



QUAIL'S TALES

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Dear Painting Friends,

I hope this Newsletter finds you well and doing something that makes you happy. It is so important in this busy life of ours that we take time to relax and enjoy the things we like doing. I wondered what I would do when I retired to keep busy. It is amazing the things that I found to do, or that needed to be done. Some days, I wonder how I had time to work.

The activity that keeps me most busy is my involvement with our Club SCDP. As president, I always find something that has to be done. In addition, the paint alongs, and paint-ins are something relaxing and make me very happy. On Zoom, I enjoy painting with others, sharing stories, discussing our projects, and exchanging ideas.

Last month, this was the case as we painted "Candy Cane Snowies" designed by Cindy Mann Vitale. This was such a fun class. Our own Christine Taylor Leonard was the instructor, and she interpreted the pattern in a very easy-to-understand way. She gave hints and suggestions to make the project nicer as we painted along. The "Snowies" were quite a bit of work, but worth all of the effort when we were finished.

This month we look forward to painting with Lynn Andrews. We have painted with Lynn before, and everyone who attended enjoyed it. We are scheduled to paint some lovely flowers in a pot. The colors are beautiful. This is our Club's special event for the year.

On June 21 this year we celebrate Father's Day. This day is set aside to thank fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, guardians, and other male role models for their love, guidance, and support – it is all about showing appreciation for the important role fathers play in our lives. I found this interesting article regarding the establishment of Father's Day:

Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Christine announced at our Board Meeting this month that we will be painting a red, white, and blue piece at our paint-along on June 8. This piece would be a perfect gift for that special man in our lives. Wishing all of those "special men" a Happy Father's Day.

As I close, I look forward to painting with you,

Marion Barnett
President, SCDP



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Board Meeting
June 15 , 9:30am

Upcoming Classes



June 1st

**SCDP's 51st Anniversary
Lynne Andrews Special Event**

"Humble Home"

More information on page 5



July 13

Peppermints & Holly

Designer & Teacher

Shannon Miller

Surface Available from

Pine Craft

Classic Bauble Cutout ~

SKU #825002

10" X 11.5" \$3.99*

Scarff Brush series 458 #1 Liner



August 10

Holly the Christmas Bunny Pen & Ink

Designer: Wendy Fahey

Teacher: Irene Patrias

11 X14 Mat Board in White.

Permanent Black Fine Point Pen

Foam-Board 20 X 30 from Hobby

Lobby or Michaels. Both stores will

cut board for you at no charge.



Come paint & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

***Contact Avis Randall at (714)637-0779 or ardr1@dslextreme.com**

Southern California Decorative Painters
SPECIAL EVENT ~ ZOOM ONLY

Featuring Lynne Andrews

"HUMBLE HOME"

Monday, June 1st, 2026

9:30 am ~ 4:00 pm PST



REGISTRATION

SCDP Members: \$40.00

Non-Members: \$45.00

Wood surface and her brushes can be
ordered from

Lynneandrews.com

or use a surface of your choice.

Surface size is 16½ x 10¾

NAME _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Paid _____ Amount _____ Check# _____

Member _____ Non-Member _____

Please mail completed form with check (Payable to SCDP) to

Avis Randall, 5331 E. Juaneno Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

For additional event information, please contact

Anne Engle at aengle3@yahoo.com

This special event will be recorded



Pinecraft Surface. SKU# 825002

Or surface of choice.

Pattern Pack \$12 Website: shannonmillerpaints.com

Scharff Series 458 #1 Liner for Strokework

Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

Please email Avis Randall for more information and to receive payment mailing instructions.

ardr1@dslexreme.com

Please Print

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Class Information:

SCDP Member \$20 _____ Non SCDP Member \$25 _____

Total Paid: _____ Check # _____

No refunds will be issued.

**Southern California Decorative
Painters (SCDP)**

Cordially invites you to Zoom
with us on

Monday, July 13, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Peppermints & Holly

Design & Teacher

Shannon Miller, CDA

Zoom Log In will
be emailed a few days before class.

Questions?

Please contact Avis by email.

The class will be recorded.

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White Mat Board 11" X 14"

Black Permanent Marker

Recommended: Shuttle Art Permanent Marker

Ultra Fine Tip UPC 750076267141 Amazon

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with us on

Monday, August 10, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Holly The Christmas Bunny

Designer: Wendy Fahey

Teacher: Irene Patrias

Zoom Log In will
be emailed a few days before class.

