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Hello SCDP Friends,

I am in the Fall spirit, as I just returned from a three-night getaway in San Diego. I was fortunate enough to attend the San Diego Brush Wackers Autumn Getaway. It is a mini painting convention. It is like attending the old Vegas convention, only on a much smaller scale. If you want to paint with other painters and take classes from well-known teachers, check out their website for more information. It was so much fun!

For our Club, this fall season finds us busy trying to recruit new members to serve on our Board of Directors. Specific positions are open, but perhaps you have a skill, or know someone else with a talent not listed in our "official positions," that you could share. Our Club is always open to new ideas and suggestions that will help us keep current and up to date. Would you like to see an in-person get-together to paint, or a Zoom function with a special theme? This is your club, and the Board exists to meet its members' needs. Let me know what ideas you would like to see implemented or changed.

In keeping with our Fall theme, we have a fun paint-in coming up just in time for Halloween. It is a cute project called "Hattie & Hoot." The project has an adorable witch and pumpkin that are painted on a plate (or any surface of your choosing). Check the inside of the Newsletter for information about registering for this class.

Halloween comes at the end of this month, bringing all its scary creatures. I am sure we all have Halloween pieces we will bring out to decorate both the inside and outside of our homes. People of all ages celebrate Halloween. More and more adults seem to be enjoying this holiday. However, the traditions continue when children dress up in costumes and go from door to door, collecting treats and having fun. This is a great opportunity to connect with the children in your neighborhood and their parents. Candies, lollipops, and other sweets are always a hit with kids, but there are many other options to consider as well. Stickers, pencils, and other small toys are another great option for "trick-or-treaters."

In closing, let us enjoy the fun of the Halloween season. The projects we have painted, or will paint, and the ideas for the trick-or-treaters coming to our doors- let us also think of how we can use our own creativity to enhance our Club. Every contribution or idea can spark an interest and can lead to something new and exciting. Please share with me: email/call/text: mbiliturgy@aol.com, 562-743-3750

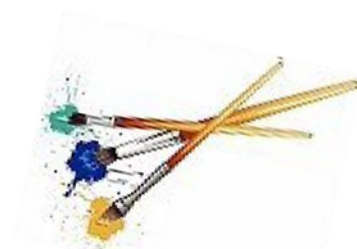
Happy Halloween,
Marion Barnett,
President, SCDP



Board Meeting—October 19, 9:30am



Upcoming Classes



October 5

(NEW DATE)

Hattie & Hoot

Designer: Maxine

Thomas

Teacher: Rose Melgoza

12" plate or surface

of your choice

1" tin star or stencil



November 9

One Happy Snowman

Designer & teacher:

Bobbie Campbell

Surface of choice.

Design size 14"x10"

Recommended Brushes:

Assorted good flats,

#1 Line, 3/4" Flat

Southern California Decorative Painters Board

This year, the following Board Positions are expiring:

President, Treasurer,

Assistant Treasurer, and Special Event Chair.

If you would like to run for office for one of these positions, or would like to nominate someone for any of these

positions, please email/call/text:

mbiliturgy@aol.com, 562-743-3750

Voting for the members of the Board will take place at the

November General Meeting



Zoom with us & 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 Ruth - 10/11
 Stacie Hall - 10/1
 Kristin Lewis - 10/14
 Mary Montoya - 10/28
 Cecilia Denton - 10/31

Sunshine & Shadows



Our Sunshine for this month is so Blessed as we haven't had any Shadows! We ask for everyone to please just keep each other and everyone's families in your thoughts and prayers.

Anyone who hears of Sunshines or Shadows please contact:

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

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the inside!



There was 1 memory box turned in for September
 13 memory boxes received for August.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Year to date memory boxes turned in: 52

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.**



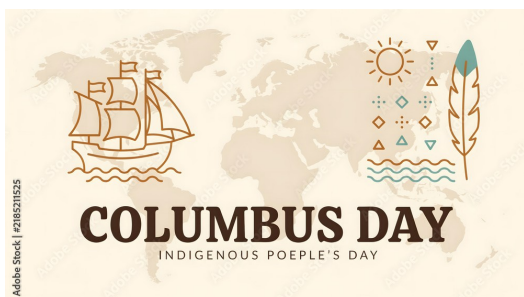
MEMBERSHIP- OCTOBER 2026

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, 14 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 October newsletter.

