



QUAIL'S TALES

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Hello Painting Friends,

August has arrived, and here we are in the throes of summer. Here in California, we have had some pretty hot days. Our desert temperatures have been in the triple digits, but I hear other states are also experiencing very hot temperatures. With 31 days, there's plenty of time to squeeze in a couple more trips to the beach, backyard barbecues, or to get your [back-to-school shopping](#) underway.

While there aren't any federal holidays this month, there are plenty of other occasions to note, including Sisters' Day, Water Balloon Day, Hawaiian Shirt Day, and a host of other happenings, observances, and awareness days. There are also a variety of weekly observations, including **Clutter Awareness Week, August 6-12**. Most of us have accumulated supplies, patterns, books, and unfinished projects over the years. Perhaps it is time to sort through those items and see what we really need to keep. Clearing away clutter gives us more room to create and discover the joy of painting in an uncluttered atmosphere.

Last month we had our General Meeting before the paint-in, and what fun it was. It was the Christmas in July Theme, and some of the members, as asked, created Christmas in July-themed hats. Shannon Miller chose the winner of the hat contest: Roxanne Corey, whose hat was a "melted snowman," won the contest and a free paint-in. I believe that we all enjoyed the meeting and the paint-in that followed. Sharon taught "Peppermints & Holly" and again, what a pleasure it was to paint with her. She gave hints and techniques for holding your brush, how to use a sewing and knitting gauge rule to mark your wood piece, and other subtle ways to paint that certainly matter for our painting skills.

Financially, our Club is in a good position. Each month, all members receive a Treasurer's report so it is known how we stand financially. In the last three years, we have had very little variance in our balance sheet. As a Board, we keep a check on our spending to be sure that funds are managed correctly. We are committed to being good stewards of the Club's resources. At the same time, our goal isn't just to save money – it is to use it wisely. If you have ideas for special events, demonstrations, workshops, or other painting suggestions, we would love to hear from you. Remember, this is **your club**. Be proactive and let us know what you would like!

Hope to see you at our August Paint-In,
Marion Barnett,
President, SCDP

2026 SCDP Board

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Board Meeting
July 20, 9:30am

Upcoming Classes



August 10 **Holly the Christmas Bunny** **Pen & Ink**

Designer: Wendy Fahey

Teacher: Irene Patrias

11 X14 Mat Board in White.

Permanent Black Fine Point Pen

Foam-Board 20 X 30 from Hobby

Lobby or Michaels.

Both stores will cut board for you
at no charge



September 14 **Woodsy Wonderland**

Designer: Karen Wisner

Teacher: Heidi Allsion

Design Area 8.5" Surface of
choice. Sample painted on 11"
Tin Half Wall Bucket.

Heidi has 24 Buckets available for
\$10 each Contact Heidi: peri-
woods@aol.com

October 5

(NEW DATE)

Hattie & Hoot

Designer: Maxine Thomas

Teacher: Rose Melgoza

12" plate or surface
of your choice
1" tin star or stencil



Zoom with us & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



August Birthdays

Diana Ray - 8/11
Linda Ramos - 8/21

Sunshine & Shadows



Please keep each other in your thoughts and prayers as we all have life's ups and downs.

Annie Engle has been caring for her hubby, Jim who thankfully is doing better!

Please if anyone hears of any 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 were 5 memory boxes
turned in for June
6 memory boxes
Received for July (so far)

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

Year to date memory boxes turned in: 37

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.





White Mat Board 11" X 14"

Black Permanent Marker

Recommended: Shuttle Art Permanent Marker

Ultra Fine Tip UPC 750076267141 Amazon

**Southern California Decorative
Painters (SCDP)**

Cordially invites you to Zoom
with us on

Monday, August 10, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Holly The Christmas Bunny

Designer: Wendy Fahey

Teacher: Irene Patrias

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@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.



Design Size: 8.5" Surface of choice.

Sample painted on 11" Tin Half Wall Bucket

Heidi has 24 Buckets available for \$10 each

Contact Heidi: periwoods@aol.com

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Teacher: Heidi Allison

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Questions?

Please contact Avis by email.

The class will be recorded.

Southern California Decorative Painters Zoom Class Enrollment Form

Enclose your check 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:

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Surface: 12" Diameter Plate

Or surface of choice

1" Tin star or star stencil

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with us on

Monday, October 12, 2026

9:30 – 4:00 Pacific Time

As we paint

Hattie & Hoot

Designer: Maxine Thomas

Teacher: Rose Melgoza

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be emailed a few days before class.

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

**Southern California Decorative
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Cordially invites you to Zoom
 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

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

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



Happy Highland  
Fourth  
Designed by  
Sandy LeFlore  
The insert fits into  
her Celebration  
Basket & can be  
swapped out with  
inserts for different  
holidays  
*Painted by  
Diana Ray*



Betsy Ross  
Designed by Lynne  
Andrews  
It was a zoom class

*Painted by  
Linnea Rydout*



Olde Glory – Designed by Maxine Thomas  
It was a Zoom class  
*Painted by Linnea Rydout*