Questions?

Please contact Avis by email.

The class will be recorded.

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June Birthdays

Tami Carmody—6/3
Diane Shiflett—6/6
Linda Kawaguchi—6/7
Dawn Anzack - 6/15
Cookie Perry - 6/18
Debbie Gill - 6/29

Sunshine & Shadows



Thankfully our Club has had no shadows in the last month! Our sunshine is that our families are doing well!

Anyone who hears of any Sunshine or Shadows, please contact

Cookie Rouse-Perry at
909-697-8391 or
cookiecookie@yahoo.com

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the
inside!

There were 3 memory boxes
turned in for May (so far)
6 memory boxes
turned in for April

KEEP PAINTING LADIES
Let's keep up the great work!

Year to date memory boxes turned in:
23
2026 Goal: 70 Boxes

Remember our Pledge,

All members of SCDP join
Our Pledge in painting at least one
Memory Box Per year.



Memory Boxes

SCDP's goal for Memory Boxes in 2026 is 70 boxes and year to date, 23 completed boxes have been turned in. A total of 6 boxes were turned in for April and 3 boxes have been turned in so far for May. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Marion Barnett, Esther Carrion, Rose Melgoza and Diana Ray.

Our next Memory Box paint-along will be on Monday, July 7, 2026 on Zoom. I will not be sending out a suggested pattern for the July paint along, instead, a few patterns will be located on the website on the Chapter Happenings page in case you do need a pattern. The patterns can be downloaded by simply clicking on the file. Our club has been painting memory boxes for many years, and you may have a favorite design to paint. Please remember, these boxes are given to different families, so you may paint the same design over again.

Just a gentle reminder, the memory box paint alongs do not have a teacher and are not recorded. We use this time to reconnect with fellow SCDP members since we do not meet in person and many of our members live out of the area.

Also, keep in mind that SCDP supplies papier mache boxes for our members to paint. If you are in the Lakewood/Cerritos area and either have completed boxes to turn in or need unpainted boxes, please contact me and arrangements will be made for pick up or delivery.

For those members out of the area who would like to participate in the memory box program, you may paint a design centered on an 8" x 8" piece of watercolor paper, mail it to me and I can attach it to a memory box. The painted design should be no larger than 6" x 6" to fit on either our round or hexagon shaped boxes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Diana Ray
Memory Box Chair

Become Involved With Our Club



If you would like to become more involved with our Club, one way to do so is by chairing our Christmas Party. I am sure that many of you have the talent to take on this role. It can involve selecting games to play, a painting activity, a show-and-tell segment, or whatever else you can think of. Be assured that you will have the help of our Board if you decide to Chair this event. Please call/text or email Marion Barnett to sign up or for more information: 562-743-3750 – mbliturg@[aol.com](mailto:mbliturg@aol.com)



