

# Gypsy Tolersgram

*A monthly newsletter for*  
**The Gypsy Tolers**

*Proud chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters*

Hi my painting friends...

This country is the most divided that I have ever seen it. People are frozen with fear and uncertainty not knowing how to move forward. Even my small, little—probably very uninfluential—business is confused. I am shut down, I'm open, oh no I'm shut down again...SO confusing. Things are in a state of chaos!

How do we deal? Faith over fear!! Every morning I wake with a prayer, which continues through the whole day. This helps keep my anxiety level low and moves me through the hours. Each of us has to make a difference in this mess even if it's just to stay calm and try to encourage others. I don't have a lot to offer except to encourage you to step forward one foot at a time with a smile. You never know how that would change a person's day.

I spoke with Faith, who is our coordinator at the Gable House. They are ready and willing to let us carry forward with the Heritage Sale—with guidelines. Although this could change with State and City regulations changing, she and I think we could pull it off by moving a few things outside, really distancing the inside set ups, and following any guidelines that might be in effect at that time. She also mentioned that we could move it forward to November if need be...a LOT to think about!!

As far as the Christmas Party, Laura (my daughter) and I are trying to figure out if there is something we could do so we can meet and enjoy each other. The world is so lonely for many right now stuck at home. We would love to be able to bring a little togetherness (with advised distancing) to all our painting friends.

The painting world is so full of love and that's what our divided country needs right now. So let's spread this through your smile and kindness. Please just love each other no matter what your differences are—none of that matters—when peace is all we need. Love Judy

# Charities

Jan Sunny

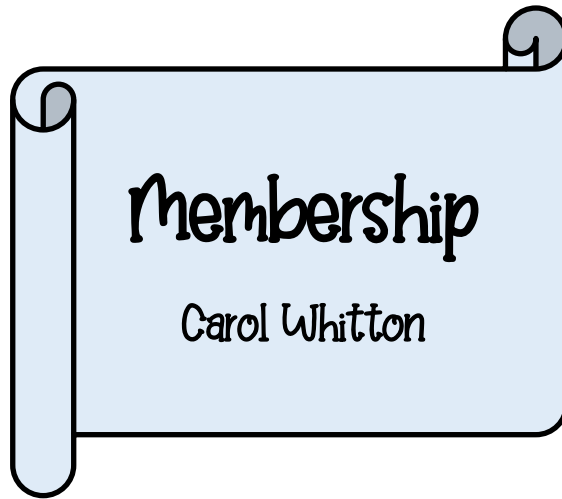
Hi everyone...hope you are all doing well and staying safe!  
Let's gather school supplies and socks this month. You can drop them off at O'Flanary's Emporium and I'll be sure to pick them up. Take care—Jan!



# Summer Sleepover

"Major news coming soon for our 2021 Summer Sleepover!

Be on the lookout for an exciting announcement!"



Greetings Gypsy Toler!

Since we have no new members to report on, I've been racking my brain trying to think of something worthwhile that I could contribute to this month's newsletter. Thinking of membership in our Chapter an "Ah-ha" came to me! What about speaking to what makes a great member or volunteer of an organization? So, I found this article I thought I'd share. Hope you enjoy!

Carol Whitton  
2020 Membership Chair

## **SEVEN QUALITIES OF BEING A GREAT VOLUNTEER!**

### **Energetic**

The number one thing you can bring to the table is all that energy you have stored somewhere inside you! When you are enthusiastic about a cause, your energy will be contagious and spread to others. You will not only feel fantastic, but you will find that your positive spirit can motivate others to take action towards the cause as well.

### **Flexible**

Organizations often recruit volunteers for roles of all kind. It might be using your hard-earned, high-level skills one day, and packing boxes the next. Your willingness to jump in and help with any tasks that may arise will open doors to new experiences and allow you to make a difference in a variety of ways! And for those of you looking for work experience, an open mind and being ready to step up (even when unexpected things occur) will look great on a resume and build your personal skill set!

### **Imaginative and Creative**

Allowing your mind to be free and creative and being passionate about your dream to make a difference will help bring a fun and loving spirit to any volunteer opportunity. Who knows, you may even find yourself getting creative about other ways to help your organization of choice!

## **Reliable and Committed**

This one is pretty simple- if you make a commitment to a volunteer organization, make sure you can follow through! These organizations count on your commitment to the cause! Of course as with all things in life, things happen, just stay open and honest! And if you have chosen a longer term opportunity, being committed on a regular basis for a period of time can be a great way to gain skills and make a lasting impact with your work!

