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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karen Vecchi

WOW – What a summer of celebrations! We celebrated our 15 years as a chapter in July with crystal, red roses, great food and wonderful friends. We all enjoyed the food and location at the Crowne Plaza in Concord so much that we took a vote and we are looking into securing this location for our Holiday dinner on December 13th. The bunko fundraiser was also a great event and fabulous way to spend a Saturday afternoon. We had 92 extraordinary raffle prizes all donated by our very generous members! It was another very successful fundraising event and a great way to raise money for our chosen charities – Blue Star Moms and Independent Living Skills Program. The hall was decorated over the top with rock n’ roll reminders. The Ways & Means Committee and their helpers did a fantastic job to make this event a huge success! Everyone dressed in 50’s garb looked fantastic and I am sure Loretta will have pictures posted on our website – check out the Happenings web page. We are back to our regular meeting schedule in September with a meeting the 20th. October will be a Halloween ornament exchange and November will be our Christmas ornament exchange and frenzy. Well, I guess I need to get painting....

Karen Vecchi
President

PROGRAMS

Connie Oakley
1st Vice President

Happy Labor Day!

It’s hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and the kids are back in school already. That means that the holidays are just around the corner, arghhhhhh!

I would like to thank Vivian Roubal and her Bunko Committee for another wonderful Bunko Fundraiser. The 50’s theme decorations were really great and it was fun to see how people dressed up for the party.

Our September meeting project will be taught by Shirley Irwin. She will be teaching a Pumpkin and Cat magnetic note holder. The cost will be \$3.50 and you will need to bring your normal painting supplies plus a 05 lining pen.

October will be our Halloween Exchange. If you have not thought of a Halloween project to paint, there is still time to get one done before our October meeting. Happy Haunting for a Halloween piece to paint.

Connie



MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Strech
2nd Vice President

The Anniversary Luncheon on July 23, 2011 was a wonderful event. For those who missed it, it was very lovely. We were given handmade porcelain roses as name tags and the white lanterns with hand painted roses were a very elegant touch at each place setting. A GREAT job was done by Karen Vecchi and her decorating committee, and the hotel was a magnificent venue. I just can't say enough about the whole day of good friends, food and decorations.

I know it is a bit early but membership renewal is coming up. Our next meeting is September 20, 2011 which is just days before dues are due. I will have applications on hand and they will be available on the TBT website so please, let's see if we can have 100% participation before the delinquent date of November 1, 2011. It makes it easier to get all information correct before the booklets go to press.

So **PLEASE**, help make our lives a little bit easier by getting those dues and application in **PRONTO**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You are one swell group of women, of which I am proud to be a part of.

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

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

Wow! What a spectacular sight it was to walk into the bunko hall and see all of those raffle prizes! Absolutely amazing. We had ninety-three prizes to give away. It was awesome for the people present to have the chance to win such fabulous prizes, but it's also awesome to think about how much love and generosity those raffle prizes represent. How many hundreds of hours would we have to count to figure the total time put into them? More than can be counted, I'm sure. Thank you all so much for your incredible donations of not only prizes, but salads and desserts too.

Thanks again to all who helped decorate and set up, sell tickets, do the registration, prepare the food, and clean up. A complete list will be in our report. So many names to add to the "earned a spot in heaven" list.

The committee is still doing the math on our totals but will have a full report to give at our meeting this month. Here were our Bunko winners:

Most Wins @ 15---Pattie Kempf-----\$75

2nd place most wins@ 13 ---Joan O'Neal---\$50

Most Bunko's @ 5 Delta Lamb---\$50

By the way, you only have eleven more months to work on a project for next year!

SEMINARS & PAINT-INS

Liz Doran

Wow, what a great paint-in we had on Saturday, July 9th. Thank you Merlene! Also a big thank you to Robert Simpson for cutting such great pieces to paint on. A very fun day and a piece to treasure.

