

# *Southern Oregon Decorative Artists (S.O.D.A.)*

## New Member Information (Overview)

**Southern Oregon Decorative Artists (S.O.D.A.)** is an independent club founded in 2023 as a continuation of Siskiyou Decorative Artists (estab. 1992).

### **TIMES:**

**Regular meetings:** begin with a business meeting at 10am, followed by a painting project; plan to arrive around 9am to set up your painting materials, get a cup of coffee, use the restroom, and have a few minutes to chat. Meetings typically last until about 3pm or 4pm. Coffee and tea is provided, members bring their own lunch/snacks (frig and microwave are available) and there is a Subway sandwich shop across the street. If you need to leave early, do this during the lunch break so as not to disturb the others when the class is in session.

Tables: Plan to bring your own table (card table), unless prior arrangements are made with the Program chairman.

**Special Seminars:** Doors open at 8:00am and Seminar begins promptly at 9:00am.

Seminars typically last until 5:00pm.

Seminars are usually two days, in spring and fall.

Lunches are sometimes catered. There is an option to go out to dinner with the group the first night.

There is advance registration and fees required for Special Seminars.

Seminars are larger in attendance, and the seating may be moved to the larger room.

It is a good idea to bring portable lighting in case you need it (ie, battery operated Ott lighting).

Discounted stay at Best Western Inn-Rogue River; tell them you are with Southern Oregon Decorative Artists (contact Seminar Chairman for hotel info).

Website: [www.southernoregondecorativeartists.com](http://www.southernoregondecorativeartists.com)

Location: all events are held at the Live Oak Grange Hall in Rogue River.

Perfume: no scented products are to be worn (perfumes, soap, hand lotion, hair spray).

Attendance: Look for the clipboard to sign-in.

Raffle: Look for the raffle clipboard to sign-in at the Raffle Table. Members donate 1-2 painting-related raffle items. These must be "nice" items, at a value of at least \$5+ . donating is optional.

Points system: Members accrue "points" for attendance, donate raffle items, sign up as a hospitality assistant by coming in early to help set up chairs and tables and coverings and removal after the meeting, and extra points for serving on the BOARD of Directors. These points can later be used toward part of your registration fee on seminars.

Bunco & Art Faire: This is the club's annual fundraising event, with setup on Friday and the event on Saturday. This fundraiser subsidizes our treasury, for seminars expenses, members' special events, high tech audio visual equipment, and rent. Club provides sales table opportunity for members to sell their painted items to the guests. It's fun to volunteer for Bunco, and a great opportunity to see a successful event in motion and get acquainted with other members by doing.

Xmas Party: This event is great fun provided for the members, and is a party and luncheon, usually on the first Saturday of Dec.

--by C. H. 2-8-2023