.00.

The meals will be simple – if you need something special, feel free to bring it.

Be sure to do your homework!

In your painting supplies add a few small containers for paint you may need to finish up your project.

There will be extra kits for sale the day of the frenzy.

If you would like to attend, give me a call at 925-634-5137.

Liz Doran



Loretta's Winter Bunny



Loretta's Santa w/  
garland



Liz Little's Christmas Bunny



Merlene Ryan's  
Gingerbread Man  
with Rolling Pin



Shirley Irwin's Halloween Boo



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Tamara Mannon

For the month of September, back to school, a bell was provided for the following members:

Darlene Smith – painting memory box  
 Karen Vecchi – painting for Freedom  
 Liz Little – painting for Freedom  
 Loretta Mateik – painting for Freedom

Also previous awards were given to:

Jann Otvos – helping at Bunko  
 Jeanie Strech - helping at Bunko  
 Loretta Mateik – helping at Bunko  
 Holley Yarberrry – painting a quilt square and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 Lucille Hart – helping at the county fair  
 Merlene Ryan – helping at the county fair  
 Barb Flavin – painting for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary

We are very fortunate to have members going out of their way to making this chapter a success. Please email me your nominations.

Thank you,  
 Tamara

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS ELECTION 2012

We will vote on the proposed slate of officers at the November meeting:

Proposed slate of Board Officers

| <u>POSITION</u>                 | <u>NOMINEE(S)</u>  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| President                       | Karen Vecchi   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP (Programs)   | Connie Oakley  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP (Membership) | Liz Little   |
| Secretary                       | Darlene Smith  |
| Treasurer                       | Barb Flavin  |
| Newsletter                      | Marianne Simpson   |
| Ways and Means                  | Vivian Roubal<br>Merlene Ryan<br>Carrie Garrett<br>Cathy McCaughey |

## Proposed Slate Committee Chairpersons

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Rewards/Recognition       | Tamara Mannon  |
| Hospitality               | Barbara Bouchet  |
| Sunshine                  | Genie Miller   |
| Handbook                  | Barb Flavin  |
| Historian                 | Loretta Mateik   |
| Publicity                 | Jann Otvos   |
| Seminars/Paint Ins        | Liz Doran  |
| Librarian                 | Lucille Hart   |
| County Fair               | Marianne Simpson   |
| Decorative Painting Month | Jo Iaconis (East County)<br>Suzanne Olson & Cathy McCaughey (Central County) |
| NCCC Representatives      | D.J. West<br>Connie Oakley<br>Roz Borgerson                                  |
| Community Projects        | Roz Borgerson  |
| Nominating Committee      | Shirley Irwin & Virginia Davidson  |
| Parliamentarian           | Jann Otvos   |
| Website                   | Loretta Mateik   |

Cathy McCaughey  
 Nominating Committee Chairperson 2011

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

Thank you Holley Yarberrry for the beautiful memory box.

If anyone would like to paint a memory box, please call me at 925-825-6547.

Roz Borgerson

## NCCC News

Roz Borgerson, Connie Oakley, DJ West



The theme for the NCCC Retreat in 2012 is *Carnival of Color*. We are looking for teachers for the 2012 Retreat. If you would like to teach at our upcoming Retreat, please let one of us know.

**January 28, 2012** is the deadline to submit to teach at NCCC and for submitting for the "Theme" contest.

The guidelines for both teaching and the theme contest can be found on our website on the HOME page. At the top of the Home page, click on the blue NCCC letters and it will take you to the guidelines. Please consider teaching at our Retreat next year. The winning theme wins \$100 Retreat bucks that can be used toward your registration fee.

The NCCC committee voted to hire Web World Plus to redesign the NCCC website. Some sites they have designed are Rebecca Baer, Della & Company, Ronnie Bringle and Houston Art to name a few. The initial cost of the website will be \$1,500. The 12 chapters that comprise NCCC were asked to assist with the monthly fees for the remainder of 2011 at which time the fees will be paid for by proceeds from the Retreat. The monthly fee is \$55. Our chapter voted to assist and pay the monthly fee.

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

1/13-15/12 – Maureen McNaughton, 2012 – 1/13 (evening), March 2012 - Trudy Beard will be teaching at Monterey Peninsula Decorative Artists

11/5 – Rosie Mazzamuto will teach a Jamie Mills Price scarecrow at Northern California Decorative Artists

Roz, Connie and DJ

## 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”

**FOUND:** at my house, from the Saturday floorcloth class. Soapstone with the blue plastic holder. Tell me if it's yours. Merlene

**CHAIR CLASS:** Dates, Sat Jan 14 & Feb 11 at 9:00 to 3 or 4 pm. Cost \$20 each day. Everyone do their own thing. I have several patterns to share, and will help you find more. So start designing in your head, tell me if you are coming and what you're thinking about so I can start looking for you also. IKEA has chairs for \$20.00 (they come in black), any old chair will do, also Karen Vecchi mentioned she had some to sell, contact her directly.

