

# ***Puget Sound Tugboat Tolerers***

FEBRUARY 2026

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026**

All Meetings and Classes are held at New Hope Church in the back building

1522 Baby Doll Rd SE Port Orchard WA 98366

Doors open at 10:00am and Classes / Meetings begin at 10:30am.



**February 14th - Paint In with Lorri Andrews**

**Class starts at 10:30am**

**Zentangle Rooster**

**\$15.00**

**(PayPal \$16.50)**

**See flyer to sign up. Surfaces Extra.**

**March 8th - Board Meeting**

**March 14th - General Meeting Meeting starts at 10:30am**

**April 11th - Paint in with Pam Holliday Bee Nightlight -**

# PRESIDENT

I know many of you aren't big fans of winter, but I have to say- it's my second favorite season! We get a two-fer with the snow and the cold. That said, as I get older, my body isn't quite as enthusiastic about the chill. It's the perfect time to stay inside, stay warm, and get creative!

On my painting table today is all base coating for upcoming classes both live and zoom.

Looking forward to our first paint in of the year with Lorri!!! ( Still time to sign up ) That is our February class, then I signed up for a zoom class with Paulette DiGesare... a wonderful Santa.

Lunch will be Chicken Tortilla Soup ... garnished with sour cream and tortilla chips.

Helen

We have 20 members who have renewed their membership as of January 2026. If you have not renewed yet, please do so by the end of February or this will be the last Newsletter you will receive this year. We have some exciting things happening this year and you sure don't want to miss out!! You can renew online with PayPal, or mail a completed membership form, with a check, to me. Sure hope you join, it's going to be a fun year!!

Mert Gullings  
4326 57th St. Ct. East  
Tacoma, WA 98443

## 2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board Meetings will be held on the Sunday prior to our General Meetings at 3:00pm on Zoom.

January 4th ~ March 8th ~ May 3rd ~ July 5th ~ Sept 6th ~ Nov 8th

All Members are invited to attend and discuss but only the following Board Members are able to Vote

Helen Wyrich, Cyndy McBride, Monica Bayness, Barb Brady, Mert Gullings, Pam Holliday, Vicki Palmer

Email [Tugboattolers@gmail.com](mailto:Tugboattolers@gmail.com) if you wish to receive a Zoom Invite

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
1	Bobi Trani	12	Lorri Andrews
6	Barb Brady	21	Helen Wyrich
28	Chris Whitwell	31	Georgia Magarrell



Hostess a meeting by bringing the main dish and let everyone else bring the sides!

Please contact Monica Bayness to sign up!

**FEBRUARY HOSTESS:**  
**Helen Wyrich**  
**MAIN DISH:**  
 Chicken Tortilla Soup

Please bring items to share

**MARCH HOSTESS:**  
 Vicki Palmer

**APRIL HOSTESS:**  
 Barb Brady

**Opportunity Drawing**  
**Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**



Fireplace  
 Screen  
 Approx  
 40" tall

**2026 BOARD MEMBERS**

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|-----------------|-----------|
| PRESIDENT       | HELEN W.  |
| VICE PRESIDENT  | CYNDY M.  |
| TREASURER       | BARB B.   |
| SECRETARY       | MONICA B. |
| MEMBERSHIP      | MERT G.   |
| NEWSLETTER      | VICKI P.  |
| MEMBER AT LARGE | PAM H.    |



Approx 20" Tall



10" Tall with 5" oval center

# Shannon Miller Live Seminar in June of 2026

Vote for your two favorite classes!



PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHOICES TO  
[TUGBOATTOLERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TUGBOATTOLERS@GMAIL.COM)



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<b>TREASURER</b> Barb Brady	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> Mert Gullings	
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<b>MEMBER @ LARGE</b> Pam Holliday	
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<b>NEWSLETTER</b> Helen Wyrich	
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<b>SEMINARS</b> Board Members	
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**HOSTESS**

Monica Bayness

**SUNSHINE**

Georgia Magarrell

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Vicki Palmer

**OPPPORTUNITIES**

Helen / Monica



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# Artists at Work



PAINTED BY PAM HOLLIDAY



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## SAVE OUR BRUSHES!

