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Our meetings are held at:
Anaheim United Methodist Church
1000 S. State College Blvd
Anaheim, CA 92806

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

President’s Message

Hello, OCTDP Family!

Paint-In Recap

Our October Paint-In was a truly enchanting experience, led by the talented Laurie Stewart, who guided us through a delightful Susan Jill Hall design called “Angel Flock.” The creativity in the room soared as participants arrived with a wonderful array of surfaces to paint on—everyone’s unique choices added extra excitement and flair to the project, making it a keepsake you’ll cherish for years to come!

Before our brushes touched the canvas, we kicked things off with a lightning-fast general meeting (be sure to catch the detailed minutes later in the newsletter). Laurie then dazzled us by demonstrating several expert techniques. One highlight was her tip on achieving perfectly crisp lines while dry brushing—plus, she shared how to decide which edge should be sharp and which should softly fade away. These insights were game-changers, unlocking new possibilities for all of us. Thanks to Laurie’s inspiring guidance, everyone left with skills, laughter, and a fresh spark of artistic magic!

Upcoming November Paint-In

Get ready for some holiday fun—November’s project is absolutely adorable! Titled “All Aboard,” it features a festive Christmas train racing down the tracks, packed with cheerful elves lending a hand. The delightful design comes from Prudy Vannier and will be brought to life by our talented Teacher, Lois Joachimstaler, exclusively via Zoom. Don’t miss out on this creative adventure—if you haven’t signed up yet, hop on board and send your paperwork to Chris right away! You’ll love painting this magical project, just in time to add a dash of Christmas joy to your season!

Looking Ahead

URGENT: Board Positions Open for 2026—We Need Your Help!

We urgently need volunteers to fill several key board positions for 2026 to ensure our group runs smoothly next year. Without your support, our beloved events and projects may be affected. It truly takes a village, and we need new volunteers now to tackle the many tasks ahead. Please consider stepping up—your time and energy are vital!

President's Message ...continued from page 1...

Open Positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Orange County Fair Coordinator
- Orange County Fair Assisting Committee
- Holiday Party Organizer
- Holiday Party Assisting Committee
- Mystery Paint-In Assisting Committee (Debbie Hickey will lead this event for 2026-2027)
- Nominating Committee
- Sheepfold Assisting Committee (Sandy Sadler will take over this responsibility for 2026-2027)

Don't delay—contact us today to volunteer! Your involvement is critical to our community's success in 2026.

Sandy Sadler – Your Enthusiastic President



The Results Are In!

10 teachers submitted 24 great projects this year! A total of 44 members cast their votes- 25 at the Mystery Paint-In and 19 online.

First place: Fran Wilson's Rustic Harmony with 26 votes - 15 members ranked it in their top three!

Second place: Christine Schlager's 3 St. Nicholas Ornaments.

Third place: Laurie Stewart's Angel Pillow.

Avis Randall voted for all eight projects! She really knows what we love to paint!

Members Only Classes

Each designer has their own requirements - some ask that every student purchase a pattern packet, while others also charge a class license fee for Zoom classes. Due to designer requirements, we will have two "members only" classes next year.

Announcing our 2026 class schedule!

Next year's classes will primarily be hybrid, offering both in-person and Zoom attendance options. Please note that there will be no Zoom-only classes. Join us at our new location to paint and connect with fellow artists.

Pat Wendorf, VP, Programs

Upcoming Paint-Ins

Friday, November 14, 2025



This is a ZOOM class only

Zoom classroom opens at 9:00 am (Pacific Time)

Class begins at 9:30 am

All Aboard

Teacher: Lois Joachimstaler

Designer: Prudy Vannier

Brand: DecoArt Americana

Design Area: 10" x 9 1/2"

Surface: Wood

Source: Stash

Class fee: Members \$20, Guests \$25

Sign-Ups

Avis R	Bernice A	Carolyn B	Christine S	Jean T
Laurie S	Lynda L	Linnea R	Penne K	Regina T
Rochelle D	Sandy S			



OCTDP Holiday Party

No Paint-In

See page 6 for details

Sign-Ups

Barbara C	Beverly M	Christine S	Miko F	Onya T
Pat S	Pat W	Sandy S	Susan B	

Friday, January 9, 2026



This is a Zoom and in-person class

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

Class begins after the general meeting, which starts at 9:30 am

Rustic Harmony

Teacher: Fran Wilson

Designer: Chris Haughey

Paint: DecoArt

Size: 14" x 7"

Pattern Fee: \$5.00

Surface Type: Mid Rectangle Pallet Plaque

Source: cdwood.com #31-L721

We are ordering a limited number of surfaces. Details will be available soon.

This is a members only class

Class fee: Members \$25

Sign-Ups

OCTDP Class Registration Form

OCTDP Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Place a ✓ next to each date you are registering for. Check 'Zoom' if you'll be attending online.

