



## Tole Friends' News

December 2006



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all our subscribers.**

Tole Friends has a lot of valuable information for anyone, interested in the decorative arts. 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 items from a membership for a friend to our fantastic project CD with 21 painting projects for all levels of painters and using 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. The boxes are given to parents, who suffer 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 have access to these [are on the site](#).

- In our [Mentor Forum](#) you will get help from the experts. You do not have to be a registered member of Tole Friends to ask your painting related question in the forum. You DO need to register as a member of the forum.
- While the lessons are only available for registered members, non-members are welcome to look at our album site where members have uploaded their work from 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.

Tole Friends' monthly free newsletter

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- [Creative Brushtales](#) is a collection of articles and painting projects by Jenny Langford, a gifted and sharing designer, teacher and painter from Australia.
- Once you have checked out the wealth of information available for everyone, you might want to participate in everything Tole Friends has to offer. You may join anytime. The signup form is at <http://tolefriends.net/signup> .

As a registered member you will have access to:

- our password protected members' 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 \$12.00 per year, and on one website to members of Tole Friends. Take advantage of this low membership fee to have access to the best decorative painting list and website online.

- The members' 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 parts of the website; they are shown in the newsletter to let subscribers know what is available.

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

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 December 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 December 31<sup>st</sup>. On January 1<sup>st</sup> a new lesson by Debbie Slavin will be available; a small image of our January lesson is already on our homepage <http://tolefriends.com> .

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

## 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.
- [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.  
**Only available until Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2007!!!**
- [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.
- [Baltimore Screen Painting](#) \* A detailed history and samples of the traditional Baltimore Screen Painting by Roxanne M. Jarvis.  
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- [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.

### PAINTING PROJECTS:

		
<p><a href="#">Clock in Filete Argentino</a> by María Marta Rossi of Argentine.</p>	<p><a href="#">Hobo Snowman Sled</a> * By Sandra Malone</p>	<p><a href="#">Catch a Falling Star Ornament</a> By Renee Mullins</p>

### Topic Chats:

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. Our next topic chat will be January 18, 2007. Our guest speaker is Judy Westegaard, CDA; the subject covers shading and highlighting

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.

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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@charter.net](mailto:mgemmil@charter.net) . 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](mailto: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 third quarter of 2006 are **Molliann Stocks** and **Gloria Falk, representing the Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter.**

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**

Income from our boutique is applied to help fund our education and publishing programs, which benefit our membership. Purchases from the boutique help to keep our membership fee low.

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

Karen has been working on bookmarks and new note cards for the boutique. The bookmarks and note cards will make lovely gifts for the holidays. Click on the image in order to get to the item in the boutique.



Available in sets of 5 or 10 cards with envelopes & return address labels  
All prices include shipping



1 Bookmark \$ 5.00 / 2 Bookmarks \$ 9.50  
Shipping included  
Contact us for special discounts on quantities over 12

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 Toile Friends.

For a limited time we are also offering a 30 % discount on several items, all of these are available for immediate shipping and any of these might be the Christmas gift you were getting for a friend or yourself.



Packets that cost \$ 1.20 each!!!! Does that bargain really exist? Yes!!! It does, 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!!!

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**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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