Patriotic Pinwheels  
Designed & taught  
by Lora Haberstroh  
as a zoom class

*Painted by  
Diana Ray*



*Uncle Sam*

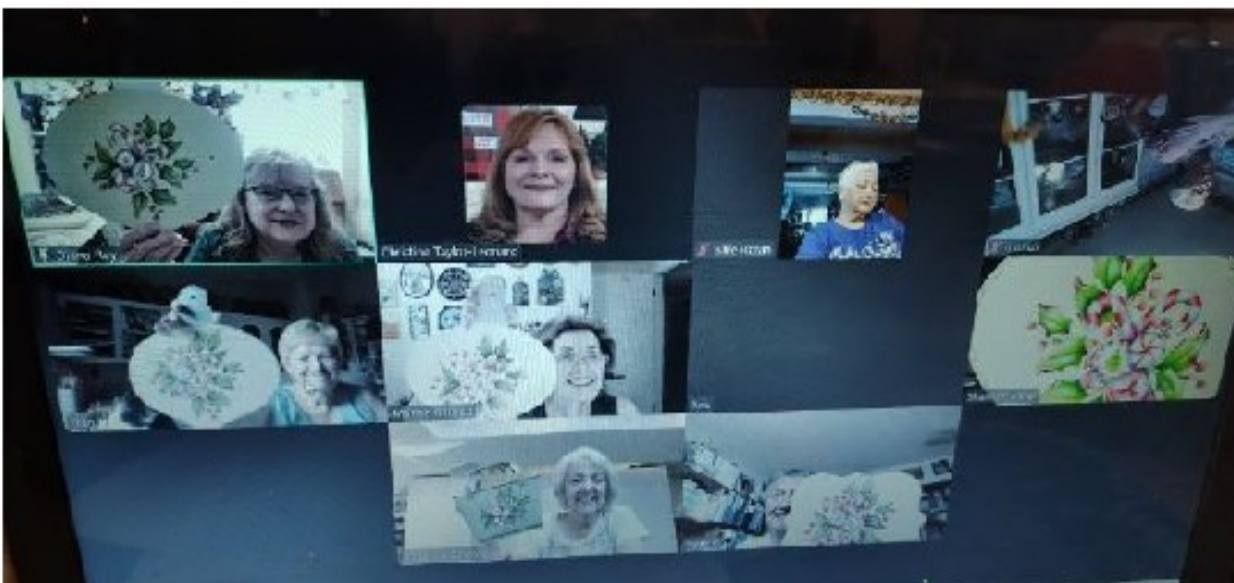
*Painted by  
Regina Taylor*



Resin & soldering  
class at  
O'Flanary's

*Painted by  
Regina  
Taylor*

**Christmas in July** was a wonderful time with Shannon Miller, CDA as we painted her Peppermints and Holly design. We started the day showing off our Christmas hats, with Shannon voting Roxanne Corey's melting snowman hat the winner! Roxanne won a gift certificate for one free paint In! Congrats Roxanne! What an enjoyable class we had with Shannon. She does such beautiful work and explains the steps so well, sharing lots of tips and tricks to achieve a beautiful finish. Everyone was close to being done by the end of class!



**Join us on Monday, August 3 for our  
monthly Paint Along!**

The suggested pattern is Fall Fun with Pumpkins by Loretta Mateik. The was a free pattern from The Artist Club many years ago. The pattern has been emailed to our group.

With fall fast approaching (with hopefully cooler weather!) this cute design would paint up beautifully on any surface you have in your stash!

After 7 years of Paint Alongs, it is becoming harder to find free patterns to share. We will now be sending suggested patterns out periodically, as they become available.

Our Paint Alongs give us the opportunity to chat and catch up with one another. It also gives you the chance to prep or finish up a project while visiting with your painting friends.

Please join us on August 3 as we Paint Along together!





## Southern California Decorative Painters Board

The SCDP Board consists of Elected Officers and Appointed Positions.

**The Elected Officers are:** President, Vice President, Assistant VP, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Special Event Chair, Secretary, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor. The Elected Officers serve a term of two years.

**The Appointed Positions are:** Corresponding Secretary, Memory Box Chair, Christmas Party Chair, Web Editor, Paint-Along Chair, and Zoom Chair. The Appointed Officers continue in their roles until they resign or a successor is appointed.

Each year, elections are held for Board Positions whose terms are expiring. This year, those terms that will expire are: **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](mailto:mbiliturgy@aol.com), 562-743-3750

**Voting for the members of the Board will take place at the November General Meeting.**

### Memory Box Programs

Congratulations Ladies! We are more than halfway to our goal of 70 boxes for 2026; SCDP members have completed 37 boxes! A total of 5 boxes were received for the month of June and 6 boxes have been received so far for July. Since the last newsletter, boxes have been turned in by Marion Barnett, Nancy Hornberger and Diana Ray.

Fourteen boxes were delivered to Long Beach Memorial on July 21, 2026. There has been a greater need for boxes over the past few months and we are pleased that we can support the hospital and the families. Because the need for memory boxes continues, please consider taking some time out your schedule to paint a memory box that will go to a grieving family to remember their cherished 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

### Become Involved With Our Club



If you would like to become more involved with our Club, one way to do so is by chairing our Christmas Party. I am sure that many of you have the talent to take on this role. It can involve selecting games to play, a painting activity, a show-and-tell segment, or whatever else you can think of. Be assured that you will have the help of our Board if you decide to Chair this event. Please call/text or email Marion Barnett to sign up or for more information:

562-743-3750 – [mbiliturgy@aol.com](mailto:mbiliturgy@aol.com)



**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.**



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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