



QUAIL'S TALES

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

It is hard to believe that August is coming to a close and we will soon be welcoming September. It seems that the summer months have just flown by! September always brings change – the weather changes, our clothing changes, and children return to school, --if they haven't already. It feels like school starts earlier every year. When I was a student, we didn't begin until around Labor Day and finished in mid-June. Now, every school district seems to have its own schedule.

With September's arrival, the stores are filled with fall décor and Halloween displays, especially in our favorite craft stores like Hobby Lobby, Michaels, and even the Dollar Tree. Everywhere you look there is something to spark our creativity.

As your Board, we continue to work behind the scenes thinking about next year's projects. Our Vice President, Christine Taylor Leonard has sent out letters to potential teachers for their submissions of projects to teach for next year. The submissions are due by the end of September. We look forward to receiving some interesting projects for our Club. As soon as the submissions are in, we will all vote on which projects we would like to be taught to our Club in 2026.

We also continue to work on the revision of the By Laws and Standing Rules for the Club. The committee consists of myself, Marion Barnett, Christine Taylor Leonard, and Nancy Hornberger. This has taken much longer than we expected because so much has changed since becoming a Zoom only Club. Many things no longer apply, while other things need to be added because of how we operate today. When completed, these By Laws and Standing Rules will first go to the Board for review, then to the membership for final approval. Our goal is to create a set of guidelines that will serve our club for many years.

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to start thinking about Board positions for the coming year. Some current Board Members have volunteered to continue in their roles, but we always welcome fresh ideas and new energy. If you have talents to share or are interested in contributing to the leadership of our Club, please reach out to me personally.

As I close this letter, I wish you all a joyful start to the fall season, and remember, keep painting with enthusiasm!

Warm regards,
Marion Barnett,
President

2025 SCDP Board

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Board Meeting
September 15,
9:30 am



Upcoming Classes



September 8

Pumpkin Topiary (Paint & Pencil)

Designer: Erika Joanne

Teacher: Stephanie Robinson

Supply list will be emailed once class payment is received. 6 X 12 panel or surface of choice. If you are basecoating your own panel, it is recommended that you do not mix your basecoat with sealer. Apply sealer first and let dry then basecoat



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)



Come paint & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



September Birthdays

Roxanne Corey—9/16
Anne Engle—9/27
Fran Wilson—9/27

Sunshine & Shadows



Please keep Christine Taylor Leonard in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her recent surgery. We want to wish many happy days and good health for all of our members and their families.

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

Memory Box Report

Remember to finish the inside!



There were 5 memory boxes turned in for July so far & August has had 2 boxes turned in so far

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

2025 YTD Total: 46
 2025 Goal: 75 Boxes

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

Memory Boxes

Congratulations Ladies, we continue to work toward our goal of 75 memory boxes for 2025, and now have completed 46 boxes. Great job! Keep those brushes moving! For July we had a total of 5 boxes turned in and 2 boxes have been received so far in August. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Donna Beightol, Anne Engle, Chris Schlager and Fran Wilson.

Back in late July, we received a donation of 22 paper mache boxes from Tammy Mannon on behalf of Genie. We now have a limited number of heart shaped boxes available in case anyone would like to paint one.

Twelve memory boxes were delivered to Long Beach Memorial Hospital on July 29, 2025.

Our next Zoom Memory Box paint-along will be Monday, October 6, 2025 from 9:30 am-12 Noon. A pattern will emailed to the membership in mid-September.

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





August Paint In Recap...

What an enjoyable day of painting we had on August 11 as we worked with Kathy Van Horne in creating her design, As Sweet As Honey.

It was such an enjoyable class with a limited color palette and repetitive stroke work that helped to achieve a timeless and classic work of art.

As few ladies could not join us for class and will paint from the recording. Zoom makes it possible to never miss a class you would really like to take!

The tray was done by Roxanne Coery and the ached board was done by Daina Ray. They both shared their beautiful completed work on our Facebook page.



The day was truly "As Sweet As Honey" and we have invited Kathy to submit for us again next year!

Happy Painting!





Paint & Pencil

6 " X 12" Art Board or surface of choice.

Supply list will be sent once payment is received.

**Southern California Decorative
Painters (SCDP)**

Cordially invites you to Zoom
with us on

Monday, September 8, 2025

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Pumpkin Topiary

Design By Erika Joanne

Instruction by

Stephanie Robinson

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@dslextrreme.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 Pinecraft or
Special Order through Cookie which includes track.

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~~~~Members Creative Corner~~~~

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



Robin Redbreast—part one

This was a project from Erika Joanne's Secret Garden subscription group. Erika selected my project to use for the banner on the Facebook group page.

Painted by Diana Ray



Robin
Redbreast
part two

Designed by
Erika Joanne

*Painted by
Diana
Ray*



Coasters & Box
- Part one

Designed by
Rosemary West

*Painted by
Irene
Patrias*



Coasters &
Box-
Part two

Designed by
Rosemary
West

*Painted by
Irene
Patrias*



Gingerbread Teapot- This is a Sandy Leflore design painted from a Facebook Live class

Painted by Diana Ray



I painted this little coin purse for one of the kiddos in our family for her birthday. The lettering design is from a book by Lindsay Ostrom.

*Painted by
Diana Ray*

August Paint Along Recap...

Our monthly Paint Along for August was an enjoyable time! Some of us painted Hello Snow by Sandra Malone while others painted Memory Boxes or just popped in to visit. That is what our Paint Alongs are all about! Keeping in touch with one another and having the opportunity to chat.

Labor Day is the first Monday of September so we will not be meeting that day. Be sure to join us again October 6 for our last Memory Box Paint In of the year!



Season's Greetings!

Yes indeed, it is that time of year. Time to mark December 8th in your calendar and plan to attend the SCDP Christmas Party.

There will be the usual festive games, prizes and a painting project of course. More details will follow, but, until then, you can start planning and gathering supplies to decorate your zoom room and yourself with Christmas fun (there will be a prize)!





Steak Marsala with Cauliflower Mash

1 head cauliflower, cut into florets

2 sprigs rosemary (leaves from 1 sprig chopped)

Kosher salt

1 1/2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend (about 5 ounces)

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives Freshly ground pepper

4 beef eye-round steaks (1/2 inch thick; about 5 ounces each)

1 large shallot, chopped

2 cloves garlic, chopped

8 ounces sliced white mushrooms (about 4 cups)

1/2 cup sweet Marsala wine or white wine

1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1. Combine 2 cups water, the cauliflower, whole rosemary sprig and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a pot and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook until the cauliflower is very tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and transfer to a food processor, discarding the rosemary. Add the cheese and 1 tablespoon butter and puree. Transfer to a bowl and fold in the chives; season with salt and pepper. Cover to keep warm.
2. Season the steaks on both sides with salt and pepper. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over high heat until foamy and starting to brown, about 1 minute. Add the steaks and cook until browned, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate.
3. Add 1 tablespoon butter to the skillet. Reduce the heat to medium high and add the shallot, garlic and chopped rosemary. Cook, stirring, 30 seconds. Add the mushrooms and cook until tender, about 3 minutes. Add the wine; cook until reduced by half, about 2 minutes. Add the chicken broth; cook until thickened, about 4 minutes. Add the steaks and any accumulated juices and the remaining 1 tablespoon butter to the skillet. Cook, turning the steaks to coat, 1 minute. Serve with the cauliflower puree.

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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.**



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*Let your
Creativity flow*