



Tole Friends' News

April 2007

Welcome to our semi-monthly Tole Friends newsletter

There are many new and exciting things to tell you about this month.

Advertising with Tole Friends

Image being able to have over 1,000 people a month see an attractive advertising button for your website site on the Tole Friends website. Each button is custom designed either using your artwork or we will design the artwork for you. These buttons have a very reasonable price. The buttons are on more than 200 of our web pages. The click-through buttons take the person directly to your website. The fee to have your button on our site is, US\$ 60.00/year and they are available for any decorative art related site. Buttons can be ordered [through our shopping cart](#).

Tole Friends' Boutique

Shopping in our [Boutique](#) is not restricted to members and there are many items painters will appreciate. There are painting totes, brush holders, shirts, note cards, bookmarks, a CD containing 21 beautiful painting projects, and many other items.

Associations of interest

The [Decorative Arts Collection](#) (DAC) has a mission to collect and preserve the decorative art of years past. Did you know anyone can be a member? Many painters do not know about this wonderful organization, which needs the support of every decorative painter.

The DAC is supported by the membership fees of \$35.00 a year, donations by corporations and SDP Chapters. The DAC is a not-for-profit corporation that has been determined by the IRS to be an exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible. With your yearly membership fee you will receive a beautiful and exclusive pin for each year of continuous membership. Join and help preserve our wonderful heritage of decorative painting.

The [Society of Decorative Painters](#) (SDP) is another important organization for decorative artists. Membership with SDP will give you six wonderful painting magazines, chockfull of beautiful projects and interesting articles about our art. This magazine cannot be obtained at newsstands; it is only available for members of SDP. You will also receive a discount card with your membership to be used at major stores.

In addition to this wonderful magazine "The Decorative Painter", membership with SDP will also give you reductions in registrations to their annual conference, where classes from many distinguished teachers are available and which has an expo floor which cannot be found anywhere else.

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The discounts obtained by using the [yearly Member Savings Card](#) for shopping from a long list of business member's sites will give you back more than your membership dues with SDP.

If you are not a member and want to check out the magazine, please check out the [free versions on the net](#) .

Conferences

SDP's 35th Annual Conference and Expo will be in Anaheim, Calif., from May 28 through June 2; detailed information can be seen [at SDP's website](#). Registration and participation in events is possible for members and non-members.

Tole Friends will have their meeting during the Anaheim conference on Thursday, May 31st at 9:00 pm. Attendance is free and it is not required to be a registered member of Tole Friends to attend the party.

There will be fun, a raffle of painted items and more. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting – if you plan to attend, [please send an email](#) to let us know as we need to know how many chairs and tables to prepare.

About Tole Friends

For the decorative artist wishing to keep up on the latest trends, continue learning about decorative painting, and making friends in the painting world Tole Friends is the place to be. There is a wealth of valuable information for anyone, interested in decorative art. Even if you are not a registered member, you will find a wealth of information on our "public" site; using the navigation menu, you will find:

- [Tole Friends' Boutique](#), where anyone can purchase anything from a membership for a friend, beautiful note cards, bookmarks, or our fantastic project CD with 21 painting projects for all levels and different mediums.
- Our [Painting Links](#) are frequently updated and we take pride in having one of the most complete painting, craft, and art related link sections on the internet.
- Under "Special Features" you will find links to our charity program, the mentor forum and an album containing member's work from lessons and publications.
 - The [Memory Box](#) program
Tole Friends charity is to help with the worldwide Memory Box program, which supplies painted boxes to hospitals with infant bereavement programs, where they are given to parents, who have suffered the loss of an infant.

Everyone is welcome to paint one or several boxes and ship these according to the general rules of the Memory Box Program (details are on the site).

As a thank you for your work, every year we publish six exclusive designs, which are not available anywhere else. Details of how to get access to these [are on the site](#).

- In our [Mentor Forum](#) you will get help from experts.
You do not have to be a registered member of Tole Friends to ask your painting related question in the forum but you need to register as a member of the forum.

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- While the lessons are only available for registered members, non-members are welcome to check out our album site where members have uploaded their work from previous lessons.

Submissions for TF publications

We continue to accept submissions for our publications, [click here for the guidelines](#) . It is not mandatory to be a member of Tole Friends in order to submit a project or article for publication.

