QUAIL'S TALES

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Hello fellow painters,

By the time you receive this newsletter, Halloween will have come and gone. It is time to say goodbye to the ghosts and goblins and scary witches. I hope you had time to enjoy all the festivities that Halloween brought.

Most appropriately, at our paint-in last month, Rose Melgoza taught an adorable Halloween piece designed by Maxine Thomas. Rose did an excellent job offering suggestions for shading and using different brushes. Next month, we look forward to painting with Bobbie Campbell, CDA, who will teach a cute snowman, "One Happy Snowman". Christine reported that it received many "likes" on Facebook. Be sure to sign up for the class.

As I put my Halloween decorations away and take out my Thanksgiving ones, I was thinking how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to be involved in tole/decorative painting. It has let me create so many wonderful pieces for all these seasons. As I take out my projects, I think of the teacher who taught that particular project, where I painted it, and who I was with. Looking at my projects brings back memories, like looking through an old photo album. I am so grateful to be involved in this art form, not just for the projects, but for the learning experience and for the wonderful people I have met.

Speaking of wonderful people, our Board met this morning. These ladies are dedicated to keeping our Chapter healthy and strong. October is an exciting meeting month as we set dates for next year's calendar. Your input was invaluable in selecting next year's paint-in projects. Christine tallied the project votes. Based on the top 10 projects you voted on, we then assigned them to months for next year's calendar. This is a tremendous job, and I thank Christine and the rest of the Board for putting this together.

Another item we discussed was our Christmas Party. It is a time to celebrate the season and see other members we haven't seen in a while. Our Chair, Roxanne, reported that we will have games, prizes, an ornament exchange, and we will be painting a cute project taught by Judy Coates. We also decided to record the project Judy will be teaching, so if you don't finish, you can watch the recording. Party registration information is in the Newsletter. If you haven't registered, register today.

As November arrives, we look forward to Thanksgiving, a time to gather with family and friends, enjoy a delicious feast, and give thanks for our blessings. May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, laughter, and happy memories.

Wishing you and yours a joyful Thanksgiving,
Marion Barnet
President, SCDP

2026 SCDP Board

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Board Meeting – November 16

Upcoming Classes

January 11
Meadowside Fall Cottage

Designer: Erika Joanne
Teacher: Kathy Van Horne

Details for everything you'll need for this class is On page 5.

February 8
Silver Bells Sleigh

Designer & Teacher:
Shannon Miller

Surface available from Pinecraft, Inc. Squatty Sled SKU# 825001 $15, 20% discount given with prep. Or surface of choice.

March 8
Peached Among the Flowers

Designer & Teacher:
Tami Carmody

Perky Pet Hummingbird Feeder available from PerkyPet.com $26.69, Amazon 2 for $34.76
Enamel Paints

Happy Thanksgiving

Wishing you a table full of flavors &
A heart full of thanks

Zoom with us & have some fun!
Painting begins at 9:30am
*Contact Avis Randall at (714)637-0779 or ardr1@slextreme.com

November Birthdays

Agueda Morales – 11/13
Marion Barnett – 11/14
Marianne Pickett – 11/14
Patty Newell – 11/17
Christine Taylor-Leonard – 11/18
Irene Patrias – 11/24
Esther Carrion – 11/27
Monica Bennett - 11/30

Sunshine & Shadows

Please keep Christine Taylor- Leonard in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from cataract surgery.

If anyone hears of any Sunshine or Shadows please contact:

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

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the inside

There were 2 memory boxes turned in for September
There were 6 turned for October (so far)

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Year to date memory boxes turned in: 59

2026 Goal: 70 Boxes

If each member would paint a memory box or two, we would reach our goal of 70 boxes for the year!

These boxes go to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for families who have lost babies.

Membership – November 2026

Our Special Early Membership Renewal Bonus continues for **all current 2026 SCDP members**. If your name is on the current membership roster and you renew your membership **on or before November 15, 2026** you will receive a coupon for $10.00 off a 2027 paint-in class of your choice which **must** be used during the calendar year 2027. So far, 23 current SCDP members have renewed early and have qualified for the $10.00 off coupon. Coupons will be emailed to those members who took advantage of the early renewal **after** the November 15, 2026 deadline. **Please note this offer is only good for current members listed on the 2026 roster.** A Renewal Form is included in the November newsletter.

