



Tole Friends' News

October 2006

The lucky winner of our special membership drive, was Donna Slutiak. She received a complete set of FILBERT brushes, donated by Phyllis Tilford. We wish Donna many hours of happy painting with her new brushes. We obtained 12 new members during August 2006 as a direct result of the membership drive.

During September almost 30 new members joined, which most probably is due to the amount of flyers distributed by members and our newsletter.

A new membership drive is planned for December 2006. There will be more details in the November and December newsletters.

You do not have to wait for a membership drive to subscribe to Tole Friends. Membership includes the following benefits, and many others to numerous to mention in the newsletter:

- 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 with any painting problem, and more, great decorative painting information.

All of this is available for \$12.00 per year, and in on one website to members of Tole Friends.

- our member's mailing list, which is active, friendly, and where you can get a fast reply to any painting related questions. On the mailing list you have several options for receiving the mail. 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. There are other sections on our [public pages](#), which can be accessed freely.

Please [click here to become a member](#) of Tole Friends.

Highlights of October are:

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



Lesson 15 – Fraktur "Bless This House O Lord" by Kay Baranowski, MDA





This lesson will be available until the end of December, when it will be replaced by a new lesson.

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

ARTICLES:

- [Filete Argentino](#) * – an article by María Marta Rossi of Argentine 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.
- [Rufus Porter](#) * History article by Barb Franzreb about his style and more.
- [Stenciling Techniques](#) * different and totally "out of the box" stenciling techniques and ideas by Rebecca Baer, CDA.
- [Product Review](#)-#2; * 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.
- [Baltimore Screen Painting](#) * A detailed history and samples of the traditional Baltimore Screen Painting by Roxanne M. Jarvis.

PAINTING PROJECTS:

		
<p>Clock in Filete Argentino * style by María Marta Rossi of Argentine.</p>	<p>Heart-shaped box * with Bluebird and Dogwood by Sharon Sailor-Chinn</p>	<p>Catch-all * painted in Rufus Porter style by Barb Franzreb.</p>
		
	<p>Joy to the World * Angel Ornament by Myra Mahy</p>	

Topic Chats:

Every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm EST, we have informal social chats where "Anything Goes". Guests are welcome, no username or password is required, though we encourage you to **use your real name + State abbreviation** instead of screen names.

Attending the informal chats is a nice way to meet some of our members and, of course, you can ask more details about joining Tole Friends than we can tell you in this newsletter. [Click here](#) to access the chat room.

Tole Friends' holds six painting related topic chats per year. The guest speakers for each of the chats are experts on the chosen subject.

The chat room is available for guests, no member's username or password is required. Our next topic chat is planned for November 9, 2006. Our guest speaker will be Mary McCullah, CDA on painting animals. Exclusive pre-chat information, including images and worksheets is available [for registered members](#) *. A complete chat log will be supplied after the chat; access to the log is only for registered members.

The [chatlog](#) * for September's chat about finishing and varnishing your work by Phyllis Tilford, CDA is now available for registered members

If you are interested to join 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/>

This program allows our members to decide freely if and how much they wish to participate. It is a program that represents our art and has meaning to the person both giving and receiving it. It also is not a financial burden on anyone wishing to participate.



Painting and giving a Memory Box in itself is a wonderful contribution of our art to a worthy charity, where our work 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 isn't any monthly minimum.

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

Brenda Rickman is the chair of Tole Friend's Charity Committee; she will update anything via the mailing list and also can be reached through charity@tolefriends.com to answer any question you may have. Don't forget to fill out and submit the boxes you ship each quarter so you are entered into the ongoing Tole Friends Memory Box Contest. You will also earn access to the Exclusive Designs produced just for participating Tole Friends members by well known designers to use on your Memory Boxes. Paint a box when you want to test a new technique, when you have a little extra time, or simply want to touch another's heart with your art. Be sure to keep all tracking slips and Post Office receipts for mailed Memory Boxes in order to send these to the Charity Committee to be included in our Memory Box Contest.

When you have painted a box, or boxes, contact [Marie](#) and she'll send you a name and address of a hospital that needs your boxes. These boxes are usually painted on paper mache boxes. When you go to the web site you'll find the information on where to purchase them and any other information concerning size, etc.

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

From time to time Marie will be posting to the list that she needs boxes in certain areas of the country. We are sure that our members will meet the challenge and help this program. You may also join the Memory Box Program mailing list to keep up with the most current program statistics, assistance with how, when, where, what and who when it comes to making and shipping Memory Boxes. Be sure to watch for some wonderful promotion contests with fantastic prizes donated by major manufacturing companies. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/memoryboxes/>

For those members of Tole Friends who have already painted for the Memory Box Program. We thank you and hope that you keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
The Tole Friends Board and the Charity Committee

Tole Friends' Boutique

Income from our boutique is applied to help fund our education and publishing programs, which benefit our membership.

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



In October our note cards with the Tole Friends logo will be available again. We have a new set of note cards featuring the lovely rose from Lesson 13. They will be ready for sale in the boutique the first week in October.



Karen has been working on bookmarks for the boutique. The first design will be ready for sale in the boutique the first week in October. The bookmarks and note cards will make lovely gifts for the holidays.

There is a link called "tell a friend" on all of the details pages 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.



Packets at \$ 1.20 each???? Does that bargain really exist? Yes!!! It does, check out the Fundraiser Combo of painting projects – something for every level, something for every taste, 21 projects by 21 designers. Available as an instant digital download and as a shipped CD. More than you would receive in any book or magazine!!!

Coming soon:

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

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.



Cookbook auction:

Both of our cookbooks have been a huge success – by now they are collector's items. There were 1,000 books printed of the – large 2002 cookbook with 1,000 recipes; 500 copies of the small 2004 cookbook with 350+ recipes were printed.

There will not be reprints of these books, but one of our members donated two of each size of these cookbooks to have them auctioned as fund raisers. The auction is open to anyone, and these are

unique gifts for Christmas and a collector's item for anyone who loves to cook or collects cookbooks.



We will announce the auction to everyone in a special newsletter. Be watching for this extra special announcement in coming weeks.

Have a great painting time.

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