



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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Club Newsletter

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President's Message

The summer has apparently been evicted and fall has moved right in. I was waiting for cooler weather to reorganize my painting shed. Ha! It got cooler, but drizzled. Come on fall, do your job. Cooler, dry days please, for a little while.

Bunco was a great success. Kathy will give you a synopsis, but it sure gave our bank account a needed boost. I did not hear one guest complaint but so many compliments. Good job! Everyone working to the best of her ability to contribute. Your dedication is keeping our club viable.

It's time to vote for the 2026 Board. Please see the ballot in this newsletter. We need your vote to be mailed ASAP if you are not going to the October meeting. The new board will be announced at the November meeting.

We still have a couple of meetings next year that we don't have a teacher for. Interested? Contact me. Teaching is a good way to stretch your abilities. You will be painting among friends who only want you to succeed. Many of us are willing to help you if you are brave enough to give it a try.

Kellie



November Project

Julie Veronneau will be teaching this lovely seasonal project at our November club meeting.

The prep instructions, supply list and line drawing can be downloaded from the Members Only page on our website:

southernoregondesignartists.com

Painting Tip from Kellie

How to make your own wood sealer

Designs From the Heart brand wood sealer was an efficient product and was very popular with decorative artists. Unfortunately, they went out of business several years ago.

Here is the recipe to make your own. It should be kept in a glass container with an airtight lid. I use a canning jar with a screw top.

Equal parts shellac + denatured alcohol.

Both can be purchased at any home improvement store.

I apply it with a sponge applicator.

Shake well before use.



Treasure Boxes

Now that this year's Bunco Party is behind us, how about painting some Treasure Boxes for the kids at Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

We've been pushing you to paint, paint, paint for Bunco, and the Treasure Boxes were forgotten about for awhile, but now it's time to get back to painting them. Karen Swingley is hoping to take a load of them up to Portland in April on her way to the Portland painting convention.



We really need everyone to participate in helping to make the hospital stays a little brighter for those beautiful children...we can never have enough Treasure Boxes!



Ladies, ladies, ladies, we have done it again!

The Bunco party was a huge success! Proving once again that we are small but we are mighty.

The day went off without a hitch and nothing but rave reviews from our guests. Thank you all for your participation.

At the October meeting we will go over the figures with you. The sign up list for next year is filled up already. Which means we are doing it all again next year. More about that in January.

We could not have done this without everyone stepping up and helping. So the Board has a special thank you for all who participated in this event. What could that be, hmmm...you will have to come to the October meeting to find out.

Speaking of the October meeting, I hope you are all working on prepping the project I will be teaching.

See you there!

Kathy

Surprise Sale

At Bunco I was contacted by a very nice lady, Carlene Honeychurch, who is downsizing and wants to sell her (mostly wood) surface stash at very low prices.

The Board approved, and she will be coming to our October SODA meeting to sell her surfaces.

Bring cash or check.

She will set up in the Grange ballroom while we have our meeting, and we will hold the sale at our noon break.

I hope you find a treasure or two!

Kellie



SODA Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

PARTY-- **SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025**



The Southern Oregon Decorative Artists have been very **BUSY painter ladies** all year long...So now it's time to party!

All members are cordially invited to our annual holiday party on **SUNDAY, December 7, 2025**, doors open at 11:00 a.m. and party commences at 12:00 noon. Please come in festive dress and enjoy socializing with morning coffee and treats. Please feel free to bring treats to share if you wish. This will be a nice time for hanging out visiting and a holiday luncheon together. (This is purely a social gathering). Here are the details:

Decoration & Ornament Exchange - Make a special keepsake! If you are so inclined to participate by painting a decoration or ornament for exchange, wrap in a plain bag.

Gift Exchange - The gift should be valued at \$20-25, wrapped gift, and there'll be joy and laughter of watching each other open a gift. Please bring a gift to get a gift. (if you wish to participate, again optional).

Luncheon - Lunch will be provided....as well as coffee and tea.

