



QUAIL'S TALES

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Hello Members of SCDP,

As I write this letter, we are well into the month of March. We have been having some "odd" weather. California has been setting many record temperatures, especially in March 2026. In fact, it's been described as a *historic early-season* heat wave. Not only here in California, but for members living elsewhere: West and Central U. S. – record-breaking early heat; and Midwest and East - periods of extreme cold, snowstorms, and severe weather. Thankfully, the weather does not affect our ability to paint and enjoy our craft.

I was fortunate this month to attend a week's class on Rosemaling. The teacher comes from Norway each year to teach the Telemark style of Rosemaling. The class was held in an air-conditioned, very comfortable home. This style of painting is a challenging style for me, but I like the opportunity to learn something new. So many of us have been painting for many years that a new style or challenge is welcomed.

Last month, we had one such project called "Floral Butterfly Tray," taught by Shannon Miller, CDA. Everyone who took the class agrees that it was a class in which we learned new techniques, including stroke work. We have other classes scheduled this year that may challenge your skills. I ask you to look over our SCDP calendar, and you may notice a few projects that are unfamiliar or outside of your comfort zone. Perhaps one of these projects might be challenging, and you may consider taking one or two of them to see what you can create.

Our project in April is "Spring Royalty." The designer and teacher is Bobbie Campbell CDA (Certified Decorative Artist). Bobbie is a wonderful teacher with many years of experience. The piece consists of two pink tulips, which will be just in time for Spring. We do not have many flower projects planned for this year. This just might be the perfect challenge for you. More information regarding the sign-up for the class is available in the newsletter.

The season of Spring began on March 20, and we continue to enjoy its beauty through June 20th. During this time, many will be celebrating Easter: coloring Easter Eggs, planning an Easter Egg hunt, while others enjoy the season in their own special ways. Whatever traditions and celebrations you observe, may they be filled with joy, happiness, and special memories to cherish.

Happy Springtime,
Marion Barnett
President, SCDP



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Board Meeting
March 31, 9:30am

Upcoming Classes



April 13

Spring Royalty

Designer & Teacher
Bobbie Campbell, CDA

Surface of choice.

Design size 14" X 10"

Recommended Brushes:

Assorted Good Flats,



May 11

Candy & Cane Snowies n' Posies

Designer: Cindy Mann Vitale

Teacher: Christine Taylor-Leonard

Cupboard Distributors:

SKU# 31-L237 4.5" X 4.5"

surface or surface of choice.

Pattern Pack fee \$5



Come paint & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



To order this surface from Bobbie \$25. + Shipping

Email: bcampbellcda@gmail.com

Or surface of your choice. Design area 7.5" X 8.5"

Assorted good flat brushes #1Liner, 3/4" Flat

Southern California Decorative Painters (SCDP)

Cordially invites you to Zoom with us on

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Spring Royalty

Design & Teacher

Bobbie Campbell, CDA

Zoom Log In will

be emailed a few days before class.

Questions?

Please contact Avis by email.

The class will be recorded.

smdp.webador.com

Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

Enclose your check, made payable to SCDP and completed form in an envelope and mail to:

Avis Randall – 5331 E. Juaneno Ave, Orange, CA 92867- (714) 637-0779 ardr1@dslextreme.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.



Surface available from Cupboard Distributors

SKU# 31-L237 4.5" X 4.5"

Or surface of your choice.

Wire or ribbon for finishing

Pattern Pack Fee: \$5

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Class Information:

SCDP Member \$20 + \$5 Pattern Pack Fee _____

Non SCDP Member \$25 + \$5 Pack Fee _____

Total Paid: _____ Check # _____

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



April Birthdays

Donna Beightol—4/11
 Kathy Wheeler—4/11
 Nancy Hornberger—4/13
 Rochelle Duprey—4/25
 Linnea Rydout—4/27
 Jerilyn SassoRossi—4/30

Sunshine & Shadows



This month we are sharing that Rowena Jeffery has had those nasty Shingles so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Our Sunshine is that Spring has begun, the sun is out, and the flowers are blooming!