For any questions, please contact me.

Diana Ray
Membership Chair

Woohoo, it's time to Sign Up!

You will want to make sure and sign up ASAP for this year's **Zoom Christmas Party** being held on **December 7th**, beginning at **9:30am PST**.

Not only will we have the usual fun, festive games and ornament exchange, but we will have the very talented, published artist,

Judy Coates
of **O'Flanary's Emporium**
teach us this adorable snow person ornament.

Members only have to send me an email to let me know you want to attend.
roxannecorey@icloud.com

However, if you want to participate in the ornament exchange, you will need to send an email to Diana Ray, dlray811@yahoo.com to confirm your participation no later Monday, November 1, 2026

Once Diana has the list of participants, she will contact each person and let them know to whom they will mail their delightful hand painted ornament.
Please make sure to sign your ornament and write
"**DO NOT OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 7TH"**,
on the outside of the envelope and **remove your name from your return label**.

All partygoers will receive an email with the prep instructions for the painting project closer to the event. You can paint on whatever surface you have in your stash or find something new to paint on if you are lucky enough to live close to O'Flanary's Emporium in Redlands, CA.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact one of the Party Planners listed below:
Roxanne Corey – roxannecorey@icloud.com
Anne Engle – aengle3@yahoo.com
Diana Ray – dlray811@yahoo.com

Project Information: The pattern packet, etched pattern MDF board and embellishments are available at erikajoanne.com, $24+ shipping. The bread board is a separate piece to order. An order form for paint pots from Kathy Van Horne will be included with prep. Color pencils may be ordered from prismacolor.com/colored pencils or other retailers. You may also order a digital copy of the pattern packet from Erika for $9.95 if you would prefer to paint the design on a different surface.

Southern California Decorative Painters (SCDP)

Cordially invites you to Zoom with us on

Monday, January 11, 2027

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Meadowside Fall Cottage

Designer: Erica Joanne

Teacher: Kathy Van Horns

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

Questions?
Please contact Avis by email.

The class will be recorded.

scdp.webador.com

Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

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

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 #_____

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No refunds will be issued.
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Our October Paint In brought us a timely project for the fall season! We painted with our own Rose Melgoza and created Hattie & Hoot, a design by Maxine Thomas.

This project had so many details that really enhanced the design and made it such an adorable piece. Everyone enjoyed our painting time together and was happy with their to have another finished piece to add to their fall décor.

Thank you Rose for an enjoyable day

Paula Armstrong from Moorpark, CA

Southern California Decorative Slate of Officers

The following is the slate of officers for the 2027 SCDP Board:

President	Esther Carrion
Treasurer,	Marion Barnett
Assistant Treasurer	Irene Patrias
Special Event Chair	Anne Engle

Voting will take place at our General Meeting on November 9 at **9:00 am** on Zoom. In addition to voting, we will share other information about the Club. Please be sure to attend. This is our last meeting of the year!

SPECIAL EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BONUS

Renew on or before November 15, 2026

to receive $10.00 off an SCDP paint-in class of your choice during the calendar year 2027.

Please note, the Early Membership Renewal Bonus is only valid for current 2026 SCDP Members.

Simply fill out the Membership Form and attach a check made payable to

Southern California Decorative Painters (SCDP) for $20.00 and mail it to

The Membership Chairperson:

Diana Ray – 4 7 0 8 Canehill Avenue - Lakewood, CA 90713

Please fill out entire form

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS

2027 Membership Form

Please Print

Check # _____ Cash _____

Date _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE_____ ZIP CODE_____

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

EMAIL:_____ Birthday Month_____Day_____

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FEE: $20.00 Annually (January 2027-December 2027)

Be sure to postmark "on or before" November 15, 2026 to receive your bonus!

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

Diana Ray, 4708 Canehill Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90713

MEMORY BOX PROGRAM- NOVEMBER 2026

Great job SCDP Members! Our members have completed 59 memory boxes, well on our way to the goal of 70 boxes for 2026. Let's keep those brushes moving! A total of 2 boxes were received for the month of September and 6 boxes have been received so far for October. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Diana Ray, Billie Rotan and Christine Taylor-Leonard.

