



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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Club Newsletter
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President's Message

Good morning fellow painting warriors! I hope you had a lovely Valentine's Day with your husband/best friend/significant other/whatever. As for me, it's not as much fun when I have to cook. (I hate getting old!)

The weather is warming up and we still haven't had any snow in our yard. First time in more than 30 years that's happened! It makes me want to paint outside. Just a few more degrees.

The budget has been approved by the board and will be presented to the membership at the February meeting, so we're off and running this year. Next we have a construction project the Grange will be starting in June. The good news? We will have a new porch to look forward to when it's finished.

The Bunco party favors are off to a good start with 60 boxes already out for painting. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to all you wonderful artists! You are heroes!

We have several great teachers scheduled for our meetings this year as well as a special day with Karen Brouwer, and Shannon Miller for our annual seminar. We certainly won't run out of projects with our Bunco door prizes, party favors and raffle prizes on the agenda, as well as the Treasure Boxes for the kids at Shriners Hospital. Pick a project and have fun with it. We have plenty to choose from.

I'm looking forward to spending time with all of you while we accomplish so much this year.

Judi



March Project

Saturday, March 28, Kathy Prewitt will be teaching this cute project just in time for spring!

Prep instructions and the line drawing can be downloaded from the Members Only page on our website.

Kathy is a great teacher and always shares new techniques and products she's discovered. You won't want to miss this fun day of painting!





Karen Brouwer Project

Seminars R Us!

Ladies, our cup runneth over with not one but two seminars this year!! We are so fortunate to be able to squeeze in a special 1-day seminar in April with Karen Brouwer on April 25. She is coming all the way from Australia! She is coming ahead of time to spend a week in our beautiful Southern Oregon area to stay with her friend and our newest club member Judie Goldstein prior to heading up to the Portland convention. Since she was going to be here, she offered to and we gratefully accepted her offer to teach a seminar class. Karen is a bundle of positive fun energy and so enthusiastic. Details of the class and the registration form are included in this newsletter. Sorry for the last minute rush, but it did kind of all come together in a short amount of time.

But wait...there is more!! Our regularly scheduled 2-day seminar with Shannon Miller is the following month on May 16th & 17th. The registration form for this seminar is also included in this newsletter. Shannon will be coming to us from Wichita, Kansas. Her stroke work is perfection with every stroke. How she does this as well as being an ICU nurse, I do not know. Her stroke work projects are bright and colorful and perfect for those who are experienced or for the newcomer. Such a lovely lady and wonderful teacher.

Please fill out the seminar registration forms and get them turned in soon!
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julie Veronneau



Shannon Miller Projects

Treasure
Boxes
for
Shriners
Hospital
for
Children



Bunco Party News

Ladies, it's that time again...time to kick it in gear for this year's Bunco Party. We have party favors, door prizes and raffle baskets to complete. I know we have it in us, as we did it last year. Boy, did we do it last year! It was our best year ever! You all really rocked it and the raffle baskets were a sight to behold!

Judi is in charge of the party favors again this year. She will have the surfaces at the meetings, so make sure to check yours out to paint. We are asking that these party favors be turned back in by the July club meeting at the latest.

Karen Swingley is in charge of the door prizes again this year. She will have surfaces available at the club meetings, but you can also use surfaces from your own stash. We will need 44 door prizes again this year, and I believe we have only about a dozen so far.

I am in charge of the raffle baskets again this year. I have 5 large hat boxes we can use for baskets but we will need more mid to large sized baskets, so please look for these at garage sales. This year we are going to place a tag on each basket with the basket theme and a short list of the items included in the basket. Remember, each basket should include a painted item in it. I have made the tags, and you can use them as they are or do them up to match your theme. We are also in need of filler items - small things we can use to add a little something to a basket. I will have the baskets, some filler items, paper shreds and ribbon for you to use and we will have a basket making party like last year with the date to be determined.

We have seven months to accomplish this goal. Pick a theme and start collecting items for your basket! On your mark...go, go, go!!

Kathy

Raffle Basket Idea List

Here is a list of theme ideas & item suggestions that can be used for raffle baskets:

Tea Basket - Mugs, variety of tea bags, pkg of cookies, pretty paper napkins, tea cozy, tea pot, painted sign or coasters

Coffee Basket - Mugs, different coffees, flavored syrups, pkg of cookies, painted sign or coasters

Cocoa Basket - Mugs, cocoa mixes, marshmallows, peppermint stir sticks, pkg of cookies, painted coasters

Cookie Basket - Cookie pan, spatula, Betty Crocker cookie packets, sprinkles, Christmas dish towel, Christmas cookie cutters, pot holders, painted item

Movie Night - Munchies for tv watching, movies, blanket throw, painted item

Save the Bees Basket - Book on bees, list of plants that bees like, seed packets, trowel, jar of honey, painted item

Garden Basket - Trowel, seed packets, bulbs, painted pots, kneeling pad, gardening gloves, painted item

Bird Basket - Birdhouse, bird seed, bird feeder, book about birds, painted item

Christmas Basket - Dish towels, painted soap dispenser, cookie packets, Christmas cookie cutters, set of 4 painted Christmas cards

Rogue Valley Basket - Rogue Valley themed basket - bottle of wine, wine glasses, Rogue Valley map, painted item, jars of jam, local fruit

Fall Basket - Fall themed paper plates & napkins, Pumpkin Bread mix, apple cider packets, fall do-dads, painted item

Winter Basket - A couple of pretty soup bowls, soup packets, crackets, winter paper napkins, winter do-dads, winter themed painted item

Spa Basket - Lotions, candles, bath bombs, scrunchy scrubber, painted item

BBQ Basket - Plastic table cloth, paper plates & napkins, red solo cups, BBQ sauce, citronella candle, spatula & tongs, recipe cards, painted item

Halloween Basket

Spring Basket

Chicken Themed Basket

Oregon Ducks or Beavers Basket

These are just a few ideas put together for us by Kathy, and they can be used to get you started with making a fun raffle basket.