Funny Socks contest fashion show - We'll have a little fun with a Funny Xmas Socks contest and fashion show...so come dressed in holiday socks of your choosing, perhaps "cutesy" or maybe "mostly traditional." (This will give you time to get to the Dollar Store or wherever and have fun shopping or borrowing your special socks.) You may model them sitting down.

Tra-la-la, Julie & CindyIf you have any questions, please call or email.



Painting Tip - Veiling from Kellie

If you paint something in very bright colors, you can paint this veiling mixture over the top of the bright colors and they actually come out pastel. Veiling can also be used to mute or tone down color or push an object into the background.

Try it...it's fun!

Mix 1/2 Glaze Medium + 1/2 DecoArt Snow White



Happy Birthday!

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Mary	Susan
Mo	Julie
	Dixie

Pacific Decorative Painters Expo

Portland, Oregon

FEATURING:

Linda O'Connell & Jamie Mills-Price

April 29 - May 2, 2026




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ADVICE FROM A SNOWMAN

Be a jolly, happy soul
Spend time outdoors
Stay cool
It's okay to be
bottom heavy
Avoid meltdowns
Be well rounded
Live well
Life is short




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Hours: 7:00 am to 3:00 pm PT

Southern Oregon Decorative Artists Meeting Location - Live Oak Grange

120 Gardiner St., Rogue River, Oregon

The Live Oak Grange is at the northeast corner of Gardiner & Arbor Streets with parking available on both streets.

We hope to see you there!

A Trip to JoSonja's

Barbara and I recently made an over night trip to Eureka to visit JoSonja's studio. She was in her studio painting and one of the conversations we had was about her thought processes and use of symbolism when designing. It was so enlightening. We talked and laughed for a couple of hours that first day and about 3 hours the second day.

Here is a picture of JoSonja with a bowl she was painting and wanted to show us. It was so enjoyable to visit with her in an informal atmosphere.



Kellie

It's Membership Renewal Time

Once again, it's time to renew your membership to SODA.

Please fill out the Membership Application on the last page of this newsletter and send it along with a check for \$35.00 to our Membership Chair Kathryn Hardy. The application is also available on our website.

It looks like we have some great teachers and projects to look forward to next year, so renew now so you don't miss out!

SODA Club Officer Ballot

Please indicate your vote by drawing a circle around your chosen candidates or by writing in a different candidate on the blank lines provided.

President	Judi Henshaw	_____
Vice President	Julie Veronneau	_____
Membership	Kathryn Hardy	_____
Treasurer	Brenda Schock	_____
Secretary	LuAnn Stone	_____
Ways & Means	Kathy Prewitt	_____
Newsletter Editor	Karen Damerow	_____
Website	Karen Damerow	_____

Please send your completed ballot to Club Secretary LuAnn Stone by mailing it to her at 4747 Antelope Rd., White City, OR 97503, or by bringing it to the October club meeting.

Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

Membership Application for New and Renewing Members

Anyone with an interest in decorative painting is invited to join Southern Oregon Decorative Artists. Please complete this form and send it along with a check for \$35 payable to Southern Oregon Decorative Artists (SODA) to our club's Membership Chair (address below).

Before becoming a member of our local chapter, you must first sign the disclaimer form below. Renewal dues for the ensuing calendar year are payable October 1 and are delinquent December 31.

Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

Annual Dues - \$35.00

Check # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Birthday - Month & Day ____/____

Emergency Info (allergies, health issues, etc.) _____

Emergency Contact - _____

Southern Oregon Decorative Artists Disclaimer

By signing this form, I am affirming I understand there may be COVID related or other medical risks associated with attending Southern Oregon Decorative Artists club meetings or functions, and I agree to take personal responsibility for the same. I agree to hold harmless the Live Oak Grange and Southern Oregon Decorative Artists club along with its Board and its members for any illness that may result from my attending club functions or meetings.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send this application along with your check for \$35 to:

Kathryn Hardy, P.O. Box 1429, Shady Cove, OR 97539