



QUAIL'S TALES

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Dear Members,

Autumn is now fully upon us, and everywhere we look we see signs of the season. The stores are filled with pumpkins and costumes, and the excitement of Halloween is in the air. This year Halloween falls on a Friday, which makes it a special treat for the little ones as they will be able to stay up later and enjoy all of the "treats" collected and not have to get up for school the next day. It will be especially fun for all the adults also who plan on attending Halloween parties. They will be able to fully celebrate without having to worry about getting up for work the next day.

I had a very special treat this past week, as I was able to attend "Autumn Get Away," hosted by the San Diego Brush Wackers in Alpine, CA. What a wonderful event this was! There were excellent classes, prizes, gifts, great food, and a raffle with wonderful items. What a great time I had, and I feel fortunate to have been able to attend. While Zoom certainly has many advantages, painting in person has a magic all its own. Being able to see what others are working on, to watch the teacher walk around and offer suggestions, and to learn from one another's projects – priceless! I enjoyed every moment and I hope that our Club can plan an in person get together in the future.

Looking ahead to next year, for our club, we have made a slight change. We will no longer be hosting what we used to call a seminar. Instead, we will plan a "special event"- something fresh, exciting, and new for our Club to look forward to. Anne Engel has agreed to chair this event, and we are all eager to see what she has planned. More details will follow in upcoming Newsletters.

I wish you all a Happy Autumn and joy filled Halloween. Pull out those costumes, celebrate and take time to enjoy this fun season with its beautiful colors and traditions.

Enjoy,

Marion Barnett,
President, SCDP

2025 SCDP Board

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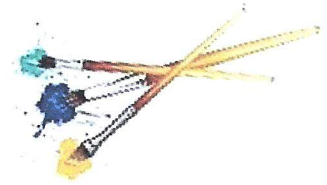


Board Meeting
October 20, 9:30 am



BOO !

Upcoming Classes



October 13

Frosty's Sweet Treats

Designer Lizbeth Stull

Teacher: Cookie Perry

12 x12 surface Pinecraft 20% discount (LS-14B, 12.99),
Train ornament (LS-14, 2.99) or you can order a

Special Cut train with track made out of ½" Baltic Birch
Plywood \$25 + shipping. Contact Cookie for special order
by

August 31. Checks should be mailed to Larry Pickett.
(Marianne Pickett's husband)



November 10

Busted Canvas, Dear Santa

Designer: Marlene Kreutz

Teacher: Heidi Allison

8 X 10 Canvas Board and Framed Canvas, Christmas
Scrapbook Paper, Mod Podge, Craft Knife or Scissors

General Meeting: 9:00

Come paint & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



October Birthdays

Lois Joachimstaler—10/1
Rowena Jeffery—10/2
Sherill Martins—10/4
Tammy Mannon—10/7
Kathy Roth—10/11
Kristin Lewis—10/14
Mary Montoya—10/28
Cecilia Denton—10/31

Sunshine & Shadows



Everyone please wish Christine Taylor-Leonard a speedy recovery from her latest surgery.

We will all continue to keep our fellow members and all our families in our thoughts and prayers for continuing good health!

If Anyone hears of any Sunshines or Shadow's, please contact Cookie Rouse-Perry at 909-697-8391 or cookiecookie@yahoo.com

MEMORY BOXES- OCTOBER 2025

Congratulations Ladies, we continue to work toward our goal of 75 memory boxes for 2025, and now have completed 54 boxes. Great job! Let's keep painting! For August we had a total of 5 boxes turned in and 5 boxes have been received so far in September. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Marion Barnett, Diana Ray and Regina Taylor.

Our next Zoom Memory Box paint-along will be Monday, October 6, 2025 from 9:30 am-12 Noon. A pattern has been emailed to the SCDP membership in case you are in need of a design to paint. The Zoom login was included in the message containing the pattern. If you have a chance, please join us for a couple hours of painting and catching up with your fellow SCDP members. I will send a reminder on the weekend prior to the October paint-along.

