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

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

A Message to Our Members

Our club has always been powered by the creativity, generosity, and volunteer spirit of its members. At this time, we want to openly share an important challenge we are facing.

Despite sincere efforts, we were unable to fill the position of **President** for the current term. This role is essential to keeping our painting group active, organized, and recognized as a formal organization. Without someone willing to step into this leadership position, we may not be able to continue operating in the months ahead.

If our group were to dissolve, we would lose much more than meetings and newsletters. We would lose:

- A supportive community of fellow artists
- Opportunities to learn, exhibit, and grow together
- The structure that allows us to host events, workshops, and collaborations
- The shared identity that makes our painting group special

This club exists because of its members and volunteers. **Leadership does not mean doing everything alone** — it means guiding, coordinating, and working with a team that is ready to help.

If you have ever felt grateful for this group, inspired by another member, or enriched by being part of our artistic community, we ask you to consider stepping forward or encouraging someone you trust to do so. Even a willingness to learn and serve for a short term can make all the difference.

Please reach out to the board if you are interested, have questions, or would like to discuss what the role truly involves. Our future depends on participation, and we sincerely hope someone from within our talented and caring membership will answer this call.

Together, we can keep our painting community alive and thriving.



New Location for Club Meetings

OCTDP will be meeting at the **new location**

This move gives us a space that better fits our club and helps us continue doing what we love - painting, learning, and having a great time together. Plus no more stairs!

