



QUAIL'S TALES

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Hello SCDP Friends,

Here it is, the middle of April, and very soon we will welcome the month of May. When I think of May, I think of flowers blooming, beautiful weather, and the holidays we will be celebrating during this month, namely Mother's Day and Memorial Day. May is the time to take out our painted pieces with Uncle Sam's, Flags, and all things red, white, and blue.

Speaking of painting, we had two very nice painting days in April. The first one was our memory box paint-along. There were not many of us in attendance, but those who attended had a wonderful morning visiting, sharing ideas for painting, and just enjoying one another's company. We painted a beautiful pattern sent out by our Memory Box Chair, Diana Ray. I will share my memory box picture in our "Creative Corner."

The other lovely painting day was our regularly scheduled Paint-In: "Spring Royalty," taught by Bobbie Campbell, CDA. In addition to our club members, we had 3 non-club members who painted the piece with us. We all agreed that she was a wonderful teacher with new ideas to share. One of the new methods that we shared was a new technique for floating done with a round brush. It was a very interesting new technique to try.

I was thinking that this piece would make a lovely Mother's Day gift for that special lady in our lives. Be it a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or other lady who holds a special place in your life. This year we celebrate Mother's Day on May 10. The other celebration in May is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is designated to honor those who died in service to our country. It doesn't matter when, where, or which military conflict was involved; Memorial Day honors all fallen soldiers who fought for all branches of the U.S. military. Let us take time on this day to remember these men and women.

As I close my letter, I remind you to read the entire Newsletter. Pay particular attention to the upcoming programs. We have a lovely piece for our Paint-In in May that would make a particularly nice Christmas decoration for your home or a gift for a special person. Also, note the "Special Event" that is planned for our 51st Anniversary in June. Lynn Andrews will be teaching the project – register early!

Warm regards,
Marion Barnett
President, SCDP



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Board Meeting
March 31, 9:30am

Upcoming Classes



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



June 1st

**SCDP's 51st Anniversary
Lynne Andrews Special Event**



"Humble Home"

July 13

Peppermints & Holly

Designer & Teacher
Shannon Miller

Surface Available from
Pine Craft

Classic Bauble Cutout ~
SKU #825002

10" X 11.5" \$3.99*

Scarff Brush series 458 #1 Liner



Please welcome our newest member to SCDP,
Georgia Magarrell
from Gresham, Oregon!
Our current membership stands at 49 members!

Come paint & have some fun!!
Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



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

Southern California Decorative Painters (SCDP)

Cordially invites you to Zoom with us on

Monday, May 11, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Candy & Cane Snowies

Designer: Cindy Mann Vitale

Teacher: Christine Taylor-Leonard

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

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 + \$5 Pattern Pack Fee _____

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

Total Paid: _____ Check # _____



Pinecraft Surface. SKU# 825002

Or surface of choice.

Pattern Pack \$12 Website: shannonmillerpaints.com

Scharff Series 458 #1 Liner for Strokework

Southern California Decorative Painters (SCDP)

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Monday, July 13, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Peppermints & Holly

Design & Teacher

Shannon Miller, 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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Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

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

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.

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



May Birthdays

Rose Melgoza—5/10
Linda Kilponen—5/13
Avis Randall—5/21
Regina Taylor— 5/21
Linda Faff—5/27

Sunshine & Shadows



Here we are once again as we paint, paint and paint!
As we keep each other and our families in our thoughts and prayers. Please keep special prayers for Rowena Jeffrey as she is recovering from some health issues.

Anyone who hears of any Sunshines 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 5 memory boxes turned in for April (so far)
4 memory boxes turned in for March

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

Year to date memory boxes turned in:
19
2026 Goal: 70 Boxes

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



Memorial Day In Honor of Our Heros



Memory Boxes

SCDP's goal for Memory Boxes in 2026 is 70 boxes and year to date, 19 completed boxes have been turned in. A total of 4 boxes were turned in for March and 5 boxes have been turned in so far for April. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in from Marion Barnett, Irene Patrias and Diana Ray.

Sixteen memory boxes were delivered to Long Beach Memorial on April 9, 2026.

Our next Memory Box paint-along will be on Monday, July 7, 2026 on Zoom. 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



Cinco de Mayo



Members Creative Corner

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



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

Painted by Diana Ray



This Telemark piece was designed by Bjorg Kleivi
Painted by Marion Barnett



This design was inspired From ArtOutrages, created by Dorey Joy, with permission
Painted by Marion Barnett

"Little Arty Peacock"

A colored pencil project designed and taught by Debbie Cushing on Zoom for the Artful Webinars Virtual Convention.

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



Floral Butterfly Tray- Designed and taught by Shannon Miller at SCDP's March paint-in class.
Painted by Diana Ray

Bottle of Wine Chocolate Pie

2 cups chocolate wafer cookie crumbs (from one 9-ounce box)

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted

2 tablespoons sugar

Pinch of fine salt

Filling:

1/2 cup cornstarch

1 1/4 cups plus 3 tablespoons sugar

One 750-milliliter bottle dry red wine

Three 4-ounce bars bittersweet chocolate, chopped

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Pinch of fine salt

2 cups cold heavy cream

Chocolate curls or sprinkles, for topping, optional



1. For the crust: Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 325 degrees F.
2. Toss together the cookie crumbs, butter, sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Press into the bottom and sides of a 9-inch deep-dish pie pan. Bake until dry and set, 15 to 18 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack.
3. For the filling: Combine the cornstarch and 1 1/4 cups of sugar in a medium saucepan and very slowly whisk in the wine to prevent lumps from forming. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until it has come to a simmer and is very thick, about 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the chocolate, butter and salt until smooth. Pour the filling into the cooled crust and refrigerate until chilled





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, mbliturg@aol.com



Our April Paint In was a sure success with Bobbie Campbell, CDA as we painted her wonderful design Tulip Royalty. We had several non-member guests join us through our Facebook promotions. It was delightful to meet new people who love to paint and are big fans of Bobbie!

Several of our group had to leave early as is often the case with people joining us from the east coast. We enjoyed our time with Bobbie very much and are looking forward to painting with her again in November.





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.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS

2026 Membership Form

Please Print

Check # _____ Cash _____

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 Club? 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

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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