In the newsletter you will find pictures and a sign up form for the ornament frenzy #8 on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Plumbers Hall, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Packets will be passed out at the October meeting. The deadline is October 10, 2011 for reservations.

Hope to hear from you soon,
 Liz



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

We had quite a bit of awards passed out at the anniversary event which by the way was AWESOME!!! It was great chit-chatting with people and the food was really excellent. Marianne was kind enough to have the charms cut and painted for the June county fair blue ribbons- THANK YOU MARIANNE AND ROB.

Barbara Bouchet – helped at the county fair
Becky Nivolo – helped at the county fair
Beth Pierce – helped at the county fair
Cathy McCaughey – helped at the county fair and painted a memory box
Connie Oakley – helped at the county fair
DJ West – helped at the county fair
Jann Otvos – helped at the county fair and painted a memory box as well as painted a box for the food bank
Jeanie Stretch - painted a memory box
Jo Iaconis – donated wood and helped at the county fair
Karen Vecchi – helped at the county fair
Liz Doran – donated wood for the county fair
Marianne Simpson – painted a memory box, the blue ribbon charms, and the county fair bags
Roz Borgerson – helped at the county fair and painted a memory box
Shirley Irwin – helped at the county fair
Suzanne Olson – helped at the county fair
Vivian Roubal – helped at the county fair and donated bags for the county fair
Teri Hallock – April’s award for sewing the quilt
Carrie Garrett – painted a memory box

Thank you ladies for all your hard work. Keep the nominations rolling in!!!!

2011-2012 TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS NOMMINATING COMMITTEE

Cathy McCaughey

It is coming up on election time again. Our proposed slate of board members will remain intact from 2011 with a few minor changes which will be presented at the September meeting. The positions that are vacant on the 2012 slate are:

Membership / 2nd VP
Publicity
Decorative Painting Month (Central or West County- Jo Iaconis will still be the chair for East County)
Nominating Committee

If you are interested in running for one of the vacant positions, please contact Cathy McCaughey at

cbrazil73@aol.com. If you are nominating someone, please ask that person to see if they would be willing to serve before nominating them. Board member/Committee Chair position descriptions are available on the TBT website. Our chapter is strong because of the leadership and dedication of our volunteer Board Members and Committee Chairs.

Cathy McCaughey
Nominating Committee Chairperson 2011

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Roz Borgerson

If anyone would like to paint a memory box, please call me (925-825-6547) and I will gesso a box for you and bring it to the next meeting.

Roz

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.

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

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

10/22 – Marley Wright-Smith (Christmas Plate); 11/5 – Rosie Mazzamuto will teach a Jamie Mills Price scarecrow at Northern California Decorative Artists

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

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Jo Iaconis / East County
Vivian Roubal / Central County

October is decorative painting month and we will be putting tole painted items on display in local libraries again this year. We will need several items to fill two library showcases (these are locked cases). Please bring items for display to the September meeting. If you have any questions, call Jo Iaconis or Vivian Roubal.

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.

I try my best to keep up to date on members email addresses. However, if you are not receiving your newsletter notification, please contact me as I may have old or incorrect information. Please send any e-mail or address changes to me at maritoler@comcast.net.

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.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR SDP MEMBERS:

Cupboard Distributing is offering special discounts to all SDP Members. If you're a Chapter member and would like to receive updates about special offers for SDP Chapters, you can email info@cdwood.com with the Subject line "SDP Newsletter" and request to join the newsletter!

Here's how the SDP Discount works:

1. Send Cupboard distributing a photocopy of your current year's registration card via fax or email.
2. Include your first and last name, email address and SDP number.
3. Once Cupboard Distributing has you in the system and has all your info and a copy of your registration card, they'll let you know your status and you can start placing orders with your new discount!