<input type="checkbox"/> NOV 14 All Aboard Zoom only \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> DEC 12 A Lamplighter's Christmas \$20 Deadline 11/30	<input type="checkbox"/> JAN 9 Rustic Harmony Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> MAR 13 Angel Pillow \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> APR 10 Listen to the Birds Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> MAY 8 Road Trip Off-site TBD
<input type="checkbox"/> JUN 12 Bird on Clipboard \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> JUL 10 Christmas Tree Pillow \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> AUG 14 Burlap Pumpkins \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> OCT 9 Best Friends Witches \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> NOV 13 3 St Nick Ornaments \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

What: Tole Painting & Crafter's Estate Sale

SUPER DEALS on: Books, Brushes, Birdhouses, Beads, Boxes, Gourds, Glass/Metal surfaces, Jo Sonja Paints & Mediums, Pattern Packets, Puzzles, Ornaments, crafting embellishments, Tools and More

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 9 AM to NOON

Where: ... 2561 W. Roven St. Anaheim (c/s Magnolia/Orange Ave)
 (Advisory: Short term parking allowed in this permit parking neighborhood)

Cash, Checks and Zelle accepted

FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY : **Orange County Tole & Decorative Painters**

OCTDP 2026 Calendar

<p>JANUARY 9 Paint-in/Meeting</p>  <p>Rustic Harmony* ** Fran Wilson</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 13 Seminar</p> <p>SEMINAR</p>	<p>MARCH 13 Paint-in</p>  <p>Angel Pillow Laurie Stewart</p>
<p>APRIL 10 Paint-in/Meeting</p>  <p>Listen to the Birds* ** Fran Wilson</p>	<p>MAY 8 Road Trip Off-site</p> <p>ROAD TRIP</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



LAMPLIGHTER CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



*Celebrate the season with friends, food,
and festive fun!*

Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM

**Location: Anaheim United Methodist
Church, 1000 S. State College
Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92806**

Enjoy a Morning of Holiday Cheer!



Raffles & Silent Auction



Fun & Games



**Delicious Lunch catered by
Debble Hickey**



**Beautiful quilted decorations by
Christine Schlager available for purchase**

Tickets: \$20 per person

Please purchase by November 30, 2025

*Come for the fun, stay for the friendship,
and take home a bit of Christmas joy!*

OCTDP 2025/2026 Fundraiser Raffle Prizes

Our goal is to sell at least 500 tickets to have our drawing for these magnificent art pieces. Won't you help us? Tell your friends and sell more raffle tickets. 6 tickets for \$5.00

1. A beautiful trunk with painted design by Jo Sonja, called the Santa Box, Legends of Santa. It is nearly 90percent completed. Instructions packets included with color pictures. The trunk itself is valued at \$100. Measurements: 19" wide, 15" deep, 12" tall, inside storage is 7 ½" deep



2. This is a Pie Pan Set of 2. Painted and signed by Jo Sonja. Donated to OCTDP by Billy Colley, from Jo Sonja's design team. Ready for wall mounting. 14" dia. Each.



Contact Rose Melgoza for ticket sales. rosemelgoza@gmail.com or 714 886-7694

Make checks payable to OCTDP or you can Zelle to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com

Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraiser



No raffles this month since we are in a Zoom Only class in November. However, I hope to see you at my home for our Paint & Crafters Estate Sale on Nov. 8. See our advertisement. Special thanks to Carolin Barwick for her recent donation for the cause. Bring money and shopping bags. You'll need them for all the great buys.

Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraiser



PUZZLES

Aren't the new puzzles fun to paint? The designs are really fun.

Your finished puzzles can still be counted for this year if you get them to me by our November Paint-in. We will be Zooming only, but, I will deliver the last ones after that date.

Thanks for your talent and time



Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson



Membership update for November- It's that time of year again... Membership Renewal time!

Good News! Your dues will remain the same. No increases here!

However, it would be helpful if more members step up. There are positions open.

Please print and fill out the **NEW Membership form**, answering all questions and circle where appropriate. Include your dues of \$20 and mail it in. Be sure to highlight any new information.

There will be an "Early Bird (before December 1) Renewal" drawing at the Holiday Party.

Lifetime Members-please email or send in the new form.

BIG THANKS! To those of you renewing early...Makes my job a little easier.

So far, just in case you forget... These 9 members have renewed-

Onya, Nancy H, Jennie P, Pat S, Diane S, Mary M, Irene P, Debbie R, Regina T, and one new member Marion Barnett.

Don't miss the fun that's being planned for next year! It's going to be a good one!

Keep on Painting and see you there!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership



Birthdays

Laura Waite.....	11/4
Susan Bradbury	11/5
Luanne Widzisz.....	11/13
Christine Taylor-Leonard.....	11/18
Debbie Hickey	11/22
Irene Patrias.....	11/24
Lily Tucker.....	11/26
Esther Carrion.....	11/27
Pat Salios.....	11/30



Lifetime Membership Award Nomination

All members in good standing are invited to submit to the club secretary, Onya Tolmasoff, any nominations for the OCTDP Lifetime Membership Award. The nominee must be an OCTDP member in good standing for a minimum of 8 years and the reasons for nomination should be included.

