

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.

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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)

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 in the teaching of tole and decorative painting through classes, displays and dissemination of information.

Our Motto is: Through very brush stroke 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) General Meeting per year without being required to join SCDP.
4. Non-members are welcome to attend any 2 (two) Paint Ins or seminar at a higher fee. (Refer to Standing Rule 9)

ARTICLE – IV

Dues

1. Membership dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership.
2. Dues shall be paid annually as stated in the Standing Rules.
3. Annual membership runs from January 1 through December 31.
4. Due date for SCDP dues for the following year will start October 1 and be delinquent December 31.

ARTICLE – V Meetings

1. The Board shall have the authority to change dates, locations and times for SCDP meetings provided sufficient notice is given to the members.
2. General Meetings shall be held as stated in the Standing Rules.
3. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at the written request of two members of the Board.
4. A quorum shall consist of not less than 1/5 of the membership. If a quorum is not present at a General Meeting where a vote must be taken, the vote shall be ratified at the next General Meeting where a quorum is present.

ARTICLE – VI Officers and Elections

1. The elected OFFICERS of SCDP shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Seminar Chair and Newsletter Editor.
2. All officers are responsible to attend 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, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Seminar Chair being elected at the end of the even year, their term commencing at the beginning of the odd year.
5. The remaining OFFICERS: First Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor will be elected at the end of the odd year, their term commencing at the beginning of the even year.
6. Any member may hold more than one position, except for President.

President – shall preside at meetings of the Board and General meetings; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The President shall have served on the SCDP Board for at least one (1) year prior to 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 as usually pertain to the Office.

The President shall appoint all committees with Board approval.

First Vice President – may be a shared office with the elected officer serving as Coordinator of Programs. The appointed assistant will be in charge of program registration.

The First Vice President shall submit programs to the Board for approval and shall have the authority to execute a teacher's contract for SCDP for the approved teaching fees. The Membership will vote on proposed projects for the coming year. The Board will finalize the program list. The new year's Programs Calendar will be published in the November newsletter. The Board shall approve all teaching fees that exceed approved teaching fees.

The First Vice President shall assist the President. The Coordinator of Programs shall have the authority to sign a teacher's contract for SCDP as stated in the Standing Rules.

Second Vice President – shall serve as Coordinator of Ways and Means for SCDP and preside in the absence of First Vice President and President.

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 of each General Membership Meeting to the Newsletter Editor for publication prior to the next Business Meeting. 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. The Secretary is responsible to mail or email a copy of minutes to any Board member absent from Board meetings. A copy of corrected minutes shall be furnished to the President and Corresponding Secretary after corrections are made.

Treasurer – shall receive all monies of SCDP, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, pay all bills upon approval of the President, present a statement of account at every meeting of SCDP and when requested by the Board and shall prepare a complete report at the end of the calendar year.

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. Newsletter Editor may have an assistant to print and distribute the monthly newsletter.

Seminar Chair – shall coordinate all activities involved in scheduling a maximum of 1 (one) seminar per year. This shall include inquiry letters, teacher selection and teacher needs, lodging, seminar location and any other requirements.

ARTICLE – VII Board

1. The Board of SCDP shall consist of the Elected Officers and the Appointed Positions of Raffle Chair, Historian, Corresponding Secretary, Memory Box Chair, Toile Month Chair, and Web Editor.
2. The number of Appointed Officers with voting privileges shall not exceed the number of Elected Officers.
3. The Board shall meet as stated in the Standing Rules.

With the exception of 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 First Vice President automatically becomes President and is appointed for the remainder of the term. The Board shall appoint a successor to the office of First Vice President for the remainder of the term.

The Past President shall serve as 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 Committees

1. The following STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS shall serve, by appointment of the President with Board approval for the By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee and the Christmas Party Committee.
2. 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 such Committees shall cease to exist when their final report is accepted.
3. No Committee work or monies over \$50.00 shall be expended without approval of the Board.
4. Nominating Committee: This committee shall consist of three members, who shall prepare a slate for the election of officers.
5. Audit Committee: The committee shall consist of three members, not to include the Treasurer, who shall verify for the accuracy of the SCDP financial records annually and provide a written summation. A non-member of SCDP may assist in the audit.

ARTICLE – IX Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted in writing to the President for review by the Board.
2. The by-laws may be changed or altered by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented in writing to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which voting takes place.
3. Amendments may be published in Quail Tails Newsletter or a special mailing (email or US Postal Service).
4. If a quorum has not been present at two successive meetings, these by-laws may be amended by a written ballot sent to each member, provided that a majority of the members return the written ballots by email or US mail.

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 Committee, composed of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) shall prepare a slate for the election of officers and shall be appointed in June.
2. The Nominating Committee 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 meeting.
3. The Nominating Committee shall notify the members at least two weeks prior to the November meeting either through means of the Quail Tails newsletter or a special mailing via email or US Postal Service.
4. There shall be 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.
5. In order to conduct the vote, a quorum must be present. A quorum is 1/5 of the membership. A majority (51 %) vote is required to elect. While meeting via Zoom, voting shall be by show of hands or a Yea or Nay statement.

ARTICLE-XII Dissolution

In the event of 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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECORATIVE PAINTERS STANDING RULES

1. Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per calendar year.
Said dues shall be reduced to \$10.00 after July 31 for new members only. Membership privileges begin only after dues are received by the Membership Chair.
Non-members are offered membership to our chapter at the time of sign up to an SCDP Paint-In or Seminar to enjoy membership privileges at the reduced rate.
All members will receive one (1) memory box to paint and return per year as the Chapter's commitment to community service.
2. A grant not to exceed \$700.00 shall be presented to the President for the purpose of attending a painting conference and /or convention once per two (2) year term. If the President is unable to attend, the grant may be offered to an elected officer. The President shall be reimbursed the cost of travel, one-half room cost (maximum of five (5) nights) and the Chapter Conference fee. The President or elected officer shall teach a free class to SCDP.
3. The financial records of SCDP shall be kept on a calendar basis, from January 1 through December 31. To ensure that accounting procedures are accurate, consistent and current, a year-end audit committee shall be designated by the Board.
4. The Board shall normally meet on a consistent basis of at least once a month; 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 prior newsletter or email/US Postal Service (at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting).
8. ALL SEMINARS AND PAINT-INS will require payment in full at time of registration.
9. A guest (non- member) registering for their two (2) (amended November 2012) events with SCDP must pay non-member fees when registering for Paint-In classes or Seminars.
10. 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 and an expenditure of over \$250.00 (excluding teacher's fee) must be approved by the membership (amended August, 2013). This ruling is not applicable to expenditures already approved in the current year's budget.
11. The Board shall approve all programs. The Board shall, in conjunction with the membership, establish teaching fees. The Board shall approve all teaching fees that exceed the approved teaching fees.
12. The Coordinator of Programs shall submit programs to the Board for approval and provide the President and Treasurer copies of all contracts. See Article VI under First Vice President.
13. The membership voted to change the teacher's fee effective January 1, 2024 to a flat fee of \$150.00 for one to ten (1 to 10) students in class. For eleven plus (11+) students the payment rate will be 15.00 per student.
14. In the event SCDP has a check returned twice for lack of funds, all future transactions must be cash or Cashier's Check only. All fees associated with returned checks must be reimbursed by the member/student. will be \$25.00 per student.
15. The website address is: scdp.webador.com
16. As of January 1, 2014, teachers will be paid fifty cents (\$.50) per mile, round trip, to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), round trip (amended November 2012.) Teacher mileage will not be paid for any Paint In or event held as a "Zoom Only" gathering.
17. Life Time 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

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