

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
DECORATIVE PAINTERS

Est. 1975



Southern California Decorative Painters History

Our painting group was the first to be established in Southern California in January 1975. At that time there were two painting groups in California – Northern and Southern. We were affiliated with the Society of Decorative Painters from 1975- 2022. We are now an independent group. Members came from cities around Southern California, such as Redlands, Oxnard, Lompoc, Running Springs and many cities in-between.

SCDP met at the Holy Trinity Church on Badillo in Covina with over 140 members. We also met at the Elks Lodge in Covina, the upstairs of a California Federal Bank and later in the Masonic Hall in Downey, where there was a full kitchen, allowing the chapter to host many pot lucks at our monthly Paint Ins. We then moved to a Recreation Center at a Bellflower park and then on to the La Habra Community Center. The last several years we were meeting at the East Whittier Women’s Improvement Center. With the onset of Covid-19 in 2020, we have become a Zoom group.

Our membership consists of people that share a love for painting, including many teachers and those in the Decorative Painting industry, such as tole shop owners and designers. Past members include Carl and Phyllis Gustafsson who owned the wood cutting company, Cabin Crafts. JoSonja Jansen is one of our founding members. Many of our early members are still active in the chapter today.

Teas and fashion shows were held over the years. Our first fashion show was held in 1985 for our 10th Anniversary. We had large bazaars around Halloween in members’ homes for our fundraisers. We currently host a yearly Christmas party via Zoom. A portion of our funds are donated to worthy charities in the Whittier area.

We participate in the Memory Box Program. Our members paint special boxes to be given to grieving parents to hold mementos after the loss of their child. The memory boxes are donated to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. We get together to “Paint Along with one another the first Monday of the month. Each quarter, our Paint Along is dedicated to painting Memory Boxes.

Our chapter votes on the projects we would like to paint every year. We meet for a Paint In via Zoom the second Monday of the month, 10 times a year. A teacher guides us through the painting step by step as we complete the project. This gives our members the opportunity to learn new techniques and work with different mediums. We host a seminar with nationally known artists each year.

Find us on social media: scdp.webador.com

Facebook: Southern California Decorative Painters

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS

BY-LAWS

Established January 1975

Amended – November 1995 (effective January 1996)

Amended – November 2004 (effective January 2005)

Amended – June 2010 (effective July 2010)

Amended – November 2011 (effective January 2012)

Amended – November 2017 (effective January 2018)

Amended – November 2022 (effective January 2023)

Amended – August 2023 (effective January 2024)

Amended – June 6, 2024 (effective January 2025)

Amended – November 10, 2025 (effective January 2026)

ARTICLE – I Name

The official name of this non-profit organization shall be the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS and referred to herein as SCDP.

ARTICLE – II Purpose and Motto

The purpose of the SCDP shall be to stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art of tole and decorative painting. To raise the quality of teaching tole and decorative painting through classes, displays, and dissemination of information. Our Motto is: *“Through every brushstroke we tell a story.”*

ARTICLE – III Membership

1. Membership in SCDP is open to persons who, in accepting membership, thereby agree to be bound in all things not contrary to our bylaws.
2. This shall include all persons interested in tole and decorative painting and who are interested in supporting SCDP.
3. SCDP non-members may attend 2 (two) Paint-Ins per year without being required to join SCDP.

ARTICLE – IV Dues

1. A vote of the membership shall determine membership dues.
2. Dues shall be paid annually as stated in the Standing Rules.
3. Annual membership runs from January 1 through December 31.
4. The due date for SCDP dues for the following year will start October 1 and be delinquent on December 31.

ARTICLE – V Meetings

1. SCDP is a Zoom Club.
2. The Board shall have the authority to change dates, and times for SCDP meetings provided sufficient notice is given to the members.
3. General Meetings shall be held as stated in the Standing Rules.
4. The President may call special meetings of the Board.
5. A quorum shall consist of not less than 1/5 of the membership. If a quorum is not present at a General Meeting, the vote shall be mailed/emailed to all members.