Nomination form available at this link- [Lifetime Membership Nomination Form](#)

Onya Tolmasoff, Secretary



Decorative Painting Month

Penne and I would like to thank everyone who made Decorative Painting Month a success by submitting photos of your painted items or collected pieces to me for posting on our Facebook Group and Club pages. If you haven't already, be sure to visit our page on Facebook.

Penne Kitley, Decorative Painting Month Chairperson
Linda Martin, Publicity Chairperson



the Sheepfold



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

Our drive is almost complete for the painted bags and supplies that are going to the women of Sheepfold. I would like to, hopefully, deliver them either at the end of November or the beginning of December

The bags this year are very lovely and creative with some new ideas. One of the bags was stenciled all in black and white, while another idea was to do multiple bags all in similar designs with different color palettes. All of the bags are unique and beautifully done.

We are still waiting for some more supplies:

- ▲ **Penne** - 15 packages of razors ▲ **Lucinda** - 11 pens
- ▲ **Beverly** - 6 shampoos with matching conditioner

If you are unable to acquire the items, just call me at 949-275-0640 and I can do it for you.

Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson



OCTDP Officers & Committees 2025

President

Sandy Sadler 714-814-9575

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Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327

Program Assistant

Christine Schlager 714-943-8700

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Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694

Fundraising Assistant

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Charity-Sheepfold

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Christine Schlager 714-943-8700

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Pat Salios 714-925-6712

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Mystery Paint-In

Bernice Alvara 714-390-9430

Newsletter Editor

Rama Shotwell 949-235-5215

Nominating Committee

OPEN

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Susan Bradbury 949-275-0640

OC Fair Asst.

Carol Lembke 714-614-4690

Publicity

Linda Martin 949-370-6753

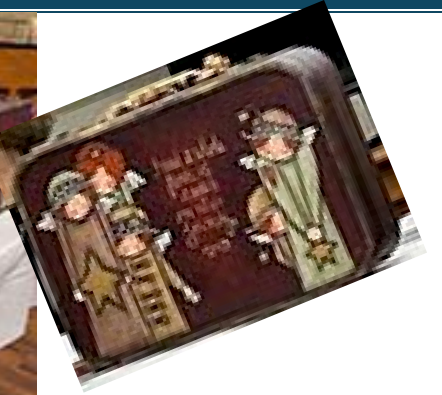
Seminars

Avis Randall 714-637-0779

Webmistress/Email Liaison

Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327

October Class with Laurie Stewart



OCTDP General Meeting – October 10, 2025

Via ZOOM and in-person

Meeting called to order by Pat Wendorf at 9:36 am

President- Sandy was ill and unable to attend. Pat Wendorf presented the new 2026 Calendar and explained the notations on the calendar (* for pattern fee and ** for members only class)

Secretary- Onya was not there so Susan Bradbury presented the form for the Lifetime Membership Nominations. It is a qualification for the nominee to be a member of our club for a minimum of 8 years and in current good standing. The forms will be included in the November Newsletter and sent via e-mail. There were forms at the meeting, but no one seemed to be interested. The deadline is November 20, and all nominations need to be sent to Onya.

Treasurer- Rose reported that our checking account balance is \$10,640.48.

Programs- Pat presented a new form for the activities for the balance of 2025 and for 2026. The new form has a lot of additional information and will make sign-ups easier, It is important that the new forms are used for all future events and money will not be accepted without it. The form was passed out at the meeting and will be e-mailed to our membership and put in the next newsletter.

Fundraiser- Rose will be having a Toile and Crafter Estate Sale at her home on Saturday, November 8, from 9 to noon. Her address is 2561 W. Roven St in Anaheim. She reported that her neighborhood is a permit parking neighborhood, but short-term parking will be allowed. There will be super deals! Cash, check, and Zelle will be accepted. For more information call Rose 714-886-7694.

Membership- Laurie has made an adjustment on the Membership Form with a request for permission to publish all pictures.

Hospitality- Debbie supplied coffee and tea and her husband, Mike, delivered and picked them up. Laurie brought 3 boxes of donuts!

Mystery Paint-In- Debbie Hickey will be the new chairperson for 2026-27.

Holiday Party- It is called "A Lamplighter's Christmas" and will be on Friday, December 12. The doors will open at 9:30. The cost is \$20. There is a flyer with additional information coming your way!

Sheepfold- We need a chairperson for this worthwhile event. It is an easy and rewarding position.

Orange County Fair- This position is still open for 2026

Publicity- October is Decorative Painting Month. Send your pictures of your painted pieces, along with the name of the piece and the original designer to Linda Martin so that she can post them.

Web Liaison- No report

Old Business- none

New Business- None

Laurie S. moved that the meeting adjourn, it was seconded by Rose M. Motion carried at 9:56am

Submitted by:

Susan Bradbury, Co-Secretary



Orange County Tole & Decorative Painters

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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 _____

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <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



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Artiste Extraordinaire !

Chapter at-a-Glance

November 14th – Lois Joachimstaler

December 12th – Holiday Party

January 9th – Rustic Harmony

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



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