On another note, 9 memory boxes are enroute to us from Fiesta City Decorative Painters to be donated to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. The boxes were painted by Cay Donohoe, Nancy Graves, Kristen Lewis, Pat Lippa and Mary Montoya. Thank you ladies, we appreciate your generous donation.

It the past couple weeks, I have received designs from three of our out-of-town members; Rowena Jeffrey, Linnea Rydout and Jerilyn SassoRossi. I am currently working on painting the boxes to attach their designs to. Thank you, ladies, for continuing to support the Memory Box Program.

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.

Our club supplies the boxes to our members, free of charge and there are suggested patterns located on our website in case you are in need of a design to paint. Please consider taking a few hours out of your schedule to paint a box that may provide comfort to a grieving family. The chaplains at the hospital always comment about how beautiful the boxes are that we paint and that the families appreciate the kind gesture of receiving a box to hold cherished mementoes of their beloved child.

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.

Diana Ray

Memory Box Chair

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NOVEMBER 11 ~ VETERANS DAY ~ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Check out our Facebook page.
It's full information about upcoming classes,
member's posts & lots of other articles.
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Jan 11

Meadowside Fall Cottage

Design: Erika Joanne

Teacher: Kathy Van Horne

Feb 8

Silverbells Sleigh

Designer & Teacher: Shannon Miller, CDA

General Meeting 9 a.m.

Mar 8

Perched Among the Flowers

Designer & Teacher:
Tami Carmody

Apr 12

Flower of Pink with Blue Bird

Designer & Teacher

Lora Haberstroh

May 10

Flight Of A Blue Dream

Designer & Teacher: Tami Carmody

Jun 14

52st Anniversary Celebration

Special Event TBA

Jul 12

Merry Christmas Tray

Designer: Anita Morin

Teacher: Roxanne Corey

General Meeting 9:00

Aug 9

Whisper On A Rose

Designer & Teacher: Jill Fitzhenry (Jillybean)

Sep 13

Christmas Cookies All Around

Designer: Judy Diephouse

Teacher: Janet Mitchell

Oct 11

Sunflower Arch

Designer & Teacher:
Jill Fitzhenry (Jillybean)

Nov 8

Jingle All The Way

Designer: Wendy Fahey

Teacher: Roxanne Corey

General Meeting 9:00

Dec 6

Zoom Christmas Party

Southern California Decorative Painters 2027 Programs Calendar

Class Fees $20. Members, $25 Non-Members. All classes will be via Zoom or social media until further notice.
Memory Box Paint Alongs: Jan 4, Apr 5, Jul 5, Oct 4 Regular Paint Alongs: Feb 1, Mar 1, May 3, Jun 7, Aug 2, Nov 1

MEMBERSHIP FEE $20.00

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

2027 Membership Form

Please Print

Check # _____ Cash _____

Date _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE_____ ZIP CODE_____

PHONE (Home): _____PHONE (Cell): _____

EMAIL:_____ Birthday Month_____ Day_____

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FEE $20.00 Annually (January 2027-December 2027)

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

Diana Ray

4807 Canehill Ave. Lakewood, CA 9071

~~~Members Creative Corner ~~~

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

"Homemade Holiday"

Designed by
Chris Haughey

Taught by
Deb Ramo at Autumn
Getway 2026

Painted by
Diana Ray

"Pumpkin
Patch"

Designer &
Teacher:
Debbie Cotton

Painted by
Esther Carrion

"Pumpkin Patch"

Designed by
Judith Ribitch

Painted by
Christine Leonard-
Taylor

"Halloween Fun"

Designed by
Cindy Moore

Taught by
Fran Wilson
at ABC Adult
School

Painted by
Diana Ray

"We're all Mad
Here"

Designer & Teacher:
Marco Aquilar

Painted by
Esther Carrion

"Snowy"

Designed by
Chris Haughey

Painted by
Christine Leonard-
Taylor

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 Total Paid: _____

_____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: SCDP MEMBERS COST: $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
Newsletter Editor
1180 Joyce Dr.
Brea, CA 92821

Creativity takes courage