Please If anyone hears of any Sunshine or Shadows contact: Cookie Rouse Perry at cookiercookie@yahoo.com or 909-697-8391

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the inside!

There were 1 memory box turned in for March so far, 6 memory boxes turned in for February

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

Year to date memory boxes turned in: 11
 2026 Goal: 70 Boxes

Remember our Pledge,

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



Happy Easter



MEMORY BOXES

SCDP's goal for Memory Boxes in 2026 is 70 boxes and year to date, 11 completed boxes have been turned in. A total of 6 boxes were turned in for February, and 1 box has been turned in so far for March. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in from Marion Barnett and Diana Ray.

Our next Memory Box paint-along will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 9:30 am to 12 Noon Pacific time on Zoom. If you are in need of a design to paint, I emailed out a pattern and Zoom login on March 16 to the SCDP membership. I painted the design with the Capitoler's group back in early January. Capitoler's also participate in a memory box program in their area and the teacher graciously gave us permission to use the pattern for our group. The pattern included a resized line drawing to fit both our hexagon and round memory boxes. The original pattern was done in pinks, but alternate colors were provided in case you want to paint a blue version.



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. You may paint your favorite memory box design or the pattern that is emailed out as a suggestion.

Please 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



Members Creative Corner

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



St. Patrick's Day- Designed and taught in a Zoom class by Lora Haberstroh. DecoArt Americana Acrylics.

Painted by Diana Ray



Norwegian Tine Designed and Taught by Lise Lorentzen,

Painted by Cookie Rouse Perry



Designed by Tracy Moreau
Taught by Fran Wilson
Painted by Esther Carrion

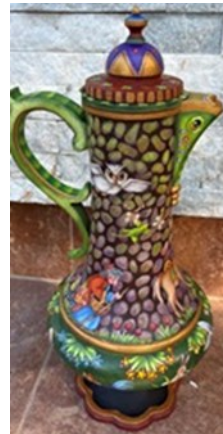
Seaside Winter Cottage Designed by Erika Joanne and taught in a Zoom class by Stephanie Robinson. Prismacolor Colored Pencils and JoSonja paint.

Painted by Diana Ray



Remember,

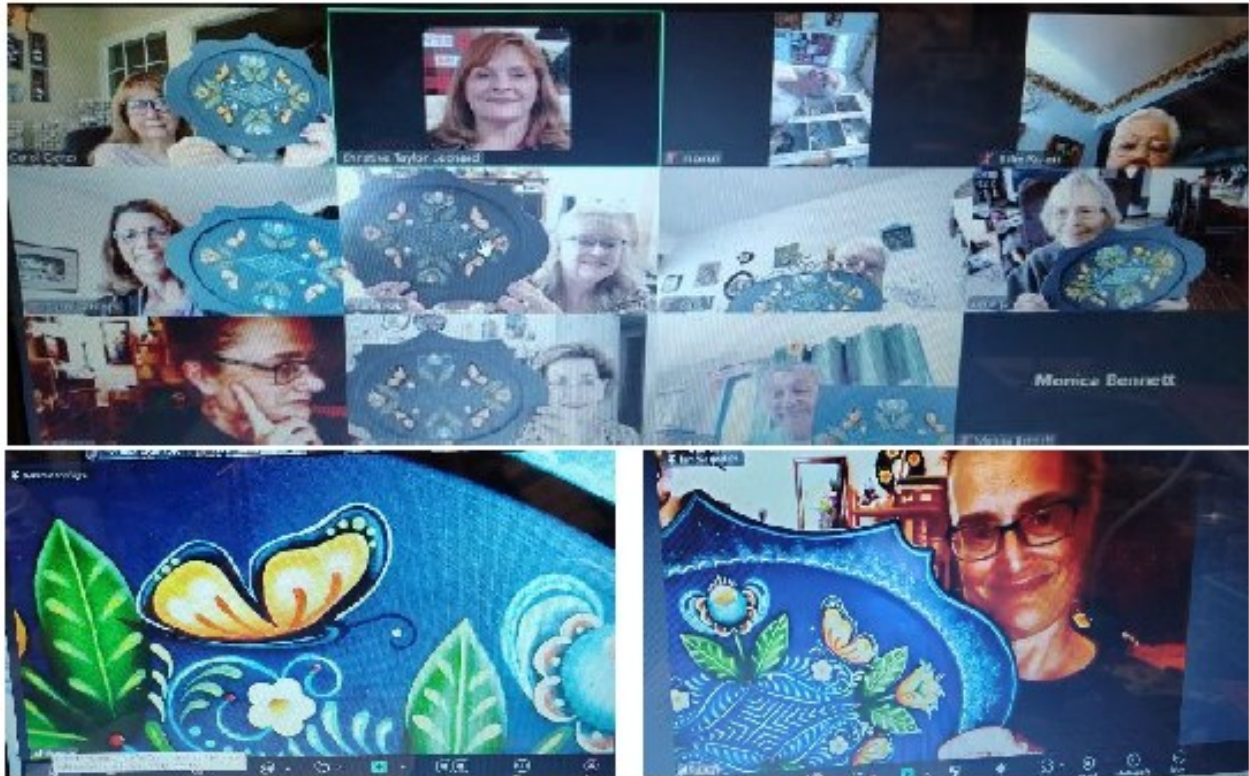
If you send me pictures and a short article about your projects, they will be shared with SCDP members in the newsletter send to:
patriciamnewell@gmail.com
by the 20th of every month