- [Creative Brushtales](#) is a collection of articles and painting projects by Jenny Langford, a gifted and sharing designer, teacher and painter from Australia.

To become a member of Tole Friends and be able to share in everything on the website, you can go to <http://tolefriends.net/signup> . You may join any time during the year and your membership fee will be good for 365 days from the time you signed up. Come join us for fun, learning, laughter and sometimes tears. As a registered member you will have access to:

- our password protected member's pages, which contain in-depth lessons designed specially for the Tole Friends members, articles about the history of decorative painting, painting projects, tips, topic chats, a mentor forum where experts can help individuals on a one-on-one basis with any painting problem, and more, great decorative painting information.

All of this is available for \$18.00 for the first year, with a discount the second year of membership, and you also become a member of the TF mailing list. Take advantage of this low membership fee to have access to the best decorative painting list and website online.

- The member's mailing list is active, friendly, and you can receive a fast reply to any painting related questions. There are several options for receiving the mail from the mailing list. You can receive **individual** messages from the other members of Tole Friends and reply to them from your own mailbox, or receive your mail in **digest** form, which includes 8 to 10 messages in one message, or **read and reply from the archives**; the choice of mail delivery is yours.

The following lessons and publications are **only part** of all the information that is available for members:

Subscribing to our free newsletter does **NOT** include a membership or subscription to Tole Friends' Association. All items marked with * in this newsletter are **ONLY available to REGISTERED MEMBERS** of Tole Friends' Association.

You must be a paid member in good standing in order to access these portions; they are shown in the newsletter to let subscribers know what is available.

Please [click here to become a member](#) of Tole Friends and join in the fun and learning today!

Tell your friends about the newsletter and be sure to share it with all your painting friends, chapter members, and anyone interested in painting by forwarding it to them.

Highlights for April are:

Links marked with * can only be accessed by registered members.

Lesson 17 – "Apple and Pear Panels" by Bob Pennycook teaches us a new technique using newspaper as part of the background preparation. It includes instructions for making the frames.



This lesson will be available until June 30st.and then replaced with a lesson by Peni Powell, a small image of our July lesson is already on our homepage <http://tolefriends.com> .

[The lesson can be downloaded by members.](#)
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ARTICLES:

- [Filete Argentino](#) * – an article by María Marta Rossi of Argentine. It tells about the history of this painting style, with origins in Europe and typical for Buenos Aires, Argentine.
- [Perfect Linework](#) * by Phyllis Tilford, CDA helping us to get our line work to a new level.
- [Product Review](#)-#1; * Nancy Snellen showing us what to do with all those wonderful products and gadgets we bought at one time or always wanted to buy and we do not know how to use.
- [Folk Art History](#) * Barb Franzreb giving us "The World of Rufus Porter".
- [Product Review](#)-#2; * Nancy Snellen giving us more information on what to do with all those wonderful products and gadgets we bought at one time or always wanted to buy and we do not know how to use.
- [Antiquing](#) * A detailed description of two oil antiquing methods by Phyllis Tilford, CDA
- [Product Review](#)-#3; * Nancy Snellen giving us more information on what to do with all those wonderful products and gadgets we bought at one time or always wanted to buy and we do not know how to use.

- [Colored Pencil Technique](#) * Excellent tips and techniques to try out colored pencils by Kelly Hoernig.
- [American Folk Art](#) * By a legend in the decorative painting field, Helen Jeglic. She has illustrated her article with photographs of her wonderful paintings.
- [Product Review](#) * So Soft Fabric Paints and More by DecoArt. Learn all the new things you can do with fabric paints.

PAINTING PROJECTS:

		
Clock in Filete Argentino by María Marta Rossi of Argentina.	Fauxed Table By Betty Caithness	Plums in Gallery Glass By Jan Cumber Of Georgia

Topic Chats:

Would you like to chat with some of the leading artists in the decorative painting world? Tole Friends' has six painting related Topic Chats per year. The guest speakers for each of the chats are experts on the chosen subject. During the Topic Chats those attending can ask the speaker questions about the subject of discussion. It is an excellent way to learn more about a painting technique.

