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Hello SCDP Members,

As I write this letter, I am also preparing for a Father's Day barbecue tomorrow. The weather has been beautiful—perfect for grilling. I truly enjoy spending time outdoors with family and friends, and it feels like summer has officially arrived with its sunny skies and longer days. I'm looking forward to the next few months. If only I could paint outside, it would be the perfect summer!

Our second General Meeting of the year will take place in July. It has become a tradition for our club to celebrate "Christmas in July." We have an exciting Christmas project for our Paint-In that month, titled "Peppermints & Holly," designed and taught by Shannon Miller, CDA. The General Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM, prior to the Paint-In.

At this month's Board Meeting, one of our members suggested offering a "FREE" Paint-In as a giveaway during the General Meeting. In the spirit of "Christmas in July," we encourage everyone attending the General Meeting to decorate a hat with Christmas decorations. The winner for best hat will receive the FREE Paint-In, and we will ask Shannon Miller to select the winner. This should be a lot of fun, so we hope you plan to participate!

Last month, we had our "Special Event," with Lynn Andrews teaching a beautiful piece entitled "Humble Home." Anne Engle, our Chairperson of Special Events, organized the event and did a fantastic job. We had free paint-in giveaways, and some non-members won prizes. We are pleased to report that two of these non-members joined our club. For those of you who attended the event, I think we can all agree it was a great day.

As I look ahead to the upcoming year, the Board and I are excited about the possibilities for our club. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions on how we can improve, grow, and better serve our members. If there are specific projects, events, or activities you would like to see, please bring them up at our General Meeting in July. Additionally, if there is a special teacher you would like to have conduct a session at our club, we would love to hear about it. If you are unable to attend the meeting, feel free to share your thoughts with any of the Board members. We are committed to continuous improvement.

Sincerely, Marion Barnett
President, SCDP



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Board Meeting
July 20, 9:30am

Upcoming Classes



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



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



Zoom with us & have some fun!!

Painting begins at 9:30 am

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



July Birthdays

Mary May—7/19
Deborah Sigman—7/30

Sunshine & Shadows



We are all here for each other, so everyone please keep Rose Melgoza in your thoughts and prayers, as she is experiencing a health issue

Anyone who hears of any Sunshine 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 6 memory boxes
turned in for May
2 memory boxes
Received for June (so far)

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

Year to date memory boxes turned in: 28

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.



We would like to welcome the following new members to SCDP:

Stacie Hall from Oregon City, Oregon

Mary Klein from Portland, Oregon

Our membership is now 51!





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 Zoom Class Enrollment Form

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

ardr1@dslextreame.com

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.

**Southern California Decorative  
Painters (SCDP)**

Cordially invites you to Zoom  
with us on

**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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White Mat Board 11" X 14"

Black Permanent Marker

Recommended: Shuttle Art Permanent Marker

Ultra Fine Tip UPC 750076267141 Amazon

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Painters (SCDP)**

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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

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be emailed a few days before class.

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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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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](mailto:periwoods@aol.com)

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As we paint

### **Woodsy Wonderland**

**Designer: Karen Wisner**

**Teacher: Heidi Allison**

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be emailed a few days before class.

Questions?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Information:

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~~~~Members Creative Corner~~~~

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



Design by
Holly Hanley

*Painted by
Anne Engle*



This was designed
by
Ronnie Bringle

*Painted by
Irene Patrias*



Peaceable Kingdom

Designed and taught by Lynne Andrews
This was a class on the painting cruise put together by
Carolyn Swasey

Painted by Roxanne Corey



Little Mermaid
Designed and Taught
By Erika Joanne

This is part of her
"Whimsey by the Sea"
Subscription group

*Painted by
Diana Ray*

Buzzy Bloom Bell

Designed and taught by
Sandy LeFlore on Face-
book Live as part of her
Halloween and Holiday
Addicts Anonymous.



*Painted by
Diana Ray*



Designed and taught by Lynne Andrews
This was a class on the painting cruise put to-
gether by Carolyn Swasey

Painted by Anne Engle

Memory Boxes - June 2026

Our next Memory Box paint-along will be Monday, July 6, 2026 on Zoom at 9:30 am-12 Noon Pacific Time. We encourage you to join us to paint boxes and support SCDP's memory Box Program which has been going for over 25 years. SCDP donates painted boxes to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for families who have lost babies at birth. Since April 2026, 24 boxes have been delivered to the hospital and a majority of these have been already been distributed to families. The chaplain's office told me that for unknown reasons, quite a few babies were lost in the last month. We are in desperate need of boxes, so if you happen to have completed boxes at home, please contact me and arrangements will be made to pick them up. Also, if you have completed boxes that have not been varnished, I can varnish the boxes once they are received.

Since we no longer require members to paint boxes as part of their membership to SCDP, we rely on our members taking a few hours of their time to paint a memory box. In 2026, of the 28 boxes completed, they were painted by just 6 members of the club. Some of our members paint multiple boxes per year, and I am very appreciative of their ongoing support for the memory box program. If each of our members painted just one box, we would be three quarters of the way to our goal of 70 boxes! We encourage our members to paint a box to help us reach our goal for these boxes that are such an important outreach to the community. The chaplain's office at the hospital tells us how much the families appreciate the effort and love that goes into each of our painted boxes and we hope the box provides them a bit of comfort and also hold special remembrances of their beloved child.

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. I will not be sending out a suggested pattern for the July paint along, instead, a few patterns are located on the website on the Chapter Happenings page in case you need a design to paint. The patterns can be downloaded by simply clicking on the file. If you have a favorite memory box design you like to paint, please feel free to do so. Please remember, these boxes are given to different families, so you may paint the same design over again.

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.

Also, keep in mind that SCDP supplies paper 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.

Diana Ray
Memory Box Chair



General Meeting – Christmas in July

Our next General Meeting will be held before our Paint-In on

Monday, July 13, at 9:00 AM.



We will gather before the Paint-In, which begins at 9:30 AM. This meeting will have a “Christmas in July” theme, and we encourage all members to decorate a Christmas-themed hat. A winner for the best Christmas hat will be selected by Shannon Miller and will receive a free Paint-In.

This meeting is a great opportunity to share your ideas with fellow members and the Board. Do you have a project you think we should paint? Is there a teacher you would like to see at one of our events? We welcome your thoughts and suggestions, as this is your Club! Please let us know your thoughts!

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 – mbliturgy@aol.com



Pasta with Sautéed Peppers, Zucchini, and Smoked Mozzarella



Ingredients

- **2 Tbsp.** unsalted butter
- **1 Tbsp.** extra-virgin olive oil
- **3** small bell peppers, thinly sliced
- **1** small onion, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- **2** medium zucchini, cut into **1/2"**-thick slices
- **12 oz.** fettuccine or tagliatelle pasta
- **4 oz.** smoked mozzarella, grated (about **1 cup**) + more for serving

1/4 cup fresh basil, torn + more for serving

Directions

1. **Step 1** Heat butter and oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add peppers and onion, season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until almost tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Add zucchini and cook until peppers are tender and zucchini is crisp-tender, 4 to 6 minutes.
2. **Step 2** Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1 cup pasta water; drain.
3. **Step 3** Add pasta, mozzarella, basil, and 1/2 cup of reserved pasta water to pepper mixture and toss to coat. (Add more pasta water if needed to create a sauce.) Season with salt and pepper.
4. **Step 4** Serve topped with mozzarella and basil.





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 _____

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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