Please keep in mind that 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 on an 8" x 8" piece of watercolor paper, mail it to me and I can attach it to a memory box. The 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

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the inside!

There were 5 memory boxes turned in for September so far & August has had 5 boxes turned in so far

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

2025 YTD Total: 54
2025 Goal: 75 Boxes

Remember our Pledge.

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





Surface available from Pinecraft or
Special Order through Cookie which includes track.

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9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Frosty's Sweet Treats

Design By Lizbeth Stull

Instruction by

Cookie Perry

Zoom Log In will

be emailed a few days before class.

Questions?

Please contact Avis by email or phone.

The class will be recorded.

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@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.



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Supplies Needed:

8" X 10" Canvas Board and Canvas Frame

Scrapbook paper, Mod Podge, Scissors

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# Christmas IS COMING

Here is all you need to know to sign up and plan for a fabulous festive experience!

- Party date is **December 8, 2025** starting at **9:30am**.
- If you would like to participate in our annual ornament exchange you will need to do the following:
  - o Send me an email to confirm your participation no later then **November 2, 2025**. [roxannecorey@icloud.com](mailto:roxannecorey@icloud.com)
  - o Once I have the list of participants, each will be notified of the person they will mail their ornament to. Please sign your ornament, write "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>" on the outside of the envelope and remove your name from your return label.
- All other party goers, please email me to confirm your attendance no later then **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. [roxannecorey@icloud.com](mailto:roxannecorey@icloud.com)
- After registration you will receive the prep and line drawing for our painting project (photo insert below) that I'm sure you have the perfect surface for in your stash. It is a Sandra Malone design that you are welcome to reduce or enlarge.

We will have games, contests, prizes, painting and of course of President will confirm SCDP's board for 2026!



If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact one of the party Elves.

Roxanne Corey – [roxannecorey@icloud.com](mailto:roxannecorey@icloud.com)

Anne Engle – [aengle3@yahoo.com](mailto:aengle3@yahoo.com)

Patty Newell – [patriciamnewell@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamnewell@gmail.com)







## SPECIAL EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BONUS

Renew on or BEFORE November 15, 2025

*To receive \$10.00 off the paint-in of your choice  
next year!*



Simply fill out the Membership Form, and attach a \$20.00 check made payable to  
Southern California Decorative Painters---SCDP and mail to:

Membership Chairperson:

**Kathryn Wheeler    11325 Telechron Avenue    Whittier, CA 90605**

**Please fill out entire form.**



### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Please Print**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_  
Are You a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Shop Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like information about becoming more involved with the Club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee: **\$20.00 annually** (January 2026 to December 2026)

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

Make \$20.00 check payable to "SCDP" and mail to Membership Chairperson:

**Kathryn Wheeler  
11325 Telechron Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90605**

# ~~~~Members Creative Corner~~~~

Send all pictures & descriptions to [patriciamnewell@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamnewell@gmail.com) by the 20th of every month



Snowflakes'n Nutcrackers

Designed by  
Tracy Moreau

*Painted by*  
*Diana Ray*

Owlfred Hitchcok

designed by  
Chris Haughey

*Painted by Irene*  
*Patrias*

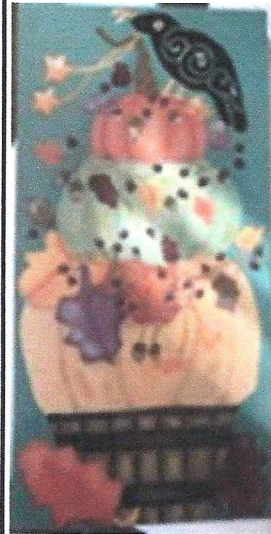


The Brides Box

Designed by  
Jo Sonja Jansen



*Painted by*  
*Cookie*  
*Rouse-Perry*



Pumpkin Topiary

Designed by Erika Jo-  
anne and taught by  
Stephanie Robinson.