ARTICLE – VI Officers and Elections

1. The elected OFFICERS of SCDP shall be: the President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chair, Special Events Chair, and Newsletter Editor.
2. All officers are responsible for attending SCDP Board and General Meetings.
3. Each OFFICER shall serve a term of two (2) years and may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms, without the approval of the current Board. Installation of OFFICERS will be held in December and will assume office on January 1.
4. Elections shall take place yearly with the following OFFICERS: President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Special Events Chair, being elected at the end of the even year with their term commencing at the beginning of the odd year.
5. The remaining OFFICERS: Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor will be elected at the end of the odd year with their term commencing at the beginning of the even year.
6. Any member may hold more than one position on the Board.

BOARD POSITIONS

President – shall preside at meetings of the Board and General meetings; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee. The President shall have served on the SCDP Board for at least one (1) year before running for the Office and does not have to be a member of the current Board. The President shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and shall perform such other duties that pertain to the Office. The President shall appoint all committees with Board approval. The President must approve all check requests.

Vice President – The Vice President serves as the coordinator of programs and assists the President as needed. Each June, the Vice President contacts potential teachers to request project

submissions for the following year and provides monthly reminder emails until the September 30 deadline. Submitted projects are compiled for membership voting in early September and the voting results are presented to the Board at the October meeting for approval and finalization of the program calendar.

Following Board approval, the Vice President shall notify all teachers whose projects have been selected, confirming their teaching month by email and including a teacher's contract specifying the project title and date. Teachers whose projects were not selected shall also be notified, thanked for their submissions and encouraged to participate again the following year.

The Vice President prepares the new annual calendar, which includes the designer, teacher, general meetings in February, July, and November, as well as paint-along and memory box paint-along dates. This calendar, created by the Vice President, will be published in the November newsletter and shared with the Newsletter Chair, Web Editor, and President.

Additionally, the Vice President prepares a summary page outlining each month's project, including surface information, discount numbers if applicable, and any other items needed to complete the project. This summary is distributed to the membership and posted on the website along with the calendar. The Vice President shall also contact Pinecraft to request 20% discount codes for surfaces and forward any received codes as appropriate.

Finally, the Vice President is responsible for creating flyers for each project or class, including all relevant details for enrollment, publication and promotion through the club's newsletter, website, and social media platforms.

Assistant Vice President - may be a shared office with the Vice President. The Assistant Vice President is in charge of program registration and distribution of project materials. All enrollment fees received by the Assistant Vice President are to be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit in SCDP's checking account.

Secretary – shall record minutes of all SCDP General and Board meetings. These minutes shall be a complete and clear record of SCDP activities. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the minutes to the Board and General Membership by mail/email. The Secretary shall provide Board Meeting Minutes to all Board Members before the next scheduled Board meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, the President shall appoint another member to record the minutes of that meeting. A copy of the corrected minutes shall be furnished to the Board. The secretary takes minutes at the general meetings and provides the minutes to the general membership before the next Meeting.

Treasurer – shall receive all monies of SCDP, deposit all funds into the checking account and keep a record of receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer pays all bills, after they have been approved by the President. The Treasurer also sends out gift certificates when warranted and advises the Assistant Treasurer of this expense. When sending a payment to a teacher who has taught a class the Treasurer will include a thank you card with the payment.

Assistant Treasurer - prepares the Treasurer's report from the Bank Statement provided by the Treasurer and reconciles the Bank Statement. The Bank Statement also includes SCDP's Saving

Account. The treasurer's report is generated from this. The Treasurer re-checks the report and it is then sent to the Board for approval. After approval it is sent as a separate email attachment to the members along with the Newsletter. In addition, the Treasurer prepares a financial report to prepare the budget for the following year. The Assistant Treasurer or other appointed person prepares the N 99 nonprofit postcard form and must be filed by May 15th.

Membership Chair – shall receive all monies for membership dues, submit to the Treasurer and shall maintain a current list of members throughout the year and provide the list to the membership. When new members are added or member information changes, an updated membership list will be sent out in that quarter.

