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Doors open at 9 am
Paint-In/meeting starts
at 9:30 am

Our meetings are held at:
First Presbyterian Church of
Garden Grove
11832 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

President's Message

Happy Spring to everyone, although with these hot days we've been having, I think we skipped Spring and went straight to Summer!!

Laurie's' Angel Pillow class was a huge success. She gently guided the painters through the quirky design by Shara Reiner. Some of you painted the design on a bag which looked really nice as well. Remember that you can paint the project on the surface of your choice.

Laurie will be teaching another of Shara's designs in July, her Christmas Tree pillow. I am thinking I may do mine on an apron.

How many of you are painting Easter projects? We don't have long to complete them as Easter comes early this year.

Enjoy each day to the fullest and don't forget to pick up a paint brush too!

Painting Hugs,

Fran

Reminders & Announcements

APRIL 10, 2026 - OCTDP General Meeting at 9:30am (Pacific Time)

N.E.T. (New England Traditions) Convention is coming up and the schedule/catalog will be announced soon. Rose is looking for a roommate to share hotel expenses with. If you are considering going, please call Rose Melgoza – 714-886-7694

Class Meeting Location



Upcoming Events & Paint-Ins

IMPORTANT - Due to limited space at the church, we have updated our class registration form. **All registrants will attend via Zoom by default.** Please indicate on the form if you prefer in-person attendance. The first 14 to request it will be accommodated; all others will join via Zoom. Thanks for your understanding.

Friday, APRIL 10, 2026



Zoom and in-person classrooms open at 9:00 am (Pacific Time)
Class begins after the general meeting, which starts at 9:30 am.

Listen to the Birds

Teacher: Fran Wilson
Designer: Chris Haughey
Paint: DecoArt
Size: 8" x 14"
Pattern Fee: \$5.00
Surface Type: 14" Medium Garden Gate Plaque
Source: [#31-L703](http://cdwood.com)
This is a members only class
Class fee: Members \$25
Sign-Ups

Anne E	Avis R	Bernice A	Carol L	Carole E
Esther C	Jean T	Laurie	Lily T	Marion B
Mary M	Regina T	Rose M	Sally Jo	Sandy S
Shirley P	Susan B			

Friday, May 8, 2026



O'Flanary's Emporium
409 N. Orange St.
Redlands, CA
Class starts at 10am

Road Trip - O'Flanary's Emporium

Teacher: Judy Coates
Designer: Judy Coates
Paint: DecoArt (not provided)
Surface: Wood blocks (pick up and prep prior to class)
Class fee: Members \$35, Guests \$40
This is an off-site class
Sign-Ups

Anne E	Avis R	Bev M	Carol L	Chris S
Connie M	Debbie H	DeDe R	Fran W	Jacque D
Katy T	Laurie S	Linda M	Lucinda A	Miko F
Onya T	Pat S	Pat W	Patricia G	Penne K
Rose M	Sandy S	Susan B		

Friday, June 12, 2026



Zoom and in-person classrooms open at 9:00 am (Pacific Time)
Class starts at 9:30 am

JUNE 12 - Bird on Clipboard

Teacher: Onya Tolmasoff
Designer: Heidi England
Paint: Jo Sonja – 3 background colors (class paints will be provided)
Size: 9" x 12"
Surface Type: Clipboard or student choice
Source: Onya - clipboard \$1 each
Class fee: Members \$20, Guests \$25
Sign-Ups

Chris S	Esther C	Jean T	Katy T	Laurie S
Linda M	Pat S	Patricia G	Sandy S	Susan P

OCTDP Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Select your classes below. Note: All classes are via Zoom unless marked 'In-person'.

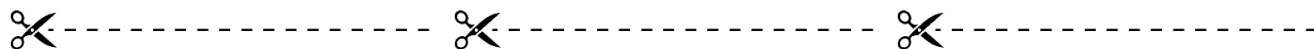
<input type="checkbox"/> APR 10 Listen to the Birds <i>Members only</i> \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> MAY 8 Road Trip Off-site \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> JUN 12 Bird on Clipboard \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> JUL 10 Christmas Tree Pillow \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> AUG 14 Burlap Pumpkins \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> OCT 9 Best Friends Witches \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> In-person
<input type="checkbox"/> NOV 13 3 St Nick Ornaments \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person					

Fee for each class: Member: See above Non-Member: Add \$5 Total Paid: _____

Check #: _____ payable to OCTDP Cash Coupon Zelle: send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com

Send this completed form with payment to:
 Christine Schlager (caschlag42@aol.com)
 9391 Breakwater Cir.
 Huntington Beach, CA 92646

The prep instructions and line drawing will be emailed to you. Contact Christine if you don't have computer access and need a hardcopy. A class credit is issued if the class is canceled. You will receive the class instructions if you are unable to attend. Rev 3/19/26



"The Sheepfold gives victims of domestic violence the support they need to break the cycle of abuse in their lives".