The chat room is available for guests, no member's username or password is required. Prechat information and chat logs are only available for registered members. Our guest speakers for 2007 are:

- May 10, 2007 Andy Jones, CDA - The Decorative Arts Collection (DAC)
Prechat information will be published soon.
- July 2007 Sharon Hamilton, MDA - Painting Realistic Florals
Date will be available soon
- September 2007 Barb Franzreb - Designing Contemporary Primitive Folk Art
Date will be available soon
- November 2007 Phyllis Tilford, CDA Blending Techniques
Date will be available soon

If you are interested in joining the chat, as a guest or a registered member, simply go to <http://www.tolefriends.com/classroom.html> to read about the guidelines and join us. A link to the chat room is provided at the bottom of the page.

Tole Friends' Charity Program

<http://tolefriends.org/>



The Memory Box Program was developed to paint paper mache boxes for parents who have lost a baby at birth or shortly afterwards. There is a great need for these boxes and it is a wonderful contribution of our art to a worthy charity. Your work of art will become a cherished heirloom for a grieving family. This is an invitation to our membership to contribute to the Memory Box Program with one or more painted boxes. There is no obligation for anyone to participate and there is not a monthly minimum per person.

There is a great need of boxes for the parents of these babies. Marie has a waiting list of hospitals who would love to be included in this program. Tole Friends can make a huge difference. The box is a place to keep their few precious memories of this child. We can help to alleviate the suffering of parents who go home without their baby.

Marie Gemmil is the administrator of the Memory Box Program and a member of TF. If you have any questions, please write to her at mgemmil@allegience.tv. If you have a question that might be of general interest, please send it to the TF list.

Brenda Rickman is the chair of Tole Friend's Charity Committee; she will update anything via the mailing list. She can be reached through charity@tolefriends.com to answer any question you may have. Be sure to fill out and submit the form for the boxes you ship each quarter so you are entered into the ongoing Tole Friends Memory Box Contest. The winners for the fourth quarter of 2006 are **Millie Fowler** and **Gloria Falk, representing the Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter**; who received a box of painting supplies valued in \$ 50.00.

In January 2007 there was a special drawing of four extra prizes, these went to:

- **Gloria Falk, representing the Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter** as the chapter that sent out most boxes in 2007. The prize is \$50.00
- **Sandra Horton**, as the person who sent out most boxes in 2007. The prize is \$50.00.
- **Pam Allard** winner of the random drawing; the prize is \$50.00.
- **Donna Slutiak** winner of the "special surprise", which was an original oil painting by Karen Chase.

- Once you have completed a box, or boxes, contact [Marie](#) and she will send you a name and address of a hospital that needs boxes. Go to the TF web site to find the information on where to purchase boxes and any other information concerning size, etc.

Thank you to those members of Tole Friends who have painted boxes for the Memory Box Program, and urge you keep up the good work. You do not need to be a member of Tole Friends to paint boxes for this worthy charity.

Sincerely,
The Tole Friends Board and the Charity Committee

Tole Friends' Boutique

Have you visited the Tole Friends boutique at <http://tolefriends.biz> ? Sales from this website shop help provide the education opportunities and publishing program, which benefit our membership. It, also, helps to keep the membership dues low.

It is not necessary to be a member to purchase items from the boutique. It is available for everyone to shop.



Karen has the bookmarks and note cards in the boutique. The bookmarks and note cards will make lovely gifts for any occasion. There are three designs of each. Keep watching for new designs they will be coming in the next few months.



There is a link called "tell a friend" on all of the details page for items in the boutique. It is a great way to let friends and family know about any item that you would like to receive as a gift or you think they might like to own. Use this link and get the word out about the lovely gifts in the TF boutique; this is a way to support some of the costs of Tole Friends.



What a buy!!! Packets that cost \$ 1.20 each!!!! This fabulous buy exists in the Tole Friends boutique. Check out the Fundraiser Combo of painting projects – something for every level of painting, for every medium, for every style of painting, 21 projects by 21 designers. This is available as an instant digital download or as a shipped CD. More projects and information than you would receive in any book or magazine!!! The CD consists of projects by Heather Redick, Phyllis Tilford, Nancy Snellen, Moe Shier, Karen Chase and many more wonderful artists.

Coming soon:

More future in-depth lessons, painting projects, chats, and publications are shown on [our homepage](#).

Have a great painting time.

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