



February 2007

We apologize that we did not have a newsletter in January, a series of administrative deadlines had to be met during January.

Advertising with Tole Friends

You can advertise your website site with Tole Friends with our custom designed advertising buttons for a very reasonable price. The buttons are on more than 200 of our web pages and give you exposure to over 1,000 visitors to the TF 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's Boutique

Shopping in our [Boutique](#) is not restricted to members and there are many items painters will appreciate.

Associations of interest

Have you ever heard of [Decorative Arts Collection](#) (DAC)? Many painters do not know about this wonderful organization, which was created for the purpose of collecting and preserving decorative art.

The DAC is supported by contributions from individuals, Society chapters and corporations. The DAC is a not-for-profit corporation that has been determined by the IRS to be an exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible. The yearly membership fee is \$35.00 and you receive a beautiful and exclusive pin for each year of continuous membership.

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.

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.

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

Conferences

The 2007 "Creative Painting Las Vegas" convention will be held from Feb. 26 to Mar. 3 at the RIVIERA Hotel / Casino on the fabulous Las Vegas Strip!!! It is worth participating.

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; the room for our meeting will be published in the next newsletter. 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.

Tole Friends has a lot 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 world-wide Memory Box program, which supplies painted boxes to hospitals with infant bereavement programs, where they are given to parents, who 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.
- 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.

Once you have checked out the wealth of information available for everyone, you might want to participate in everything that 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 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 \$12.00 per year, 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.

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.

Highlights for February are:

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



Lesson 16 – "Earth laughs in Flowers" by Debbie Slavin teaches us calligraphy for walls and more.




This lesson will be available until March 31st.and then replaced with a lesson by Bob Penicook, 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.
- [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.

PAINTING PROJECTS:

		
Clock in Filete Argentino by María Marta Rossi of Argentine.	Hobo Snowman Sledge * By Sandra Malone Only available until March 31st	Catch a Falling Star Ornament By Renee Mullins Only available until March 31st
		
	Fauxed Table By Betty Caithness	

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. Prechat information and chat logs are only available for registered members. Our guest speakers for 2007 are:

- January 2007 Judy Westegaard, CDA; the subject covers shading and highlighting; the prechat information and chat log are linked from <http://tolefriends.net/members/classes.html>
- March 15, 2007 Trudy Beard - Soft and Natural
Prechat information will be published soon.
- 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 we can not mention in the newsletter)

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 any occasion. They are ready for sale in the boutique. 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.

Tole Friends' monthly free newsletter
You are receiving this newsletter because you signed up for it. If you want to unsubscribe from this newsletter, please send an email to newsletter-unsubscribe@tolefriends.com.



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!!!

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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<http://tolefriends.com>