Thank you to all our members who generously donated to the Sheepfold Back-to-School Program. Your support makes a meaningful difference for the children we serve.

We would especially like to thank the following members for their contributions:

Rose Melgoza, Sandy Sadler, Pat Wendorf, Fran Wilson, Onya Tolmasoff, Christine Schlager, Avis Randall, Jennie Pascual and Lucinda Aranda.

If you would still like to contribute by purchasing supplies, the following items are currently needed. Supplies can be brought to the April meeting or given to someone who will be attending on your behalf.

Needed Supplies:

- Colored Pencils (11)
- Markers (9)
- Scissors (15)
- Glue (14)
- Glue Sticks (14)
- Folders (15) Bernice Avila signed up for these items.



Thank you again for your continued generosity and support.

Linda Martin, Charity-Sheepfold

OCTDP 2026 Calendar

<p>APRIL 10 Paint-in/Meeting</p>  <p>Listen to the Birds* ** Fran Wilson</p>	<p>MAY 8 Road Trip Off-site</p>  <p>O'Flanary's Emporium Judy Coates</p>	<p>JUNE 12 Paint-in</p>  <p>Bird on Clipboard Onya Tolmasoff</p>
<p>JULY 10 Paint-in/Meeting</p>  <p>Christmas Tree Pillow Laurie Stewart</p>	<p>AUGUST 14 Paint-in</p>  <p>Burlap Pumpkins Deb Ramo</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 11 Paint-in In-person</p> <p>MYSTERY</p>  <p>2027 Project Selection & Voting</p>
<p>OCTOBER 9 Paint-in/Meeting</p>  <p>Some of My Best Friends are Witches* Susan Phillips</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 13 Paint-in</p>  <p>3 - St. Nicholas Ornaments Christine Schlager</p>	<p>DECEMBER 11 Party In-person</p>  <p>Christmas PARTY</p>

*Pattern fee **Members only class

 <p>Bernice Alvara..... 4/3 Nancy Hornberger CDA 4/13 Sally Jo Kinsey..... 4/20 Rama Shotwell 4/27</p>	<p>Puzzle Painters</p>  <p>Thanks for delivering your painted puzzles last month. Please continue to do so as you finish them up. I'll bring more to check out in April, but NOT on the Road trip to O'Flanary's.</p> <p>Laurie Stewart CDA</p>
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Update for April, 2026

We have one more new member, Jacque Dobbins, **Welcome!**

Totaling 56 members.

Your directories have been handed out at the March Paint-in or mailed, and if you're out of the area you should have received a digital copy by now.

Please wear your Club nametags to our gatherings. This small deed will help new and longtime members get to know each other. If you don't have one or don't know where it is, let me know so I can give you one.

Keep on Painting!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership



Hospitality

We are looking for volunteers to supply the morning treats at our paint-ins. They can be store-bought or homemade and as elaborate or simple as you wish. You don't have to worry about the coffee; it is already supplied.

This is your opportunity to thank those who work so tirelessly for our club. Won't you consider bringing a morning treat?

Please text me at 949-275-0640

Susan Bradbury, Hospitality

Listed below are the events that you can sign-up for:

February 13	Sandy Sadler _____
March 13	Linda Martin _____
April 10	Fran Wilson _____
June 12	Pat Salios _____
July 10	Carole Lembke _____
August 14	_____
October 9	_____
November 13	_____

HAPPY SPRING!



FUNDRAISING

This month's raffles will include a lovely plant dish donated by Chris Schlager, a painted plate, a bundle of goodies and the "Salvation Army Drummer Knutcracker" by Zimms. It sold for \$31 in 1997. Its value has doubled. It stands 12" tall. I hope to sell a lot of tickets this month. We are averaging \$50 on tickets sold each month. See photo.

Rose Melgoza, VP, Fundraising



Submittal Dates: Now until May 15th at 6:00pm

Join the Orange County Fair: Showcase Your Painted Pieces!

Get ready to be part of something unforgettable—submit your stunning painted pieces to this year’s Orange County

Fair! This is your opportunity to share your creativity with thousands of fairgoers and fellow artists.