Your discount will include:

- 50% off retail prices on brushes
- 50% off retail prices on DecoArt Acrylic Paints
- 40% off retail prices on all DecoArt Traditions Paint
- Wholesale pricing on all Memory Boxes
- Wholesale pricing on Seminar Pieces and Surfaces

Each year you'll need to send a current photocopy of your registration card when you receive it to keep your membership in this program current. If Cupboard Distributing doesn't get your card, your discount will stop, so don't forget! A reminder email at the end of February (your cards generally arrive in March) will be sent to let you know when they're due!

JoAnne Stores: VIP Discount Cards are available in stores this year. Just stop by the checkout counter and ask one of the sales associates for your 2011/2012 VIP discount card.

“THE TRADING POST”

ANTIOCH PAINTING CONVENTION: I'm having classes at my house the weekend of the Portland convention (Sept 24 & 25) for any of us who are not going. I still have some seats available for the Sat class-- Sandi Strecker's Reindeer Floor cloth taught by D'Ann Hayes and in the Sun class---Karen Boucher's Mother of Pearl Floral Coaster Box taught by me. Call me if you are interested and I'll give you all the details. Merlene

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES: When I was at HOOT I talked to the man in the "Brushes and More" booth about the Berry Makers. (We used them on the witch project in July.) Loew Cornell makes both berry makers and style stix. They look identical but the difference is supposed to be how much of the center is lifted out when you make the dot. Berry makers are supposed to leave the center very light and the Style stix make more of a complete circle---at least according to the printed label. If that's not confusing enough they also have the style stix that are not as pointy (like mine) and each set is a slightly different price. I wasn't sure if I was more informed or just more confused, but now you know everything I know. Merlene

MIXING PAINT TIP: This is hard to remember, but important. When mixing paint always add **DARK to LIGHT**. Squeeze out your puddle of light color and add the dark to it in tiny little bits. If you start the other way, it sometimes makes a huge pile before it gets light enough.

WANTED: Darlene Smith is looking for a wire paint rack (Michael's no longer carries them). If anyone can help Darlene locate a couple of them, please call her at 925-689-8557 or email her at dsmit@astound.net. She would like the large variety that holds a lot of paint.

WANTED: Phyllis Josephson is looking for a King Nutcracker (he's holding a smaller king nutcracker). If you have one in your stash that you are willing to part with, give Phyllis a call.

Speaking of **NUTCRACKERS:** Take a look at Bruceswoodworks.com. You just may find something you've been looking for since Zims is no longer available.

RECIPE: Darlene Smith came across the following recipe for scented bath salts that she wanted to pass along to all:

2 cups Epsom salts
1/2 cup sea salt
1/2 cup baking soda
4-6 drops fragrant oil (your choice)
2-3 drops food coloring of choice

Thoroughly mix all ingredients in bowl. Store in airtight container

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Harvest Festival at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds, September 16, 17 and 18. **NEW CROP & SHOP SCRAPBOOKING SECTION THIS YEAR**
10am – 10pm Friday & Saturday
10am – 4pm on Sunday
Tickets: \$9.00 for Adults; \$7.00 Seniors 62+; \$4.00 Youth 13-17; 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult
** One ticket is good for all 3 days.

38th Annual Benicia Chamber of Commerce **2011 Fine Arts & Craft Fair** will be held on September 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM located on First Street. Admission is free.

Smith Family Farm / Pumpkin Festival: Opens in October (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, Crafts, face painting and more. Open to the Public:
12:30pm-5:00pm Mon-Fri
9:00am-5:00pm Sat-Sun
Admission is \$8 on weekdays and \$9 on Weekends.
ADMISSION INCLUDES PUMPKIN FROM THE FIELD!

QUILT FESTIVAL:
FREE to everyone this year! Bring all your family And friends for our best show in years!
September 15-17, 2011

The Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival will be held at the San Mateo Event Center, San Mateo, CA September 15, 16, 17, 2011.

We are encouraging all guilds to organize a bus load and come to the Festival. This year, all guild members, family and friends too, will get into the show for FREE! We are also on grounds with an Excellent Home Show that is also FREE / so bring everyone for a fun filled and FREE day!