I'll probably be doing more Saturday classes this year. Suggestions are welcome. I also have regular Wed and Fri morning classes, they are open to all. Let me know if you want to be on my e-mail list. Merlene  
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## ARTS AND CRAFTS

**SANTA'S SMOKESTACK BOUTIQUE:** Friday, November 4, 2011 (7 am – 7 pm) and Saturday, November 5, 2011 (9 am – 4 pm) Walnut Country Clubhouse, 4465 So. Larwin Drive, Concord (Ygnacio Valley Road @ Cowell Road)

**GOOD SHEPARD BOUTIQUE:** Good Shepard Church of Pittsburg is holding a fundraising event on November 19th and they are looking for people to set up a table with their crafts. The table space will cost \$35.00 and you keep all proceeds from your sales. If you are interested, please contact Joanne or Gail at 925-777-1106 for reservations and additional information.

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.

# TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
October 18, 2011

PRESENT: Jeanie Strech, Loretta Mateik, Darlene Smith, Connie Oakley, Rose Marie Roza, Liz Doran, Roz Borgerson, Karen Vecchi, Marianne Simpson, Merlene Ryan, Barbara Flavin

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Vecchi at 6:50 p.m. Karen advised an extra \$1200 was realized from the Bunco fundraiser. She asked if we should increase the charitable donations or keep the money for a future chapter event. This will be discussed at the general meeting.

Connie advised she was contacted by the Monterey Peninsula Decorative Artist's chapter regarding their upcoming Maureen McNaughton seminar in January. They are concerned they will not have the required attendees to proceed with the seminar and asked if we would like to take it over for them. The Board discussed this and agreed not to do so. Connie will send out a notice to all members asking if they are interested in attending to contact the Monterey Chapter's liaison.

The agenda for the general meeting to follow was reviewed and finalized. Treasurer Barbara Flavin gave a report on the Bunco proceeds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Smith, Secretary



# TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Karen Vecchi with a quorum present followed by a potato bar dinner.

The meeting reconvened following dinner and the minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter (Barbara Flavin/Sue Platania).

Marianne Simpson advised Agnes Ketterman-Dobert went to Colorado for her granddaughter's wedding. She became ill in Wyoming and is hospitalized in Casper. Karen asked

that she be kept in our prayers and that cards be sent to her home.

Nominating Committee: Cathy McCaughey announced all positions have been filled. The slate of 2012 officers will be published in the November newsletter. She asked that anyone else interested in an office to contact her. The election will be held at the November meeting with installation at the December dinner.

Membership: Karen reminded that dues are now due.

Voucher Feedback: We will use the new voucher form to see how it works out. Let Barbara Flavin know if you have any suggestions for the form.

Ways and Means: The Bunco fundraiser netted \$1200 over and above our agreed upon charitable donations. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to keep the extra funds in the treasury and use them toward a seminar or Chapter event next year (Liz Little/Connie Oakley).

Seminars: Liz Doran advised there is still room at the November 12 ornament frenzy. The ornament packets were passed out to those registered.

Decorative Painting Month: Merlene reported displays have been set up at the Antioch and Concord libraries and thanked those who provided items for the exhibits.

Memory Boxes: Roz displayed a box painted by Holley Yarberrry. She advised member Sonia Wilkinson has a curable form of cancer and asked that she be kept in our prayers.

NCCC Update: Connie Oakley announced the teacher submission rules are on the NCCC website. The deadline for teacher submissions and the logo theme contest is January 28, 2012. The logo theme winner will receive \$100 in NCCC bucks payable toward the registration fee. The theme is Carnival of Colors. NCCC is updating its website and after checking several proposals from \$3000 to \$6000 have hired an individual to update the site for \$1500, those funds coming from the NCCC treasury. It will cost \$55 a month to maintain. Everything will then be online. NCCC is asking the 12 member chapters to pay \$165 each for the balance of the year and future costs will come from the retreat profits. It was moved, seconded and approved that we pay \$165 through the end of the year with future costs to come from the NCCC retreat profits (Darlene Smith/Jeanie Strech).

Christmas Ornament Exchange: Connie Oakley reminded that the exchange will take place at the November meeting.

Awards and Recognition: Tamara passed out awards to Loretta Mateik, Lisa Schall, Liz Little, Holley Yarberrry, Roz Borgerson, Karen Vecchi, Jeanie Strech, Darlene Smith, D.J. West and Jann Otvos.

Special Drawing: The basket was won by Sue Platania.

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet circulated the hospitality book for sign-ups.

The meeting adjourned to Connie Oakley and the Halloween ornament exchange at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Smith, Secretary



## HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet

Hard to believe that this meeting will be our CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!!!!

Snacks: Sue Platania, Luci Flynn, Karen Vecchi and Darlene Smith

Beverages: Tamara Mannon, and Carrie Garrett

Ice: Shirley Irwin

Thanks to all, Barbara Bouchet, Hospitality

## SUNSHINE

Genie Miller



### November 2011

11/4 Genie Miller  
11/5 Barbara Gregoire  
11/19 Elizabeth Doran  
11/26 Lisa Schall  
11/27 Luci Flynn  
11/28 Patty Bertolucci  
11/29 Viola DaSilva  
11/30 Sue Platania



### December 2011

12/11 Lynna Lange  
12/12 Brenda Helm  
12/12 Leah Luper  
12/21 Eileen Galea  
12/21 Marianne Simpson

#### **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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