



# Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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## Club Newsletter

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### President's Message

This year. This year. More than half gone and still so much to do. We had a wonderful seminar with our own song and dance man, Marco Aguilar. Well done, Julie, for hosting your first seminar.

Jamie Mills-Price is coming to teach this month and I consider her a highlight of the painting year. Happy colors, happy subject and lots of laughing and sharing. Jamie is so generous and will be bringing the surfaces and paint for us. She sets a high bar.

It's not too early to think about what you can do to help SODA next year. We need your continued help for working Bunco and painting items, but next year we are going to need new blood on the Board.

Some of us have been in our Board positions for 6 to 8 years. Please consider stepping up and offering your services. You will not fail because each of the board members started with no experience. Many of our decisions are made by the Board after discussion. Your support team is immense and generous.

We also need member teachers for next year. Twelve months, minus the Christmas party, one seminar and Bunco, equals nine months of club paint-ins requiring nine teachers. Please step up. Offer to teach, then submit a project you would like to teach for the Board to approve.

You are among friends. We want to see and hear what you have to share.

Kellie Pomeroy, President



## October Project

Saturday, October 25

Kathy Prewitt will be teaching this sweet Debbie Cushing design.

The supply list, prep instructions, line drawing and a photo of what your prepped piece should look like can all be found on the Members Only page of the website

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Hello Ladies! I hope you are taking advantage of this hot weather and are painting away in your studios. That is what I have been doing in between running around moving the hose here and there trying to keep everything alive. I used to be a summer person, but not so much any more.

Raffle basket making day is September 4. Julie will have more information regarding when and where. Everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun!

Friday, September 26, will be set-up day at the Grange.

We will need help setting up card tables & chairs for our guests as well as the tables for member sales. If you plan to bring painted items to sell, please let me know so we have an idea how many tables we will need. Items for the sales tables must be brought in and set up on the day of set-up.

Start time for set-up will be one o'clock. If you have a hubby or son to bring along for heavy lifting, that would be wonderful.

All party favors and door prizes need to be turned in at the August club meeting which is August 22. If you have a basket for the raffle and cannot make it to the basket party, bring it to the meeting.

You guys are real troopers! We are getting closer to meeting our goals. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated!

Kathy P.

The difference between a painter and an artist is that an artist knows which mistakes to keep!

Marco Aguilar

Don't compare.  
You paint differently  
because you are different.

-Frank Lynn

## Raffle Basket Making Party

Basket making day will be on Thursday, September 4. The location is the Community Center in Julie's Mobile Home Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. Directions are noted below.

Please bring anything you can add to the making of a raffle basket. Also bring working tools such as scissors, tape, etc. Maybe even tissue paper, stuffing paper, ribbon and items that can be added to the baskets. If we can't use it in a basket this year, we can save it for next year!

We have the room reserved until 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch and drink if you will need something.

Directions: San George Estates  
10 E. South Stage Road, Medford

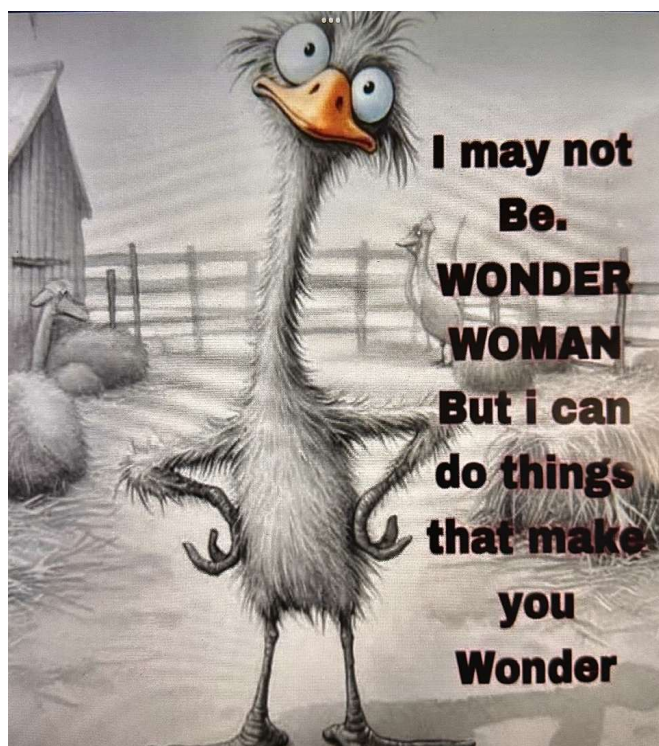
You need to make your way to Hwy 99 in Medford. If you are coming via the freeway, you take the South Medford exit and turn right onto Garfield St. Get into the left lane to Hwy 99 and turn left. Stay in the left lane. You will pass Harry & David and the baseball fields. Turn left onto South Stage Rd. The stone fence on your far left corner will state San George Estates. Turn right into San George and continue straight to the end of the street. Turn left and continue down past 7 or 8 homes and turn right into the short drive of the Community Center. Park in the back and come in via the steps or the ramp. There is also parking in the front and you can enter thru the front door.