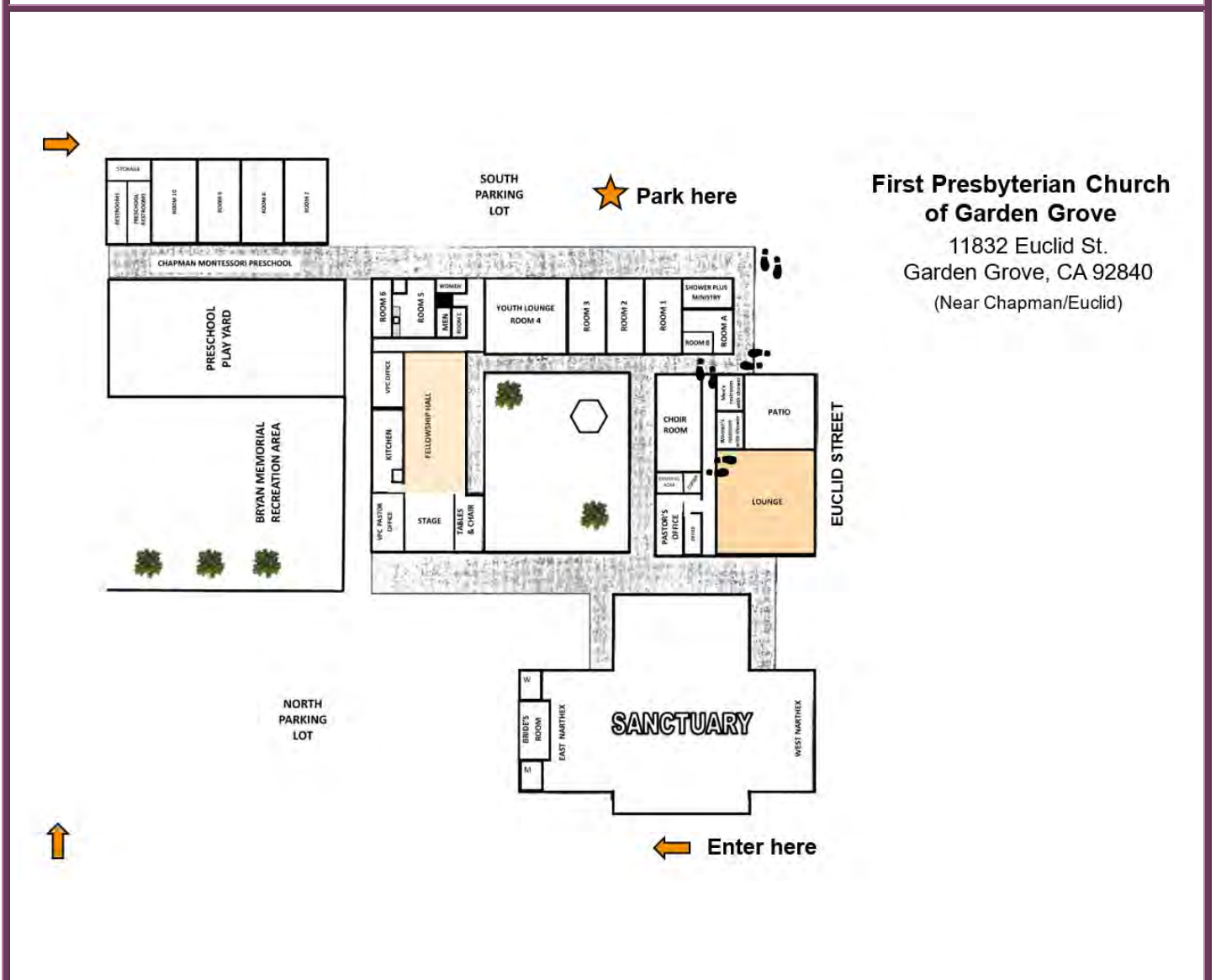
Our New Meeting Spot

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove (Leonard Lounge)

Address: [11832 Euclid St, Garden Grove, CA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11832+Euclid+St,+Garden+Grove,+CA)

When: 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 am (PT)

Our meeting schedule will stay the same, so just be sure to head to the new location next time.



**First Presbyterian Church
of Garden Grove**

11832 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
(Near Chapman/Euclid)

Upcoming Events & Paint-Ins

Friday, February 13, 2026



Seminar with Chris Haughey

CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE

See page 5 for details

Friday, March 13, 2026



Angel Pillow

Teacher: Laurie Stewart

Designer: Shara Reiner

Paint: DecoArt

Size: 18" square

Surface Type: Canvas pillow

Source: [Hobby Lobby - \\$2.99](#)

Techniques: Drybrushing highlights

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

Sign-Ups

Avis R	Chris S	Linda M	Lucinda A	Lynda L
Miko F	Patricia G	Regina T	Rose M	Sandy S
Susan B				

This is a Zoom and in-person class

**ZOOM and in-person classrooms open
at 9:00 am PST**

Class begins at 9:30 am PST

Friday, APRIL 10, 2026



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: [cdwood.com #31-L703](#)

This is a members only class

Class fee: Members \$25

Sign-Ups

Anne E	Avis R	Esther C	Mary M	Regina T
Rose M	Sally Jo K	Sandy S	Susan B	

**ZOOM and in-person classrooms open
at 9:00 am PST**

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

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.

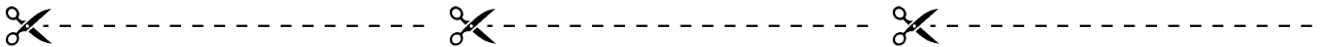
<input type="checkbox"/> JAN 9 Rustic Harmony Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> MAR 13 Angel Pillow \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> APR 10 Listen to the Birds Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<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. Rev 12/26//25



OCTDP Seminar Registration Form

Chris Haughey

CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE

Friday, February 13-2026

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

\$40 Member _____ \$45 Non-member _____

Check# _____ Payable to OCTDP

Zelle _____ send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com

Email or mail completed form to Avis Randall - 714-637-0779

ardr1@dslextreme.com

5331 East Juaneno Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

ORANGE COUNTY TOLE AND DECORATIVE PAINTERS

Cordially invites you to ZOOM with us
And our Special Guest Designer

CHRIS HAUGHEY

Painting her

CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE

Friday, February 13-2026

9:30 am - 4 pm PST

\$40 members \$45 non-members



Prep video provided as well as class video

Wholesale price for class surface or use surface of your choice

Please email Avis Randall

ardr1@dslextreme.com

714-637-0779

OCTDP 2026 Calendar

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

*Pattern fee **Members only class

FUNDRAISING



Last month's raffle winners: Dee Dee Rains was a big winner. She won a raffle prize and the Zimm's Nutcracker. Bernice & Sandy won a beaded purse with a Hobby Lobby gift card inside.