Newsletter Editor – shall serve as the Editor of the Southern California Decorative Painters "Quail's Tales" newsletter; be responsible for the publication, mail distribution, collection, and billing of ads. The Editor will submit a copy to the Web Editor for publication on the website. In addition, the Newsletter Editor shall submit a monthly breakdown of expenses to the treasurer. Before publication, the Newsletter shall be approved by the President.

Special Events Chair – shall coordinate all activities involved in scheduling a minimum of 1 one Special Event per year. This shall include inquiry letters, teacher selection, teacher needs, and any other requirements. The Chair is responsible for mailing out special event supplies, gifts, etc. and with the Board's approval sign a contract to engage such teacher.

Article VII - BOARD

The Board of SCDP shall consist of the Elected Officers and the Appointed Positions of Corresponding Secretary, Memory Box Chair, Christmas Party Chair, Web Editor, Paint-Along Chair, and Zoom Chair.

1. The number of Appointed Officers with voting privileges shall not exceed the number of Elected Officers.
2. The Board shall prepare a budget for the upcoming year. The budget is to be presented to the General Membership at the first General Meeting of the year for approval.
3. The Board shall meet as stated in the Standing Rules.
4. Except the Office of President, if any SCDP office becomes vacant during the term, it shall be the responsibility of the Board to promptly appoint a successor to such office to serve for the remainder of the term. If the Office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President automatically becomes President and is appointed for the remainder of the term. The Board shall appoint a successor to the office of Vice president for the remainder of the term.
5. The Past President shall serve as a Parliamentarian who shall attend both the SCDP Board and General meetings. If the Past President is unable to fulfill this position, the current President may appoint one. The Past President may serve as Advisor to the Board when requested.

ARTICLE – VIII Appointed Positions

Appointed Positions shall serve, by appointment of the President with Board approval: Corresponding Secretary, Christmas Party Chair, Memory Box Chair, Nominating Chair, Web Editor, Paint-In Coordinator, and Zoom Chair.

1. Special Committees may be created at the discretion of the President, with Board approval. The purpose of Special Committees shall be stated upon their appointment and shall cease to exist when their final report is accepted.
2. An audit of the club's financial records shall be conducted on an as needed basis and a written summation ~~be~~ presented to the Board. A non-member of SCDP may assist in the audit.

ARTICLE – IX Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to these By-laws and Standing Rules shall be submitted in writing to the President and reviewed by the Board for approval.
2. The By-laws and Standing Rules may be changed or altered by a 1/5 vote provided that the proposed amendments have been presented in writing to the members prior to the meeting at which voting takes place.
3. Amendments shall be emailed/mailed to all members.
4. If a quorum has not been present at the General Meeting the amendment that has been proposed, these By-laws and Standing Rules may be amended by a written ballot sent to each member, provided that a majority of the members return the written ballots mailed/emailed. Installation of Officers will be held in December.

ARTICLE – X Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the Parliamentary Authority for all matters not in conflict with these by-laws SCDP.

ARTICLE – XI Nominations and Elections

1. The Nominating Chair (if one has been appointed), shall prepare a slate for the election of officers to present to the Board. The slate shall be submitted to the members and voted on at the November General meeting. The new Board Members shall be installed at the Christmas Party/Event. *If a Nominating Chair has not been appointed, these duties shall defer to the President.*
2. The Nominating Chair shall notify the members at least two weeks prior to the November meeting either through the Quail Tails newsletter or a special mailing either by mail/email.
3. There shall be a provision for nominations from the floor for each Office at the meeting at which elections are held, providing consent of the nominee has been obtained.

4. To conduct the vote, a quorum must be present. A quorum is 1/5 of the membership. While meeting via Zoom, voting shall be by show of hands or a Yea or Nay statement.

ARTICLE - XII Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of SCDP, all liabilities and obligations of SCDP shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provisions are made. Any remaining funds and assets in the treasury at the time shall be given to a like organization or given to another non-profit group to be determined by the majority of the remaining members.