See you there!

Julie

## Painting is a jeu d'esprit!

Pablo Picasso



## Painting Tip from Kellie

I was painting and penciling on watercolor paper when I grabbed my clear, uncolored plastic clip board (Staples) to hold the surface. It was then I had a lightbulb moment and put the project photo under the clip board. This allowed me to view the artist's painted piece while keeping it protected. It was so amazing to have the reference photo so close to my work space for quick reference.

A quick lift and voila!

Happy are the  
painters, for they shall  
not be lonely. Light  
and colour, peace and  
hope, will keep them  
company to the end of  
the day.

Winston Churchill



## Dues News from Kellie

We have been delaying raising the club dues for several years, and I don't need to tell you how much costs have increased.

Starting with the 2026 dues, which are due in November, the Board voted to propose raising the club dues to \$35 per year. This proposal was presented to the club membership and approved.

Yikes! You may say, but we have nine monthly teaching club meetings with no charge to you. We make every effort to give you your money's worth. Let me gently remind you of our general income and expenses:

Income: Dues, Bunco party, Recycling, Raffles & donations

Expenses: Rent, Insurance, monthly teacher fees, annual 2-day seminar, storage room and Christmas party

Julie shared this tip with us: for a less expensive alternative to tracing paper try 9 x 12 sandwich wrap sheets.



## Painting Tip from Judi

When using Painter's Tape to mark off a border or to paint a straight line, try brushing on some DecoArt Matte Medium over the tape edge and let it dry before painting. This will help keep the paint from bleeding under the tape.

Let's admit it...We put "Made with Love" on our home crafted gifts because "Made with cursing, two trips to the craft store, and lots of wine" just won't fit on a pretty little label!





### September

LuAnn  
Vickie  
Geri

### October

Jamie  
Karen D.  
Kathryn  
Chris  
Karen S.  
Kellie

### Painting Tip from Karen D

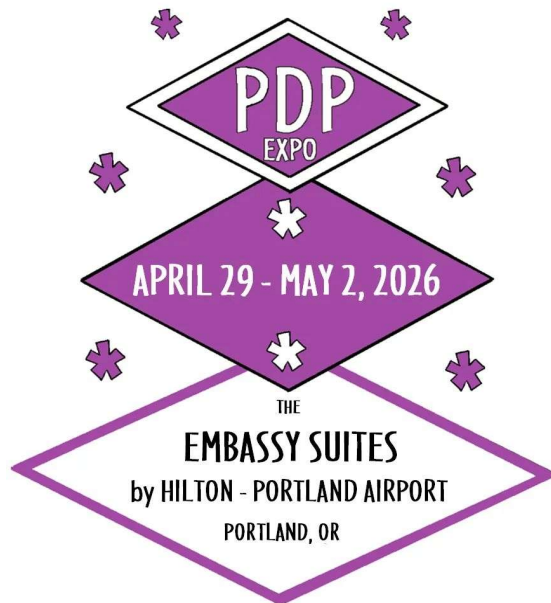
When you are floating shading or highlights and the color seems too harsh of a transition, try brush mixing a little of the base coat color in your brush with the shading or highlight color. This will help make a smoother float. When this is dry, float the full shading or highlight color on top but in a narrower float.

Reminder...please remember to take your own trash home after each club meeting and paint-in. Keep a small trash bag at your seat to collect your own trash.

### Texting for Artists & Crafters

UANP = Up All Night Painting  
MSBC = Michaels Sale, Bring Coupons  
CFMS = Can't Find My Scissors  
SHAD = Staying Home, Amazon Delivery  
HGE = Help, Glitter Everywhere!  
DPWA = Drank Paint Water Again  
IWOS = It's Wine O'Clock Somewhere  
IHMFS = I'm Hiding My Fabric Scissors  
WIMGG = Where Is My Glue Gun?  
HIMPPIMH = Hair In My Paint, Paint In My Hair  
CSCFA = Cleaned Studio Can't Find Anything  
YINMP = Yes I Need More Paint  
JGPAFMM = Just Gonna Paint a Few More Minutes

### SAVE THE DATE!!



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### 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. Parking is on both Gardiner & Arbor Streets.

We hope to see you there!