*Painted by*  
*Irene Patrias*



Chickadee

Designed by  
Nancy Scott

*Painted by*  
*Anne Engle*



Keyhole Frame and inserts from Erika Joanne's Secret Garden subscription group. The inserts are painted on watercolor paper and can be inserted in the frame we painted as an earlier project.

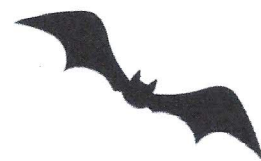
*Painted by Diana Ray*





## Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffins

- **Flour:** 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour
- **Sugar:** 1 cup, I used raw sugar, but any kind will work.
- 1 tsp Baking Soda helps the muffins rise.
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Baking powder
- **Spices:** 4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Salt balances the sweetness.
- **Pumpkin:** 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups (Buy canned pumpkin puree, not pumpkin pie filling.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Oil: I used coconut oil, but you can use any kind, like canola, vegetable oil, or olive oil.
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Milk
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract for flavor
- **Cream Cheese Topping:** I use  $\frac{1}{3}$ -less fat cream cheese but full fat cream cheese
- 8oz block cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- **Prep:** Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a muffin pan with paper liners and lightly spray them with oil for easy removal. Bake 15 ~ 18 minutes until toothpick comes out with a few moist crumbs.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, sugar, and vanilla. Add the pumpkin puree, eggs, and milk. Whisk until well-combined.
- In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Slowly mix into wet mixture. Set aside.
- Beat the cream cheese and granulated sugar together in a large bowl with an electric hand mixer. Add egg and vanilla. Mix well, scraping the bowl as needed. Set aside.
- Line muffin pans with paper cups. Scoop pumpkin muffin batter into cups with a #24 scoop, or about  $\frac{2}{3}$  full. Spoon cream cheese filling over the top using a #50 scoop or slightly more than one Tablespoon per muffin.
- Use a knife to fold (not just swirl) the two batters together. **NOTE:** The cream cheese batter is much thinner than the muffin batter. To *fold* the two batters together: Take a butter knife and insert it directly through the center of the muffin batter, gently scraping it along the bottom. and fold the batter back towards the center. Repeat 2-3x. This will create a swirled look.



## Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffins

- **Flour:** White whole wheat and all-purpose flours
- **Sugar:** I used raw sugar, but any kind will work.
- **Baking Soda** helps the muffins rise.
- **Spices:** Pumpkin pie spice, nutmeg, cinnamon
- **Salt** balances the sweetness.
- **Pumpkin:** Buy canned pumpkin puree, not pumpkin pie filling.
- **Oil:** I used coconut oil, but you can use any kind, like canola, vegetable oil, or olive oil.
- **Vanilla Extract** for flavor
- **Cream Cheese Topping:** I use 1/3-less fat cream cheese but full fat cream cheese works, sugar, egg yolk, vanilla
- **Prep:** Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a muffin pan with paper liners and lightly spray them with oil for easy removal.
- **Dry Ingredients:** Whisk the flours, sugar, baking soda, spices, and salt in a medium bowl.
- **Wet Ingredients:** In a large bowl, beat the pumpkin, oil, egg, and vanilla at medium speed with a hand mixer. Once thick, scrape down the sides of a bowl.
- **Add the flour mixture** to the pumpkin mixture and blend at low speed until combined. Be careful not to over-mix.
- **Cream Cheese Topping:** Beat the cream cheese until smooth, and slowly mix in the sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla.
- **How to Put Cream Cheese Filling in Muffins:** Pour the muffin batter into the prepared muffin tin, and drop one tablespoon of the cream cheese mixture on the tops of each muffin. Gently swirl the frosting with the toothpick from the edge to the center of the batter.
- **Bake the pumpkin cream cheese muffins** on the center rack for 24 to 26 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let them cool before serving.



## 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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*Let your  
Creativity flow*