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STANDING RULES

1. Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per calendar year. These dues stand unless otherwise changed by a vote of the membership and Board Membership privileges begin only after dues are received by the Membership Chair.
2. Our club is involved in two charitable organizations. We support the Whittier Women's and Children's Shelter with a yearly monetary donation of \$200.00. We also support the Memory Box Program. The Memory Box Chair oversees this position. All SCDP members are encouraged to paint at least one Memory Box per year to support this program. Memory Boxes are donated to Long Beach Memorial Hospital and given to parents who have lost a child at birth.
3. The financial records of SCDP shall be kept on a calendar basis, from January 1 through December 31.
4. The Board shall normally meet on a consistent basis at least once a month; a minimum of eight (8) times per year.
5. A minimum of three (3) General Meetings will be held a year.
6. The Parliamentarian (immediate past President) shall keep a current version of Roberts Rules of Order.
7. These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority of the voters at any meeting wherein there is a quorum with appropriate notification in the prior newsletter or email/mail at least one week prior to the meeting.
8. All special events and paint-ins will require payment by attendees in full at the time of registration.
9. The SCDP Paint-In class fees are as follows: Members - \$20.00 Non-members \$25.00
10. An expenditure of SCDP funds over \$50.00 must be pre-approved by the Board. This ruling is not applicable to expenditures already approved in the current year's budget.
11. The Board shall approve all programs and teaching fees for special events.
12. The teacher's fee effective 2024 is a flat fee of \$150.00 for one to ten students in class. For eleven plus students, the payment will be \$15.00 per each additional student.
13. In the event SCDP has a check returned twice for lack of funds, all future transactions will be reimbursed by the member/non member for any applicable bank fees.
14. The website address is: scdp.webador.com, and the Facebook page is [Southern California Decorative Painters](#).

15. Lifetime Membership is bestowed upon members giving tirelessly of their time and service to SCDP, going well beyond their duties and over a great period of time to that same endeavor.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF SCDP

1975	Shirley Wombacher
1976	Katie Ragsdale
1977	Bee Rehor
1978	Carolyn Hewitt
1979	Beverly Davis
1980	Faye During
1981	Mimi Beckett
1982	Nancy Scott
1983	Rosemary Dettlaff
1984	Cathy Van Derhoef
1985	Joy Barneson
1986	Nancy Hornberger
1987-1988	Melissa Williams
1989	Lolly Hansen
1990	Faye During
1991	Jeannine McCaig
1992	Janet Hastings
1993-1994	Catherine LaPointe
1995	Claudia Solomon
1996-1997	JoAnn Devor
1998-1999	Jeannine McCaig
2000-2001	Pat Clark
2002-2003	Joalyn Mushin
2004-2005	Nancy Hornberger
2006-2007	Linda Franklin
2008	Linda Ramos
2009-12	Irene Patrias
2013-16	Roxanne Corey
2017-2022	Christine Taylor-Leonard
2023-2026	Marion Barnett

SCDP Achievement Award Recipients

In recognition of those who have served SCDP consistently and over time to the betterment of our organization.

1990	Faye During
1991	Jean Ritchie
1992	Lolly Hansen
1993	Bev Davis
1994	Shirley Penney
1995	Catherine La Pointe
1996	Gladys Brimhall
1997	Eva Kramar
1998	Jeannine McCaig
1999	JoAnn Devor
2000	Juanetta Bethurum
2001	June Mutter
2002	Pat Clark
2003	Bev Doonan
2004	Nancy Hornberger
2005	Joalyn Mushin
2006	Sharon Tollison
2007	Chris Schlager
2008	Irene Patrias
2009	Carmella Morales
2010	Donna Tucker
2011	Linda Franklin
2012	Mary May
2013	Linda Ramos
2015	Roxanne Corey
2017	Patty Newell
2018	Esther Carrion
2019	Anne Engle

Life Time Membership

Irene Patrias
Christine Taylor-Leonard
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