February Nutcracker will be the mushroom Forest House. It stands 10" tall. In 1998 it was priced at \$16.95. Today's value is about \$50 due to its unique style. It is considered a smoker. Other raffle items will be offered. You can Zelle money to buy your chance to win. Good luck

Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraising

MEMBERSHIP

We have 44 members renewed so far and we have 3 new members for a total of 47.

Remember, after January 1, our dues for RENEWAL are \$25. A new member will still be \$20 and if joining in June the dues are ½ price at \$10.

In case you forgot... These members have renewed.

Bernice A, Lucinda A, Susan B, Sharon C, Esther C, Barbara C, Carol E, Anne E, Penne K, Sally Jo K, Lynda L, Miko F, Patricia G, Debbie H, Francly H, Nancy H, Linda M, Sherill M, Robyn Mc, Tamara M, Rose M, Bev M, Mary M, June O, Irene P, Jennie P, DeDe R, Debbie R, Avis R, Cookie R-P, Pat S, Diane S, Sandy S, Christine S, Rexene S, Rama S, Doris S, Laurie S, Regina T, Onya T, Lily T, Christine T-L, Pat W, Fran W, Katy T, and new members Marion Barnett, Jean Trimpe and Heidi Spangler. Welcome!

Join us for the fun that's being planned for this year! It's going to be another good one!

Keep on Painting!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership

Lifetime Membership Award



Congratulations to our newest "Lifetime Membership Award" 2025 inductee - **Linda Martin!**

If you weren't able to attend the holiday party, that's when the award was presented to Linda. She has been dedicated throughout the years holding different positions on the Board & committees. She always steps up when asked. Her contribution is always noted with a positive attitude when something needs to be resolved or done to help lead & support the Club's objectives.

Thank you, Linda!

Onya Tolmasoff and Committee



Christine Schlager..... 02/23



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

We are looking forward to the new year and donating school supplies to the children at Sheepfold. I have listed below the supplies that are needed by April 10th. I will also have the list and will be collecting supplies at both February and March's meetings.

Item	Qty	Item	Qty
Crayons	15	Colored Pencils	15
Markers	9	Erasers	14
Pencil Sharpener	2	Scissor	15
Glue	14	Glue Stick	14
Watercolor Set	15	Ruler	19
College Ruled Paper	15	Folders	15
Pencil Box	14	Notebook	5
Backpacks – sponsor @ \$5 ea	10		

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the children.

Linda Martin
949-370-6753
Linda.a.martin926@gmail.com



Wow, what an exciting theme this year. This will be the 136th Orange County Fair at the OC Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Dates of the Fair are July 17th Thru August 16 2026.

Don't wait to start finishing those UFO's to enter the fair. Remember to check the guidelines for Tole and decorative painting.

Linda Martin

OCTDP General Meeting – January 9, 2026

In person & via zoom attendance at First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove

Meeting was called to order by Pat Wendorf at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements: We still have several Board positions open & hope some people not already on the board will step up to fill these positions. Open elected positions are President & Secretary. Rose Melgoza also brought tubs of paints for the taking & will donate the rest for the OC Fair committee's use & other groups.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Rose Melgoza reported a balance as of December 31, 2025 to be \$13,818.88. Monies made at the Holiday Party from Raffles, Silent Auction, & other sales helped to make a great start for 2026.