Do you have a jar of 'Dead' brushes? Before you toss them, let's try to revive them!

### The Dried Acrylic Paint Culprit

Usually a brush is ruined because acrylic paint has dried up inside the metal ferrule.

That's bad news since it pushes the bristles apart. And a ratty brush is of no use to you.

But, before performing euthanasia and putting the poor brush out of its misery, here are three potential solutions that may save your brush and save you money. Of course, there are no guarantees. But even if they fail.. At least you tried!

#### Technique 1: The Hot Vinegar Soak

1. Heat up some white vinegar. Don't boil it, just hot.
2. Soak the bristles for 10 to 15 minutes
3. Use a brush comb or an old toothbrush to gently scrape the softened paint out of the ferrule.
4. Wash with soap and water, then reshape it. This often works like magic!

#### Technique 2 - Rubbing Alcohol

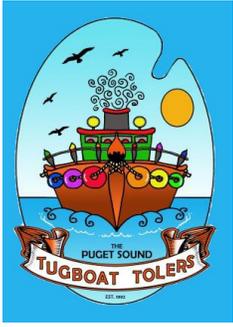
You can soak the brushes in rubbing alcohol (or vodka) to remove dried-on acrylic paint. However, this can dry out the bristles. Think of this solution as a last resort... like using defibrillator paddles!

**...and One More...**

#### Technique 3 - Murphy's Oil Soap

You can soak your brushes in **Murphy's Oil Soap**. This household cleaning product will help the paint dissolve without harming the brush hairs.

So, there you have it... 3 ways to save your brushes and save you money!

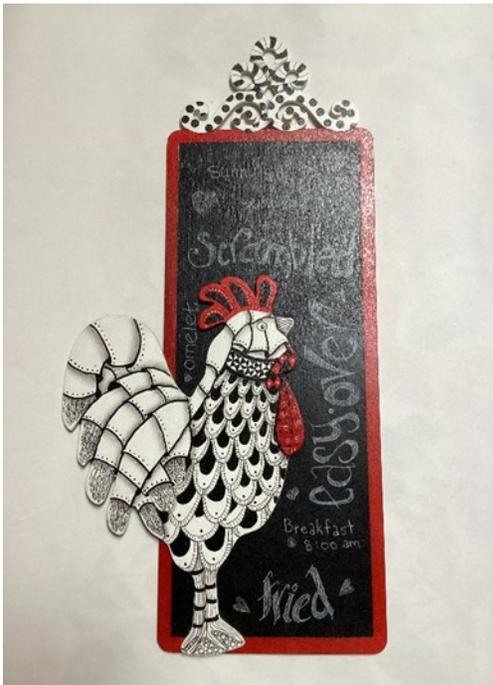


Puget Sound Tugboat Tolars present

# Lorri Andrews

February 14th 10:30am PST

## Zentangle Rooster



Class is Live and Zoom

A Line drawing and Supply List will be provided when you register.

Surface is an MDF Chicken cut out \$2.00 from Monica Bayness  
And Scroll board (MDF) \$5.00 from Cyndy McBride

**\$15.00 Members**

**\$25.00 Non Members**

*If paying online PayPal fees apply*

PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR LORRI'S CLASS "ZENTANGLE ROOSTER"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed      \$25.00 NON CHAPTER MEMBER FEE      \$15.00 MEMBER FEE

Please make checks payable to Tugboat Tolars and mail them with this slip to:  
Cyndy McBride ~ 2114 140th St E ~ Tacoma WA ~ 98445



2026

# Puget Sound Tugboat Tolars

## Membership Form

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*LAST FIRST*

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP*

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*MONTH / DAY*

REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER GROUP AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     New Membership    Full Membership    Friend Membership

### Annual Dues \$20.00

Dues are due on October 1st and become delinquent December 31st

**Regular Membership** - Allows Voting in Meetings, counts towards quorum. Member Discount applies.

**Friend Membership** - Allows attendance and Member discounts. No Voting rights, does not count towards quorum.

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