For any questions, please contact me.

Diana Ray
 Membership Chair





Surface: 12" Diameter Plate

Or surface of choice

1" Tin star or star stencil

**Southern California Decorative
Painters (SCDP)**

Cordially invites you to Zoom
with us on

Monday, October 12, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Hattie & Hoot

Designer: Maxine Thomas

Teacher: Rose Melgoza

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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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.



Surface of your choice.
 Design area measures 14" X 10"
 Assorted good flat brushes
 #1 Liner, 3/4" Flat

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 Painters (SCDP)**

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 with us on

Monday, November 9, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

One Happy Snowman

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.

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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

# 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 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>"**, on the outside of the envelope and **remove your name from your return label**.

All party goers 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:

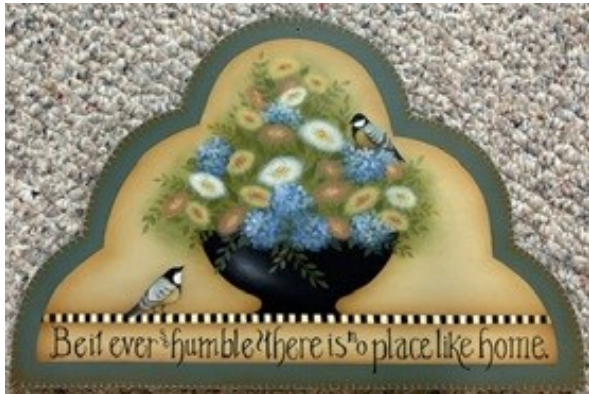
Roxanne Corey – [roxannecorey@icloud.com](mailto:roxannecorey@icloud.com)

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

Diana Ray – [dlray811@yahoo.com](mailto:dlray811@yahoo.com)