Programs: Pat Wendorf showed March's project to be taught by Laurie Stewart on a pillow – Shara Reiner's Angel Pillow. April's project to be taught by Fran Wilson on a plaque – Chris Haughey's Listen to the Birds.

Fundraiser: Rose Melgoza showed items for today's Raffles – Zim's Hornblower Nutcracker & 3 beaded bags each with Hobby Lobby Gift Cards. Those zooming could purchase tickets as well via zelle.

Membership: Laurie Stewart reported we have 42 members to-date. Sherill Martens rejoined & Lily Tucker renewed. She also welcomed visiting guests.

Seminar (Special Event): Avis Randall stated Chris Haughey will be teaching via zoom February 13, 2026. Those taking the class can meet at the church or home zoom & will be recorded. Since we don't know how long lunch time will be, it was suggested those attending in person bring their lunch.

Hospitality: Debbie Hickey brought coffee & snacks for today. Susan Bradbury announced that moving forward she would bring the coffee and asked for volunteer(s) to sign up to bring snacks each month. Sandy Sadler will bring for February.

Mystery Paint-in: Debbie Hickey has nothing to report yet, but things are in the works.

Holiday Party: no report.

Charity: Sheepfold – Linda received notebook and items today and will start to figure out next steps

Puzzles: Laurie will bring puzzles to check out at the March PI. If anyone has finished ones to bring at that time as well.

Publicity: Linda Martin has been posting our activities on Facebook, Tole Painters Unite, Artful Ties, & other social media sites.

Webmistress/Email Liaison: Pat updated the website information on our new meeting location.

Orange County Fair: If we don't have someone to spearhead the booth, we may not have. Thankfully, Sandy Sadler volunteered to chair and Linda Martin to assist. Members are encouraged to submit painted pieces so Decorative Painting is recognized and able to grow.

Fran Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:52 a.m. – Avis Randall 2nd – motion carried

Submitted by:

Onya Tolmasoff

OCTDP 2026 Interim Secretary

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?

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

- February 13 Sandy Sadler
- March 13 _____
- April 10 _____
- June 12 _____
- July 10 _____
- August 14 _____
- October 9 _____
- November 13 _____



Please call or text me at 949-275-0640

Susan Bradbury



OCTDP Officers & Committees 2026

President

OPEN

1st Vice President - Programs

Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327

Programs Assistant

Christine Schlager 714-943-8700

2nd Vice President – Fundraising

Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694

Fundraising Assistant

Lucinda Aranda..... 626-991-4443

3rd Vice President - Membership

Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151

Secretary

OPEN

Interim Secretary

Onya Tolmasoff 949-291-5764

Treasurer

Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694

Charity-Puzzles

Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151

Charity-Sheepfold

Linda Martin 949-370-6753

Sheepfold Assistant

Doris Smith 714-293-0051

Corresponding Secretary

Penne Kitley 562-694-3211

Decorative Painting Month

Penne Kitley 562-694-3211

Drawing/Donation Coordinator

Rose Melgoza 714-886-7694

Historian

Miko Frey CDA..... 917-453-8723

Holiday Party

Debbie Hickey 714-402-4544

Holiday Party Assisting Committee

Beverly Mester 714-878-2468

Penne Kitley 562-694-3211

Hospitality

Susan Bradbury 949-275-0640

Mystery Paint-In

Debbie Hickey 714-402-4544

MPI Assisting Committee

Beverly Mester 714-878-2468

Newsletter Editor

Rama Shotwell 949-235-5215

Nominating Committee

OPEN

OC Fair Coordinator

Sandy Sadler..... 714-814-9575

OC Fair Assisting Committee

Linda Martin 949-370-6753

Publicity

Linda Martin 949-370-6753

Susan Bradbury 949-275-0640

Seminars

Avis Randall 714-637-0779

Webmistress/Email Liaison

Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327

January Class with Fran Wilson





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 _____

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

February 13 – Chris Haughey Seminar

March 13 – Laurie Stewart

April 10 – Fran Wilson

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



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