



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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Club Newsletter
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President's Message

As I sit here today, with Christmas looming in a few days, I am thinking more about the blessings that I have in my life. Each of us as painters see the world in a colorful way that most do not share. I remember the first time I saw Jamie Mills-Price paint a cloud with a new brush that JoSonja was introducing. The next time I drove the car, I almost crashed looking at how differently I was able to see clouds. The colors and textures were things I had seen a million times but not really seen. Not long after, I started looking at trees so differently because they weren't just green. They had light and shadow and a hundred shades of warm and cool green that only nature could conjure. I had my husband pull over on a highway in Utah because for the first time I saw a Debbie Toews style winter tree. (White winter trees below.) I thought it was a made up design, but here it was in person.

I know you are wondering where I am going with this. I have learned to think about people differently too. I think I am more tolerant of the general public. I have tried to smile more at strangers and be helpful when needed. We all are not the same and yet we have a love of painting that draws us together. We have a club that has drawn in many personalities, backgrounds, tastes and ages. Painting has become such a big part of who I am that I cannot think of a time I won't at least be trying. I find our club one of my most cherished blessings.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, and especially the Christmas you want to have.

With sincerest hopes for a Happy New Year for you and those you love,

Kellie



Happy New Year!

January Club Meeting

We will be starting the new year off with an open-paint meeting where you can paint a project you bring from home or a Treasure Box for a child staying at Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland. Treasure boxes will be provided at the meeting so you just need to bring your painting supplies and the design you want to paint. The designs should be appropriate for kids aged toddler to teen.

In addition to painting, we will hold our Rumble which is a silent auction of painting related items brought by club members. So, please bring any painting related items such as books, paint, brushes, packets, surfaces, etc. that you no longer want or need. Members will use their points to pay for the items they win, so no actual cash will be used. It's a lot of fun and a good way to add to your painting supply stash!

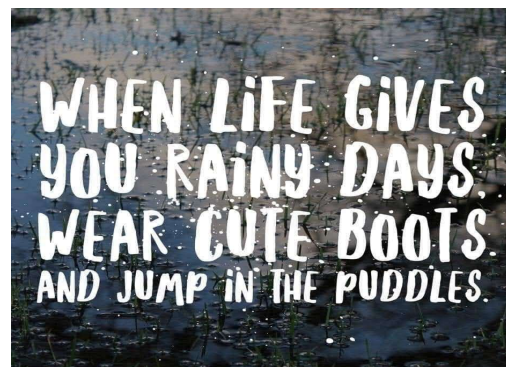
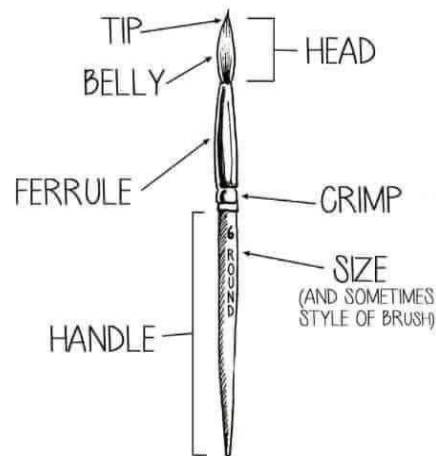
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Recycling	LuAnn Stone
Seminar Catering	Dottie Bishop
Sunshine	Claudia Plankenhorn
Treasure Boxes	Karen Swingley
Christmas Party	Julie Veronneau

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Save the Dates!

Listed below are the dates for our club meetings in 2025. Mark your calendar so you don't miss any!

January 25	Treasure Box painting & Rumble
February 22	
March 22	
April 19	
May 24	
June 21	
July 26 & 27	Seminar with Marco Aguilar
August 23	
September 27	Bunco Party
October 25	
November 15	
December 7	Christmas Party

Board meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon at Abby's Pizza in Rogue River.

Happy Birthday!

January

Dottie Bishop

February

Judi Henshaw
Carolyn Miller

Be sure to check out our club website:

southernoregondecorativeartists.com

for up to date information on meetings, teachers and more.



2025 Calendar

Right now our calendar for 2025 looks a little empty...lots of dates but not too many teachers! But never fear, we have a lot of great teachers lined up, we just have to decide what month each one will teach.

So, please stay tuned for teacher and project updates!

Managing your weight around the holidays just requires a little planning.. For example, I took the batteries out of my scale on Wednesday.

Seminar with Marco Aguilar

We will be hosting Marco Aguilar for a two-day in-person seminar on July 26 & 27.

Marco is a wonderful artist and teacher not to mention a fun guy! This will be a seminar you don't want to miss so please save the dates for this one!

More information will be coming soon regarding the projects, seminar cost, etc. Please stay tuned!

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party this year was so much fun! A big thank you to Julie for putting it on for us...she did a wonderful job!

We had a delicious lunch, ornament exchange, gift exchange and the fun left/right game. Everyone received a prize from the left/right game too!

It's always nice when we can enjoy each other's company, relax and have a great time!

Here are just a few of the photos from that day. All photos will be posted on our website soon!



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists Meeting Location, Live Oak Grange

120 Gardiner St., Rogue River, OR

The Live Oak Grange Building is at the Northeast corner of Gardiner St. and Arbor St. Parking is on both Gardiner & Arbor streets. We hope to see you there!

Pacific Decorative Painters Expo

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FEATURING:

**MAXINE THOMAS &
SHARA REINER**

APRIL 23 - 26, 2025
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...And I told him, no I don't play any sports. I do theater. I'm in choir, I play the violin and piano, I used to take art classes.

And he went wow. That's amazing! And I said, 'Oh no, but I'm not any good at any of them.'

And he said something then that I will never forget and which absolutely blew my mind because no one had ever said anything like it to me before: 'I don't think being good at things is the point of doing them. I think you've got all these wonderful experiences with different skills, and that all teaches you things and makes you an interesting person, no matter how well you do them.'

KURT VONNEGUT

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the submission of material to be included in the March/April issue of the newsletter is February 15.

Please notify the editor by email:

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Thank you!