Rapunzel Designed by Jo Sonja Jansen

Painted by Cookie Rouse Perry

Our March Paint In was such an enjoyable day as we painted with Shannon Miller, CDA and created her beautiful Foral Butterfly Tray. Shannon is an excellent teacher as she broke each stroke down for us and shared many tips and tricks to achieve beautiful strokes and mirror images. Everyone was so pleased with the progress of their work and appreciated the additional tips on borders and edges! We will be hosting Shannon again in July at our Christmas in July Paint In. We hope you will make plans to join us!



The first Monday in March we zoomed together for our monthly Paint Along!

Our suggested pattern was Welcome Spring, designed by Elisabetta De Maria and published in the February 2019 issue of the Painting Ezine.

A few members painted this adorable bunny on a Memory Box while others worked on UFOs or prepping for an upcoming class.

It was wonderful to get together and catch up with everyone and share the morning!

Our April Paint Along will be devoted to Memory Boxes! The suggested pattern has already been sent. Please note there will be no Paint Along in May and our June Paint Along will be the second Monday of the month. Please check your SCDP calendar!



Christmas Party Host Needed

Our SCDP Christmas Party is one of the “highlights” of the year. We are looking for someone to chair this position. Usually, the party includes games, painting, and lots of fun. Last year, our Chair was Roxanne Corey, who lives in Canada. This position can be held from any

State. The Christmas Party Chair will serve on the Board from August to January of the following year (Board Meetings are on Zoom). The Board supports the Chair with ideas, suggestions, and funds for the party. If you would like to chair this position, or would like more information, please contact:

Marion Barnett, mbiliturgy@aol.com

Fudgy Almond Butter Brownies

Ingredients

- 1 cup almond butter, no added oil or sugar!
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup coconut sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp salt

Chocolate Topping

- 1/4 cup dairy-free chocolate chips
- 1 tsp coconut oil

Sea salt to top, optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. In a medium sized bowl, whisk together the egg, almond butter, maple syrup and coconut sugar. *If your almond butter is nearing the end of the jar and isn't smooth, I recommend using a blender for this step so everything gets fully incorporated.
2. Add in the cocoa powder, baking soda and salt and mix until well combined.
3. Pour into a parchment lined 8 x 8 baking dish and flatten with a spatula. The mixture should be sticky, so wet your spatula to help smoothen it into the pan.
4. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes.
5. Melt the chocolate chips with the coconut oil in 30 second increments in the microwave for 1- 1 1/2 minutes total. Pour over the brownies and slice into 16 squares. Top with sea salt if desired.

Store in a cool place in an air tight container for up to 1 week.



They're dairy-free, gluten-free, and made with a favorite nut butter: almond butter!



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

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: _____ STATE _____ 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 _____

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



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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.



Patty Newell
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*Be
Creative*

Happy Easter