Expo Information:
WHAT: Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
WHEN: September 15-17, 2011
WHERE: San Mateo Event Center, Fiesta Hall, 1346 Saratoga, San Mateo CA 94403
HOURS: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday

FEATURES:
* Seminars* Win Prizes Daily *HUGE Vendor Mall *
Make & Take It Projects * Special Quilt Displays
*\$500 cash given away in line every morning at 9:45AM *
Hundreds of excellent door prizes hourly

Be sure to check our website for updates and additional information.

Post Card for FREE Admission is at the back of the newsletter.

GOOD SHEPARD BOUTIQUE: Good Shepard Church of Pittsburg is holding a fundraising event on November 24th 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.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Our 15th Anniversary Celebration was held on July 23rd at the Crowne Plaza in Concord. A wonderful luncheon with beautiful decorations was enjoyed by all who attended. Awards were given in recognition of June events. No meeting minutes were taken. (Editor's Notes)

Our 5th annual Bunko Fundraiser was held at the Plumbers Hall in Martinez on August 27th. It was a 50's theme this year and again was a huge success! Many thanks to Vivian Roubal, Merlene Ryan, Eileen Galea and Carrie Garrett for another wonderful event! No meeting minutes were taken. (Editor's notes)

SUNSHINE

Genie Miller



September 2011

- 9/3 D'Ann Hayes
- 9/12 Roni Marks
- 9/14 Phyllis Josephson
- 9/18 Donna Singer
- 9/18 Janis Sullivan
- 9/19 Becky Nivolo
- 9/24 Sue Shimansky



October 2011

- 10/7 Tamara Mannon
- 10/24 Barbara Bouchet

HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet



Snacks: Jo Iaconis, Cathy McCaughey, Jann Otvos and Barb Flavin

Beverages: Karen Vecchi and Jeanie Strech

Ice: Barbara Bouchet

Barbara Bouchet, Hospitality

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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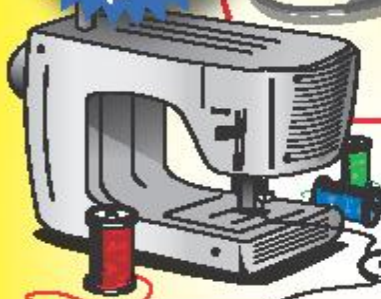
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TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012

Dues are \$15 per Year, payable October 1, delinquent November 1

SDP# _____ Birth Month and Day _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Are you a new Member Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of another chapter Yes _____ No _____ Name _____

Are you a teacher _____ Medium _____

Your cancelled check is your receipt of dues payment

SDP membership card or **SDPE**-mail must accompany this application form and return to

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P. O. Box 2671
Martinez, Ca. 94553

Date received _____

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OK to publish: Yes or NO

THE TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS
Are Proud to Present
ORNAMENT FRENZY 8
Saturday, November 12, 2011
Plumbers Hall
Martinez, CA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: This seminar is offered for Toll Bridge Tolerers or NCCC members. If you are a non-member, then please add \$5.00 per event. Registration fees are listed below. A continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Doran at (925) 634-5137.

REGISTRATION FEE	TBT/NCCC MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
	\$45.00	\$50.00
TOTAL AMOUNT		

NOTE: All persons registering for the paint-in must use this registration form. Payment must accompany registration form. All classes will have a ***No Smoking Policy***. Please remember that Registration fees are *not refundable but are transferable*. Our goal is to hand out wood and prep instructions at the October meeting, or, you may contact me to make other arrangements. Prep must be completed prior to your arrival at class.

Class starts at 8:00 a.m. Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

There will be a limited amount of extra surfaces available the day of the frenzy. We do not have prices yet, but they are always reasonable. First come first served. Payment is due that day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: OCTOBER 10, 2011

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!

Please send the Registration Form and Fees to:
Liz Doran, 4920 Cabrillo Pt., Discovery Bay, CA 94505