## **Selfless**

This is what volunteering is all about. Giving your time to a cause you believe in, in order to help others in the process. The whole experience can be very rewarding and addictive! A little selflessness can go a long way and you might just find you get a lot out of the experience.

## **Passionate**

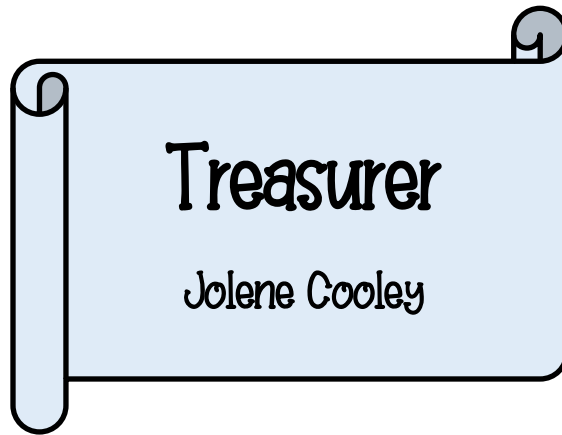
When you align your passions with your volunteer work, the most uninteresting tasks can be brought into a whole new light. When you become passionate about the cause and the organization is when your work is going to have the biggest impact. Not to mention, passion is just as infectious as energy. And remember, not every volunteer role is “on the frontlines” of the cause you are supporting...but without people in the background, sometimes doing the thankless, unglamorous jobs, the whole organization would collapse.

## **Team Player**

Last but not least, being a part of a team is essential to volunteering. The world is very rarely changed by just one person. Instead it's the collective efforts of a group of committed individuals, working together that makes the difference. Stay friendly, respect all opinions, and be compassionate and you can achieve something wonderful with your team!

There you have it! Find ways to stay passionate, be yourself, stay positive, and offer your skills to a great cause and you will be on your way to achieving greatness!





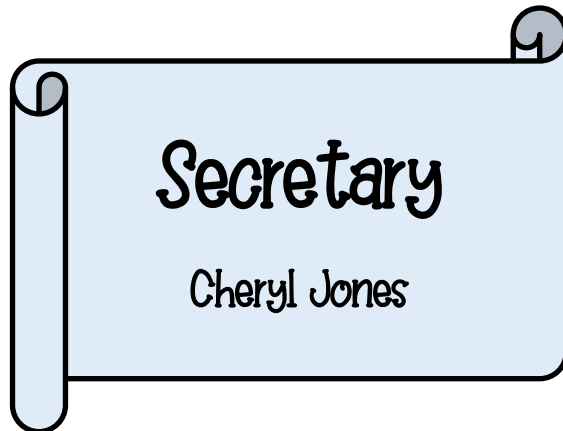
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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by: Jolene Cooley

**JULY 2020**

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| <b>CHECKBOOK BEGINNING BALANCE (7/01/2020):</b>                    | <b>\$6,881.57</b> |                   |
| <br><b>INCOME:</b>   |                   |                   |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>     |                   |
| <br><b>EXPENSES:</b>   |                   |                   |
| 4808      11-Jul-20      Janet Mitchell Sleepover Supplies         | <b>\$67.89</b>    |                   |
| 4809      11-Jul-20      Judy Coates Reimbursement for Storage Fee | <b>\$120.00</b>   |                   |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>\$187.89</b>   | <b>\$6,693.68</b> |
| <br><b>OUTSTANDING CHECKS:</b>                                     |                   |                   |
| 4761      20-May-20      Lisa Schall Refund Sleepover              | <b>\$350.00</b>   |                   |
| 4788      20-May-20      Anne Titsworth Refund Sleepover           | <b>\$128.75</b>   |                   |
| 4801      20-May-20      Sue Green Refund Sleepover                | <b>\$128.75</b>   |                   |
| 4808      11-Jul-20      Janet Mitchell Sleepover Supplies         | <b>\$67.89</b>    |                   |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>\$675.39</b>   |                   |
| <b>BANK ENDING BALANCE 7/31/2020):</b>                             | <b>\$7,369.07</b> | <b>\$6,693.68</b> |
| <b>CHECKBOOK ENDING BALANCE (7/31/2020):</b>                       | <b>\$6,693.68</b> |                   |



Hi Gypsy's,

I have been silent, dealing with daily bouts of vertigo and trying to go to work. It's been a challenge. I hope all of you are well and painting. I have tried several times to paint, but I just can't right now. The puppy is keeping me extremely busy—she's the combination of a toddler, an out of control teen, Godzilla and an unbroken bronco. But I love her to death! We have a stray cat that has adopted us. It was okay in the beginning, it's outside and I'm allergic, but the cat has become jealous of my Pixie and we have daily terrorism at my house by the cat. I have been scratched and I know (Terry Wellard) that I should report that, but... The cat will be going away soon—it's actually nice, but a little weird. Pixie climbs all the way to my head, it's funny but not funny LOL.