Use your imagination and have fun with it! Our party guests love winning these wonderful imaginative baskets!



Painting Tip from Tracy Moreau

I think we all have that one medium or product that never seems to work for us, and a friend that says, "Oh it Never fails for me!" Does any of this sound familiar? Let me guess...Crackle Mediums!!

I Love crackle mediums! and none of them fail for me because I know the secrets.

DecoArt Americana Weathered Wood is the most commonly used among us decorative painters, so let's start with that.

1. Generous EVEN coat of the medium on a raw, stained or painted surface. (The thicker it is the bigger the cracks...but there is such a thing as too much!)
2. Let it dry until it's Just Dry (even a little tacky is fine), but not over night. 2 or 3 hours is usually enough.
3. Apply the top coat of paint, and this is the fun part...Use a sponge, a brush or a roller but whatever you use be generous...Lots of Paint. Just get it on and don't go over where you have already been. (I love sponges for this part because it is easy to keep the top coat uniform.) The cracks will begin to appear immediately. As it continues to dry, the more pronounced the cracks will become.
4. LEAVE IT ALONE! Give the crackle 24 hours to dry fully before you do anything over it. Other wise your pretty paint work over top will crack too. That's fine if that's what you want, but nearly impossible to get it uniform.

Note: If you use a sponge or a roller, you will get a crazed effect with the cracks running in all directions. If you use a brush, the cracks will follow the direction of the brush strokes.

Tip: DON'T try to force dry crackle medium! It will do weird things and you may not like it. Just let it air dry for the best results.

If Crackle is something you only use once in awhile, check your jar from time to time for crystals in the bottom of the jar. If you find them, the medium is likely too old and will be unreliable at best.

Southern Oregon Decorative Artists Meeting Location - Live Oak Grange

120 Gardiner St., Rogue River, Oregon

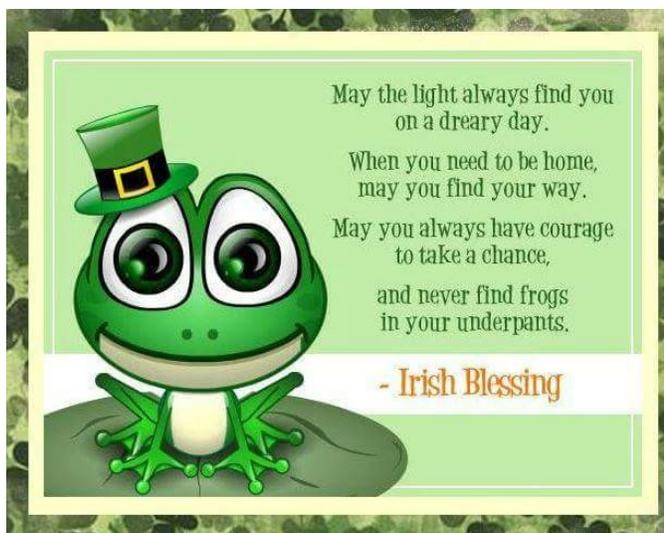
The Live Oak Grange is at the northeast corner of Gardiner & Arbor Streets with parking available on both streets.

We hope to see you there!

Doug Fredrickson
Owner

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Seminar Registration Form
Karen Brouwer 1 Day In-Person Seminar - April 25

We have a very special opportunity to have a 1-day in-person seminar with Karen Brouwer all the way from Australia! The club has selected Springtime Zhostovo. This is sure to be a special treat with a lovely, enthusiastic instructor.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost for the 1-day Special Seminar for Members is \$65.00. Cost for the 1-day Special Seminar for Non-Members is \$80.00.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY MARCH 15, 2026. Either deliver in person at the February club meeting or mail to Julie Veronneau at 10 E. South Stage Rd. #303, Medford, OR 97501. If you wish to pay by credit card, Judi Henshaw will have the credit card device at both the February & March club meetings.

You may choose a surface of your choice. The original piece is painted on a flat 12" round surface. Once you submit your registration form you will be given a line drawing & prep instructions. In addition to the teacher's fee, your seminar fee includes your lunch and a full pattern packet.

Check enclosed: \$_____ I wish to use my credit card: _____

I would like to make this a better seminar by volunteering to help with the following:

Set-up Raffle Items Treats/Goodies Clean-Up

The seminar will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. so arrive early, til no later than 4:00 p.m.

For any questions, please contact Julie Veronneau at (541)840-0945 or jbveronneau@yahoo.com

Please make your check payable to Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

Seminar Registration Form
Shannon Miller In-Person Seminar - May 16 & 17

The club has selected 2 projects to be painted which are the "Floral Butterfly Tray" and the "Elegant Spring Tray."
You won't want to miss out on a great seminar with a lovely teacher. Her stroke work is sheer perfection!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

This completed registration form along with your seminar payment are due by April 25, 2026!

The seminar cost includes your project surfaces, paint and a catered lunch each day.
You will need to supply your own normal painting supplies.

Cost for the 2-day seminar for Members is \$185.00. Cost for the 2-day seminar for Non-Members is \$210.00.

I wish to use _____ Points (Maximum 60 points at \$.50 per point for a maximum dollar value of \$30.00).
My total points value used is \$ _____.

My check enclosed for \$_____, or I wish to use my credit card for \$_____.
Please make checks payable to Southern Oregon Decorative Artists.

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For questions email: jbveronneau@yahoo.com or call (541)840-0945.