Special Offer: Free Class Coupon

Get a free class coupon when you submit 5 items into the fair! Participating in the fair is not only a fantastic way to display your work, but also an excellent way to support our club.

Why Enter?

- Experience the thrill of having your artwork showcased alongside other talented creators.
- Enjoy the rewarding feeling of being recognized and celebrated for your creativity.
- Inspire others and help grow our vibrant painting community.
- Invite new artists to join our club and expand our reach.

Make This Year’s Display the Best Yet!

Your participation makes a big difference—let’s make this year’s exhibit the most dazzling ever. Check out the important entry information below and prepare to show off your masterpieces!

Any help or questions please let me know—don't hesitate to reach out and be part of this exciting event!

Sandy Sadler, OC Fair Coordinator

(Please see [OCTDP’s March 2026 newsletter](#) for submission details)

OCTDP Officers & Committees 2026

<p>President Fran Wilson 714-366-3015</p> <p>1st Vice President - Programs Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327</p> <p>Programs Assistant Christine Schlager 714-943-8700</p> <p>2nd Vice President – Fundraising Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694</p> <p>Fundraising Assistant Lucinda Aranda..... 626-991-4443</p> <p>3rd Vice President - Membership Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151</p> <p>Secretary OPEN</p> <p>Interim Secretary Onya Tolmasoff 949-291-5764</p> <p>Treasurer Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694</p>	<p>Charity-Puzzles Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151</p> <p>Charity-Sheepfold Linda Martin 949-370-6753</p> <p>Sheepfold Assistant Doris Smith 714-293-0051</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary Penne Kitley 562-694-3211</p> <p>Decorative Painting Month Penne Kitley 562-694-3211</p> <p>Drawing/Donation Coordinator Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694</p> <p>Historian Miko Frey CDA..... 917-453-8723</p> <p>Holiday Party Debbie Hickey 714-402-4544</p> <p>Holiday Party Assisting Committee Beverly Mester 714-878-2468 Penne Kitley 562-694-3211</p>	<p>Hospitality Susan Bradbury 949-275-0640</p> <p>Mystery Paint-In Debbie Hickey 714-402-4544</p> <p>MPI Assisting Committee Beverly Mester 714-878-2468</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Rama Shotwell 949-235-5215</p> <p>Nominating Committee OPEN</p> <p>OC Fair Coordinator Sandy Sadler..... 714-814-9575</p> <p>OC Fair Assisting Committee Linda Martin 949-370-6753 Susan Bradbury 949-275-0640</p> <p>Publicity Linda Martin 949-370-6753</p> <p>Seminars Avis Randall 714-637-0779</p> <p>Webmistress/Email Liaison Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327</p>
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March Class with Laurie





Orange County Tole & Decorative Painters

octdp.com

Membership Application

New member Renewal Lifetime

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PREFERRED Phone (CIRCLE) Home or Cell

Birthday Month/Day _____ E-mail _____

Membership dues are \$20 annually. (A late fee of \$5, for renewal, will be charged after Dec. 31)

To have a copy of the Newsletter (in Black and White) MAILED, add \$20.

NEW Members who join after July 1st, pay a prorated ½ price of \$10

I agree to participate as a-

- General Member -I plan to be an active member and regularly attend meetings and Paint-ins.
I wish to receive the Newsletter electronically.
- Member -OUT OF THE AREA and will receive the Newsletter and Members Directory electronically.

May we print your name, address & phone number in our Members' Directory? Yes No

Permission is given to photograph and post to social media (ie. our page on Facebook) Yes No

Do you own a tole related business? Yes No Name of business _____

Are you a Decorative Painting teacher? Yes No

Do you have "skills or interest" in any of the following volunteer positions? Yes _____ No _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Charity | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st VP Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee member | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange County Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd VP Fundraising Monthly/Annual | <input type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd VP Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Painting Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmistress/ E-mail Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery Paint-in Coordinator | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Editor | |

Make checks payable to **OCTDP** and mail with this completed Membership form to:

Laurie Stewart CDA, 18231 Winn Circle, Villa Park, CA 92861

FORM OF PAYMENT (please circle) CASH...CHECK...ZELLE (send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com)

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Tole Tattler

Sandra Sadler

12142 Acacia Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92840



First Class Mail

Post Office.....Please Deliver To:

Artiste Extraordinaire !

Chapter at-a-Glance

April 10 – Fran Wilson

May 8 – Road Trip

June 12 – Onya Tolmasoff

Paint-ins or General Meetings begin at 9:30 am



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