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

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



*Designed & taught by  
Lynne Andrews  
Painted by Roxanne Corey*



*Holly The Christmas  
Bunny*

*Designed by  
Wendy Fahey*

*Taught at a SCDP  
Zoom class by Irene  
Patrias*

*Painted by  
Rose Melgoza*

*"Boo"*

*Designed by  
Lynne Andrews*

*Painted by  
Christine  
Leonard-Taylor*



*"Sunflower Autumn"  
Designed by Erika Joanne*

*Taught in a zoom class by  
Stephanie Robinson*

*Painted by Diana Ray*

*"Ornament  
Collector"*

*Designed &  
Taught by  
Judy Coates  
At Autumn  
Getaway*

*Painted by  
Diana Ray*



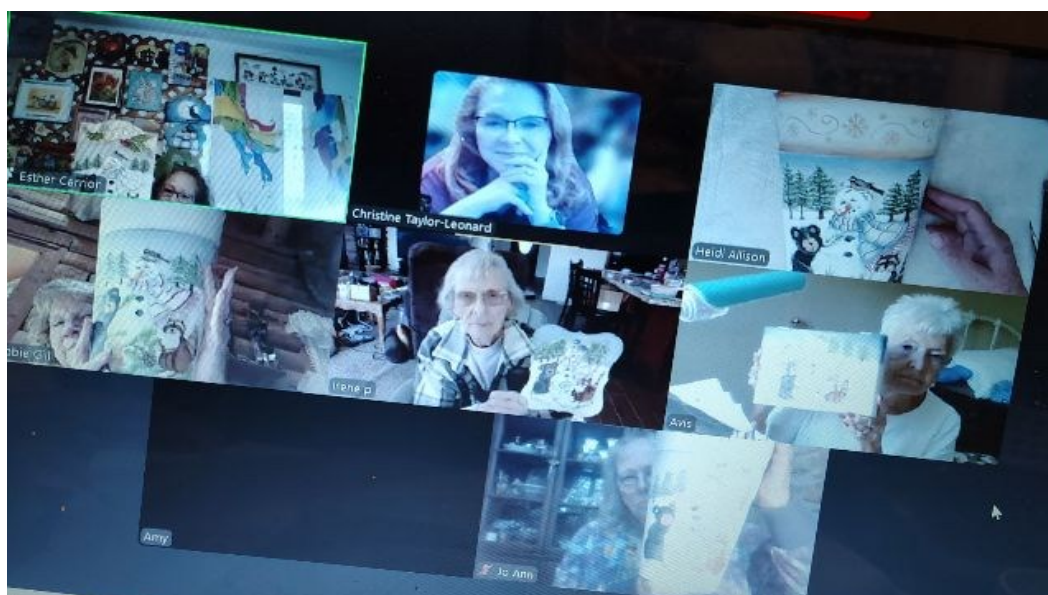
*Pumpkin  
Cookie  
Plate*

*Designed by  
Maxine  
Thomas*

*Painted by  
Christine  
Leonard-Taylor*



**Our September Paint In** brought us a wonderful winter scene in Woodsy Wonderland, a design by Karen Winsor and taught by Heidi Allison. This sweet winter gathering of woodland critters helped us think about cooler weather in the middle of summer. Adding fur, making pinecones, creating a forest of trees all added to the wonderful design in this project. Our ladies adapted the design to many different surfaces and it was inspiring to see everyone's piece. We certainly enjoyed our winter blast in the heat of summer!



#### **Memory Box Program—October 2026**

Great job SCDP Members! Our members have completed 52 memory boxes, well on our way to the goal of 70 boxes for 2026. We just have three months left in 2026 to reach our goal. Let's keep those brushes moving! A total of 13 boxes were received for the month of August and 1 box has been received so far for September. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Marion Barnett, Linda Kawaguchi and Diana Ray.

Fourteen boxes were delivered to Long Beach Memorial Hospital on September 10, 2026. The need for boxes for families at Long Beach Memorial continues and I would like to encourage members who may not have painted a box this year to please get involved with our community outreach program.

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.

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





## 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 4708 Canehill Avenue Lakewood, CA 90713

**Please fill out entire form**



### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS

2027 Membership Form

**Please Print**

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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



**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.**



## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Diana Ray**

**4708 Canehill Avenue**

**Lakewood, CA. 90713**

## Chewy Brown Sugar Maple Cookies

### Ingredients

- ☐ 2 sticks (1 cup) salted butter, at room temperature
- ☐ 1 cup dark brown sugar
- ☐ 1/4 cup maple syrup
- ☐ 1/4 cup apple butter
- ☐ 1 egg, at room temperature
- ☐ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ☐ 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- ☐ 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- ☐ 1 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ☐ 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

### Maple Glaze

- ☐ 4 tablespoons salted butter
- ☐ 1/3 cup maple syrup
- ☐ 1/2 – 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- ☐ flaky sea salt

### Instructions

1. Add 1 1/2 sticks (12 tablespoons) butter to a small saucepan set over medium heat, cooking until the butter begins to brown, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from the heat and transfer to a heatproof bowl. Stick in the freezer to chill, 10-15 minutes, but no longer.
2. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the remaining 1/2 stick butter, the cooled browned butter, and the brown sugar until combined. Beat in the maple syrup, apple butter, egg, and vanilla, beating until creamy. Add the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Fold in chocolate chips and pecans.
4. Roll the dough into rounded tablespoon size balls and place 3 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet.
5. Transfer to the oven and bake for 8 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and tap the baking sheet on the counter 2 times to flatten them down. Return to the oven and bake another 1-2 minutes or until the cookies are just beginning to set on the edges, but still doughy in the center. Remove from the oven and tap the baking sheet on the counter 1-2 times to flatten them down again. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet. They will continue to cook slightly as they sit on the baking sheet.
6. Meanwhile, make the glaze. Melt together the butter and maple syrup in a small pot over medium heat. Remove from the heat and whisk in the powdered sugar, and a pinch of salt.

Eat warm (highly recommended), or let cool and store in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

