



# QUAIL'S TALES

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## *President's Message*

Dear Painting Friends,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Christmas will have come and gone. Gifts will have been unwrapped, enjoyed, tried on, displayed, or neatly tucked away. Most holiday decorations are likely packed away too, including our cherished painted pieces. However, some of my favorites—those featuring winter scenes, pine trees, and holly—will stay on display throughout the season. They serve as a reminder of the beauty of the holidays we continue to celebrate during these chilly days.

Speaking of chilly days, I'm thoroughly enjoying this weather. Out come my warm coats, gloves, and scarves—no complaints about leaving those sizzling summer days behind! This lull between Christmas and New Year's feels like an opportunity to dive into unfinished projects that have been hanging around in my craft room. The cold weather makes me want to stay cozy indoors.

As I write this, New Year's is just around the corner. For us painters, the New Year brings fresh inspiration and the anticipation of new projects. In 2025, we'll explore themes like Valentine's Day, the 4th of July, Autumn, and Christmas. We'll also experiment with new techniques and mediums, including colored pencils and painting on glass. Best of all, we'll welcome new teachers to challenge us. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our Paint-Ins and Paint-Alongs in this New Year.

When I ring in the New Year, it will likely be with a glass of bubbly in hand, surrounded by friends and family, donning a festive party hat, blowing a horn, and watching the ball drop in Times Square. Of course, no New Year's celebration would be complete without a kiss for a loved one and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

However you choose to welcome 2025, my heartfelt wish for you is a year filled with joy, prosperity, health, and happiness.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Warm regards,  
Marion Barnett

### 2024 SCDP Board

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Board Meeting  
January 20, 9:30 am



# Upcoming Classes



**January 13**

## **Valentine Mouse & July 4th Mouse**

Designer: Debbie Cushing

Teacher: Heidi Allison

These Surfaces are available from Heidi  
For \$5.00 each with \$5.00 shipping  
for 2.

Contact Heidi to order from her at:

[periwoods@aol.com](mailto:periwoods@aol.com)

She does take PayPal or check



**February 10**

## **Dimensional Fall Frame**

Designer & Teacher:

Tami Carmody



**March 10**

## **Leaves, Leaves & A Butterfly**

Designer & Teacher:

Karen Brouwer



**Come paint & have some fun!!**

Painting begins at 9:30 am

\*Contact Avis Randall at (714)637-0779 or [ardr1@dslextreme.com](mailto:ardr1@dslextreme.com)



*January  
Birthday  
Heidi Spangler  
1/22*

Sunshine &  
Shadows



It's almost 2025!

What a year it's been for several of our members. Marion Barnett is still waiting for her back surgery. Esther Carrion continues to care for her mom. Tammy Carmody's grandson, Taylon is still recovering from his horrific motorcycle accident. Kathy Wheeler's daughter, Debbie is still recovering from her car accident. And just recently, Janet Mitchell who has taught for us many times needs our prayers for her son who had a stroke.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers. As we approach 2025, let's hope and wish for All Our Members to have only sunshine!

If you hear of anyone who has Sunshine or shadows.

Contact Cookie Perry - Cell 909-697-8391 -

Email [cookiecookie@yahoo.com](mailto:cookiecookie@yahoo.com)

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the  
inside!



There were 6 memory boxes  
turned in for November.  
None for December

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

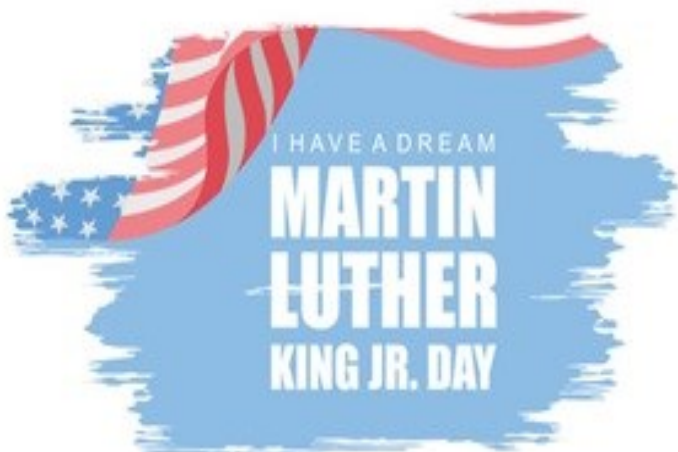
2024 YTD Total: 79 (we passed our goal!)

2024 Goal: 75

**Remember our Pledge,**

All members of SCDP join

Our Pledge in painting at least ONE  
Memory Box Per year.



January 20, 2025



## MEMORY BOXES

As the year draws to a close, I am pleased to announce that we surpassed our goal of 75 Memory Boxes, with total of 79 boxes completed at the time this article was written. Many, many thanks to the members who continued to support our Memory Box program for another year! Since the last newsletter, one memory box was turned in, painted by Kristin Lewis. We have not had any boxes turned in for the month of December so far, but there is still time! If you are in need of a box to paint, or have boxes to be turned in, please contact me and arrangements will be made to pick up or drop off. We will be having a Memory Box Paint-along on Monday January 6, 2025 at 9:30am-12 noon. A pattern will be emailed to the membership prior to the end of the year in case you are need of a design to paint.

Eighteen memory boxes were delivered to Long Beach Memorial Hospital on Friday, December 13.