Did you know that SCDP has a Facebook Group page? We do! If you aren't already a member, please feel free to join. The group page is listed as Southern California Decorative Painters (scdp.webador.com). A number of artists and groups post upcoming classes and messages related to painting. Also, any members of SCDP are welcome to make post on the page. We'd love to see any completed projects you would like to share. Please let us know if you took a class or painted a project on your own. Please acknowledge the artist or group you painted with to give them some credit. You may discover a new artist, or find your next class!

~~~~Members Creative Corner~~~~

Send all pictures & descriptions to patriciamnewell@gmail.com by the 20th of every month



This design is by
Chris Haughey

*Painted by
Anne Engle*



Eggs of Blue and White
Designed & taught by
Lora Haberstroh
Painted by Diana Ray



"Meadowside Fall
Cottage"

Designed and taught
by Erika Joanne
On zoom for the
Artful Webinars
Virtual
Convention

*Painted by
Diana Ray*



Little Mermaid
Ornament
Designed by
Erika Joanne

*Painted by
Diana Ray*

"Honeysuckle Hum-
mingbird"

Designed by
Erika Joanne
from a Zoom class
with
Kathy Van Horne

*Painted by
Diana Ray*

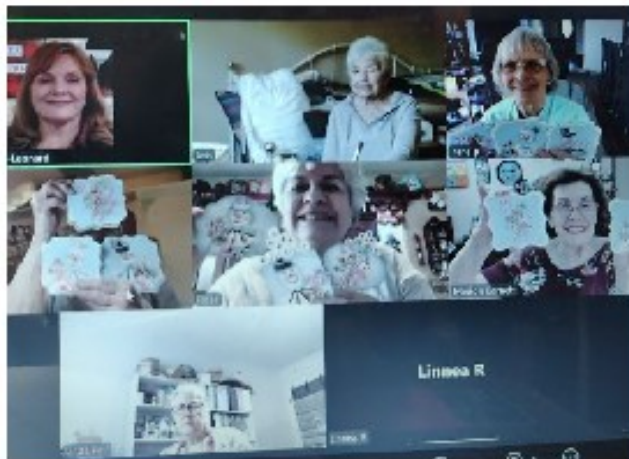


"Key to my Heart"

Designed by
Sandra Malone

*Painted on a
memory box
By Diana Ray*





Our May Paint In was a jolly happy time as we painted the Cindy Mann Vitale design, Candy & Cane Snowies N' Posies ornaments!

These little ornie's were packed full of charm and class and kept us busy the whole day!

As so often happens, some of our group had to leave early or could not make it to class. However everyone who took the class will have access to the recording indefinitely.

Ladies! Please post your finished ornie's on our Facebook page! We would love to see your work!



The above ornie's were painted by Marion Barnett as posted on our Facebook page.



Our June Paint Along will be on Monday, June 8th!

The suggested pattern is perfect for this time of year as we celebrate our country's 250th birthday. The design is titled Red, White and Blue Summer by Bobbie Campbell and was published in the June 2018 edition of the Pixelated Palette e-zine.

I have sent the project pack out to our group by email. The palette contains 14 colors and you should have them all on hand as the pattern is a few years old.

This design can be reduced or enlarged and will look terrific in your home as you decorate for your 4th of July celebrations!

You are welcome to work on any project or simply pop in to say hello and catch up with your painting friends. Our Paint Alongs are designed to bring our group together to visit and check in with one another and have some good conversation. We often share new painting tips, our latest projects, creative ideas, recipes, etc. There is always a good amount of laughter and a good time is had by all who join us to Paint Along!





Spicy Fresh Tomato and Eggplant Sauce

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium eggplant, chopped (about 6 cups)
- 4 large tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot
- 5 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 carton (32 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 can (29 ounces) tomato puree
- 1 piece Parmigiano-Reggiano rind
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Hot cooked pasta
- Grated Parmesan cheese, optional

Directions

Select sauté setting on a 6-qt. electric pressure cooker(instant pot). Adjust for medium heat; add oil. When oil is hot, cook and stir eggplant, tomatoes, onion and carrot until crisp-tender, 8-10 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Press cancel. Add broth, tomato puree, cheese rind and seasonings.

Lock lid; close pressure-release valve. Adjust to pressure-cook on high for 45 minutes. Let pressure release naturally. Serve with pasta and, if desired, top with grated Parmesan cheese and additional crushed red pepper flakes.

Nutrition Facts

1 cup sauce: 92 calories, 3g fat (0 saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 445mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 4g fiber), 3g protein.



MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20.00

Fill out the Membership Form, and attach either a check or cash made payable to:

Southern California Decorative Painters-SCDP, AND mail to:

Membership Chairperson:

Diana Ray 4708 Canehill Avenue Lakewood, CA 90713

ALL MEMBERS please fill out the ENTIRE form.



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2026 Membership Form

Please Print

Check # _____ Cash _____

Date _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE _____ Birthday Month _____ Day _____

PHONE (Home): _____ PHONE (Cell): _____

EMAIL: _____

Are you a teacher? _____ A Shop Owner? _____ Other? _____

Would you like to become involved with the Club? YES _____ NO _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20.00

Make check payable to **"SCDP"** (or send cash) and mail to Membership Chairperson:

Diana Ray

4708 Canehill Avenue

Lakewood, CA. 90713

Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

Please complete this form for each class. You may write one check for all classes.

Enclose your check and completed forms in an envelope and mail to:

Avis Randall, 5331 E. Juaneno Ave., Orange, CA 92867, (714)637-0779

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address : (non-members) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Class Title & Date: _____

Class Fee: _____ Student has received pattern () Surface ()

Surface Fee: _____ Photo or Accessory Fee: _____

Paid: _____ Check #: _____

Make checks payable to SCDP MEMBERS FEE: \$20.00 NON-MEMBERS: \$25.00

*** Refunds are given only when the class is full and there is a waiting list.**



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Creative*