



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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Club Newsletter
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President's Message

Hello and Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are now ready to begin an exciting year of fun, friendship and plenty of art projects.

The weather is cold and it's a great time to stay warm and comfy indoors and paint. I know I have plenty of new projects lined up waiting for me.

We have several great teachers scheduled for our meetings, as well as Shannon Miller for our annual seminar. And we certainly won't run out of projects with our annual Bunco Party door prizes, party favors and raffle prizes on the agenda.

Since this is my first time acting as your president, I hope you'll all help me learn, and if I mess anything up, please be gentle. Looking forward to a happy and fun new year.

Judi Henshaw



January Project

Karen Damerow will be teaching this project at our January club meeting. The design is based on a line drawing by Tracy Moreau.

The prep instructions and line drawing can be downloaded from the Members Only page on the club website www.southernoregondecorativeartists.com.

If you have trouble printing the line drawing, please let Karen know and she will email it to you.

February Club Meeting

We have a fun time planned for our February club meeting. We plan to begin with a few demonstrations and "paint alongs" with a few members sharing methods for decoupage, how to finish your project with spray wax, tying ribbon to hang your project, just to name a few.

Following lunch, we will hold the famous Rumble, which is a silent auction to "purchase" painting items donated by fellow members using your points to pay. Don't worry if you don't have many points, we all share.

So, start going through your stash of painting items and bring any items you no longer need or want. Items must be painting related, but can include unfinished projects, painting surfaces, pattern packets, books, magazines, brushes, paint. The Rumble is always a fun time and a chance to acquire some treasures!



Kathy shared this website with us as a great place to find pattern packets from over 100 designers: DecorativePaintingStore.com
Check it out! It's a great resource.



2026 Calendar

January 24	Karen Damerow teaching
February 28	Demos & Rumble
March 28	Kathy Prewitt teaching
April 25	Karen Brouwer 1 day Seminar
May 16 & 17	Shannon Miller Seminar
June 20	Carolyn Miller teaching
July 25	Jamie Mills-Price teaching
August 22	Dottie Bishop teaching
September 25	Bunco Party Set Up
September 26	Bunco Party
October 24	Karen Damerow teaching
November 21	Julie Veronneau teaching
December 13	Christmas Party

Christmas Party

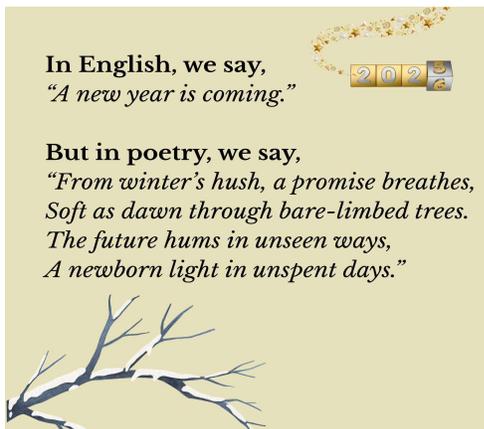
We had such a fun time at this year's Christmas party. We exchanged gifts and painted ornaments, and even had a crazy sock contest. Plus we enjoyed a delicious luncheon. A big thank you goes to Cindy and Julie for putting on the party!





In Loving Memory

Our dear friend, fellow artist and club member Marilyn Lopes passed away in November. She loved our painting group so much. She will be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Rest well dear Marilyn.



In English, we say,
"A new year is coming."

But in poetry, we say,
*"From winter's hush, a promise breathes,
 Soft as dawn through bare-limbed trees.
 The future hums in unseen ways,
 A newborn light in unspent days."*

Stenciling Tip from Tracy Moreau

Don't have a stencil brush? Or are you stenciling on a very large area? You can easily stencil with a high density foam roller or Dollar Store cosmetic sponge. Secure the stencil with painter's tape, pick up the paint, blot lightly on a paper towel and use light pressure to apply and viola! A fast and easy solution!

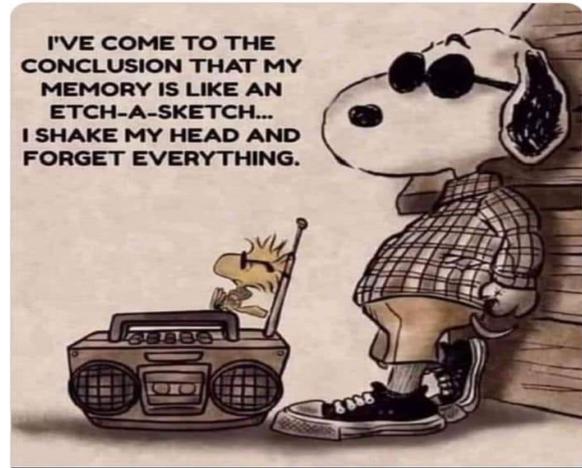
Brush Care Tip from Tracy Moreau

There is always that one brush that seems to end up looking like a punk rocker on a bender, no matter how much care you take (liners usually). The bristles get bent or splayed and they are pretty much useless.

There is a way to fix that...First clean the brush thoroughly to ensure it isn't just an accumulation of paint. If that doesn't do the trick, then try this:

Bring some water to a boil and pour it into a teacup. Holding the brush straight up and down, dip the brush into the water but only until it just reaches the edge of the ferrule. Hold it in the hot water for 15 to 20 seconds and then pull it straight up. Shape the brush with your fingers. If the bristles are still not straight, repeat the process. Shape the brush with your fingers & lay it flat on a towel to dry.

Note: Only dip to the edge of the ferrule as indicated. The bristle is held in place by an adhesive inside the ferrule and the excess heat may cause it to soften or melt.



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Happy Birthday!

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Dottie	Judi
	Carolyn

IF BY **"EXERCISE"**

**YOU MEAN WALK
AROUND HOBBY LOBBY
FOR A FEW HOURS-**

THEN YES. I EXERCISE.

Brush Care Tip from Kellie

When your brush has been cleaned, tip the brush toward the bristles so while the brush dries water and soap or chemicals will drain out of the brush and not drain toward the brush ferrule.

Soap in the ferrule can accumulate, harden and cause the bristles to flare. I found this "soap dish" on Amazon and it works well sitting beside the sink.



Painting Tip shared by Kathy

Have you ever wondered how to make your painting food safe for use in the kitchen? The answer is Clapham's Salad Bowl Finish. Clapham's makes the fine, museum quality finishes that JoSonja has used for over 30 years.

Their food-grade Beeswax/Carnauba/Mineral Oil finish is suitable for all things wooden in the kitchen. The finish protects the wood and gives it a soft lustrous shine. It is suitable for salad bowls, butcher blocks, cutting boards, wooden spoons, kitchen counter tops, and also children's wooden toys and cribs.

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your club membership.

If you haven't sent in your club dues, please do so soon...the deadline to pay next year's dues is December 31.

We have a lot of great painting projects planned for 2026, so don't miss out!

The membership application can be downloaded from the home page of our website. Please make sure you fill out a new application to submit with your dues.

Thank you!

Kindness is a little like a fresh snow fall... it beautifies everything.

Artist 101:

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Somedays.....
I really do
watch
paint
dry.


**PAINT
LONG
AND
PROSPER**



**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!