While I was waiting for the chaplain to arrive and pick up the boxes, two different ladies approached me and started asking questions about the boxes and their intended purpose. Both of ladies were unaware of the memory box program and were pleased to learn more about it. While they both felt sad that there is a need in the first place for memory boxes, they thought our hand painted boxes were a thoughtful gesture. Once the chaplain arrived, the conversation continued with one of the ladies, who told us her close friend had a stillborn baby recently and now wants to learn more about the memory box program. I am always amazed that something we think of as simple as painting a memory box has such an effect on others. The chaplain and her staff have told me many times how much the families appreciate the painted memory boxes and I am pleased that our group continues to keep the Memory Box program going.

## December SCDP Christmas Party Recap



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Zoom Christmas party was held on Monday, December 4 with 20 SCDP members attending from California, Texas, Florida Nevada, Utah and Canada. I received several nice emails from members telling me how much they enjoyed the party. We played Bingo, Scattegories and a Word Scramble game. We had a little snack and oohed and aahed over ornaments from the Ornament Exchange. After that, we painted an ornament designed by Wendy Fahey which was taught to us by our own Christine Taylor-Leonard.

I would like to thank the committee who helped with putting our 2024 party together: Marion Barnett, Anne Engle and Christine Taylor-Leonard. I appreciate all your help in making our 2024 party a success.

On another note, the position of Christmas Party Chair 2025 is open. If anyone would like to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated so we can continue our Christmas party. This position can be shared with another member, or you could put a committee together. If you are interested in coordinating the 2025 Christmas party, please contact Marion Barnett.

## SEMINAR 2025

SCDP's 2025 Seminar with Sandy LeFlore will take place on Monday, May 12, 2025 on Zoom from 9:30 am-4:00 PM. We will be painting Red, White and Bloom, which Sandy designed specifically for us and will be perfect for the Memorial Day, Flag Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July holidays. Details of the seminar are currently being finalized. A flyer and registration form containing seminar details will be emailed to SCDP's membership prior to the end of the year.

As my term of Seminar Chair comes to an end, I would like to thank all our members for supporting SCDP and attending the seminars over the past five years. We have had the privilege of painting with such wonderful teachers as Chris Thornton, Lynne Andrews, Paulette DiGesare, Karen Brouwer and Jane Allen. Anne Engle will be taking over the position of Seminar Chair beginning in January 2025 and I thank her for taking on this job. The seminars have always been a highlight to our year and I look forward to seeing what is in store for SCDP in the future!



# Members Creative Corner



Designed by  
Lisbeth Stull

Taught by  
Rose Melgoza

This was the  
November class  
At SCDP

*Painted by  
Mary May*

This oil painting was designed by Cheri Roi

*Painted by Lois Joachimstaler*



"Fraktur of Winter"

Designed by  
Erika Joanne

Taught by  
Barbara  
Boardman

This was a  
Zoom class

*Painted by  
Diana Ray*



This is one of my favorite Christmas pieces  
I painted many years ago. I don't even know  
the name of the artist.

*Painted by Marion Barnett*



This was designed by Marlene Kreutz  
I purchased it at Palooza this past August. I added the  
polka dots, bowtie, scarf & red rhinestone for the nose.  
These are for our grandkids, they get an ornament each  
year from us. *Painted by Patty Newell*

"Beachside Christmas  
Tree"

Designed by  
Erika Joanne

Taught by  
Barbara  
Boardman

This was a  
Zoom class

*Painted by  
Diana Ray*



## Meet Your 2025 Southern California Decorative Painters Board



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### Lucky New Year's Day Food for 2025

#### Black – eyed peas salad

- 2 c. dried black-eyed peas, picked over and rinsed
- 14 oz. smoked turkey sausage
- 6 small carrots
- 3 large ribs celery
- 1/4 c. chopped parsley, plus 3 sprigs
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 c. cider vinegar
- 3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, minced
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped tarragon
- 3/4 tsp. hot paprika, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt



**Step 1** Place black-eyed peas in a large pot and add enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat and let soak for 1 hour.

**Step 2** Drain black-eyed peas and return to same pot. Cut sausage into 3 pieces. Cut 2 carrots and 1 celery rib in half. Add cut sausage, carrots, and celery, plus parsley sprigs and bay leaves, to pot. Add enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring black-eyed peas to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until tender, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Transfer sausage to a cutting board and peel away casing. Drain black-eyed peas (discard vegetables and herbs), transfer to a large serving bowl, and sprinkle with vinegar. Set aside.

**Step 3** Slice sausage into 1/2-inch-thick rounds; then cut each round into quarters. Dice remaining carrots into 1/4-inch pieces. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add sausage and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add carrots and cook, stirring until softened, 3 to 4 more minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl.

**Step 4** Dice remaining celery into 1/4-inch pieces and add — along with remaining olive oil, onion, mustard, tarragon, paprika, and salt — to sausage mixture. Stir well to mix. Gently fold sausage mixture and remaining parsley into peas. Sprinkle with more paprika, as desired. Serve at room temperature or chilled.



**It is that time of year to renew your SCDP membership.**

**MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20.00**

Fill out the Membership Form, and attach a check made payable to:  
*Southern California Decorative Painters-SCDP, and mail to:*

Membership Chairperson:

Kathy Wheeler, 11325 Telechron Ave., Whittier, CA 90605  
**ALL MEMBERS please fill out the ENTIRE form.**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS**



**2025 Membership Form**

**Please Print**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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 Chapter? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

All members of SCDP join our pledge in painting at least one (1) Memory Box per year.  
(The chapter provides Memory Boxes)

**MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20.00** Make check payable to "SCDP" and mail to Membership Chairperson:  
**Kathy Wheeler, 11325 Telechron Ave, Whittier, CA 90605**



## 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.

If the class is NOT Full, there will NOT be a refund if the student is unable to attend.



Patty Newell  
1180 Joyce Dr  
Brea CA 92821



*Artistic  
Creations*