We came back from working at home and I was disappointed in that, I enjoyed being home. It makes me get out and I think that's a good thing. Masks are not good for me; I have worse sinus issues and have had several more sinus infections. Because of that and the vertigo I am getting a head scan and a sinus scan. Maybe we can get to the bottom of it.

I do hope this will calm down soon and we can all meet again in person. Support your Tole shops, they need your business more than ever as well as the Mom and Pop shops, bakeries, restaurants, etc. Stay healthy, please. I have had three family members break their hips while this is happening, one had triple bypass, 2 positives for Covid. I keep myself in a bubble. 😊

Respectfully and missing you all, submitted by Cheryl Jones,  
Secretary.



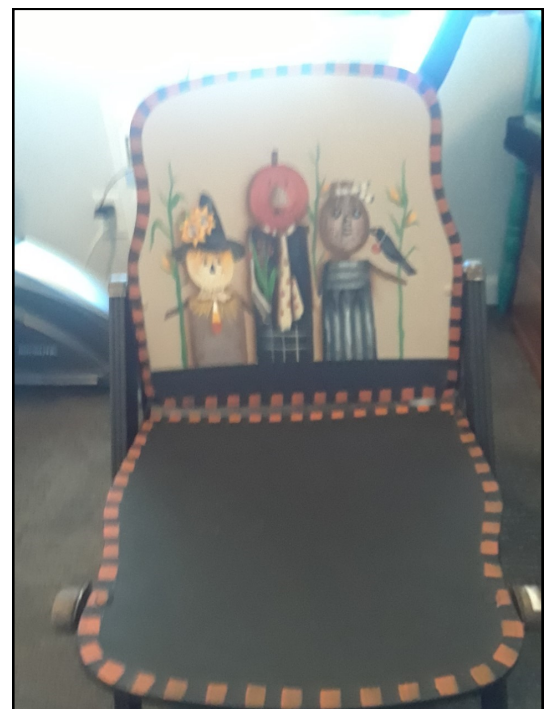
What have you been painting during this challenging time??



**Kim Tamiazzo**



**Cheryl Jones**





**Nancy Schatz**







**August**

**Michelle Murray**

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**Betty Busby**

**28**

Hope everyone is enjoying summer, despite our challenging times. Not only do we have to take safety precautions regarding covid, we also have to deal with extreme heat, and fire season. A prime example is our recent fires in and around Oak Glen/Banning, the Apple Fire. Here are a few reminders and fire safety tips. Please stay safe everyone, and hope to see you all in person soon. Sunshine love! ☺

**Keeping Your Home Safe**  
**Fire Prevention**

- 20%** of homes have smoke detectors that **do not** work or are missing batteries.
- 2x** Working smoke alarms can **double** your chances of survival in a fire.
- Replace batteries **twice a year** and keep alarms free of dust.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on **every floor** of your home.

**CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS**

**FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

- SMOKE ALARMS?
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?
- FIRE ESCAPE PLAN?
- ADDRESS VISIBLE?
- ELECTRICAL CORDS?
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS?
- ACCUMULATED/COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS?
- FLAMMABLE/COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS?
- HEATING EQUIPMENT – 3-FT CLEARANCE?
- SAFELY DISPOSED CIGARETTES?



Can't believe it's August already, it means October is just around the corner. Even during this pandemic, it will not cool down our passion on painting and shopping for unique gifts for the coming holiday. Please email me if you are interested in selling your unique painted pieces at the October Heritage Sale and I will mail you the packet. My email address is [ceciliawml@yahoo.com](mailto:ceciliawml@yahoo.com). Take care...Cecilia!





The purpose of Gypsy Tolers is to stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art of tole and decorative painting.

We are a friendly group; our programs are designed for us to learn new techniques and try new products & mediums while having fun.

Gypsy Tolers welcomes new members and guests!!

We meet monthly on the third Thursday, at 6:00 pm.

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Gypsy Dollar Raffle: OPEN

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Heritage Sale: Cecilia Luk

Nominations: OPEN

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Summer Sleepover: Heidi Allison

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Welcome: OPEN

**Reminder ...** Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 6pm at Coco's on the corner of Tennessee and Colton. Every member is welcome to attend!