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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! 🌸 ✨

July is a canvas just waiting for your imagination—an artist's month of fireworks, color, and joyful creation! The world seems to come alive with the vibrant hues of summer: dazzling reds and blues in the night sky, lush greens on sun-drenched fields, and the golden glow of long, leisurely evenings. Parades, picnics, and festivals offer a feast of inspiration, each gathering brimming with movement, laughter, and the unrepeatable play of light and shadow.

June's Class Recap 🌸

What an absolute blast we had on our Road Trip! If you missed out, you missed a day brimming with laughter, friendship, and unforgettable memories. Carpooling together set the tone for a day full of lively conversation and camaraderie as we journeyed to the enchanting O'Flanary's shop. Judy Coats welcomed us with open arms, and her project was tailor-made for our group—everyone left inspired!

Our lunch across the street was a treat in itself: we dined al fresco on the patio, savoring delicious food and soaking up the sunny vibes. Afterward, we shopped to our hearts' content and painted the afternoon away in pure creative bliss. Huge thanks to our three wonderful drivers—Rose Melgoza, Anne Engle, and Laurie Stewart—who made the trip seamless and fun for all.

Take it from us: a visit to Judy's shop is a must for anyone seeking a magical day out. Trust me, you're in for a fantastic time!

July Christmas Village

🌲 Christmas in July is here, this gorgeous village scene will fill your home with holiday magic and become a cherished keepsake for years to come. ✨ Rose is ready to guide you step-by-step in her wonderful class. As always we will, create, and make memories together! 🎁 🌟

Positions to Fill – Your Time to Shine! 🌸 🧐

Now is the moment to step up and become an essential pillar of our OCTDP community! 🌟 Your leadership and dedication are **absolutely vital**—without passionate volunteers like you, our group cannot thrive. Take this opportunity to make a lasting difference, shape our future, and ensure OCTDP continues to shine brightly for years to come. We are counting on you!

- **President (2026–2027)** – The time to step up is now! Our community needs a leader with energy and vision, and this is your moment to make a real difference. I have cherished every second as your president, but as I turn toward new commitments, we need someone ready to carry the torch and keep OCTDP thriving. If you've ever considered making an impact, don't wait—our future depends on bold leadership. Will you answer the call? 🌟

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

- **Orange County Fair (2026-2027)** Our board members are available to assist with this role. Please consider this position, as we risk losing our spot at the fair. This location is crucial for advertising our club.
- **Sheepfold Charity Coordinator** – Spread kindness and make a difference while helping those in need. This is your chance to shine as a beacon of hope! ❤️
- **Nominating Committee Chair** – Play a vital role in shaping OCTDP's future by connecting with members and guiding our path forward. 💡 ✨
- **Mystery Paint-In Chair (2026-2027)** - We urgently need someone to fill this vital role! Don't let this exciting and important position go unfilled—we need your help to keep the momentum going. Step up now, and you'll have plenty of support and unforgettable moments along the way!

Participate in OCTDP to maintain its energy and liveliness. *Your involvement is crucial to the program's success. **Seize this opportunity to make a significant impact, now is the moment to act!**

🎄 **Sandy Sadler – Your Enthusiastic President** ❤️ 🎨



OCTDP Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Place a ✓ next to the months you are registering for.
The **default for LIVE/ZOOM classes is ZOOM** unless participants opt for in-person attendance.

<input type="checkbox"/> JUN Road Trip Off-site \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> JUL Xmas Village LIVE/ZOOM \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> AUG Jack-o-Lanterns ZOOM only \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> OCT Angel Flock LIVE/ZOOM \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> NOV All Aboard ZOOM only \$20
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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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Upcoming Paint-Ins

Friday, July 11, 2025



This is a Zoom and in-person class
 Zoom and in-person classrooms open at
 9:00 a.m. PST
 Class begins after the general meeting,
 which starts at 9:30 a.m. PST

Christmas Village Board

This is a cute holiday piece. Adding little twinkle lights between the layers makes it really magical.

Teacher: Rose Melgoza

Designer: Paola Bassan

Brand: DecoArt Americana

Design Area: 15" x 11" 2 piece dimensional

Pattern Fee: \$5.00

Surface: Laser cut high-density MDF

Source: CD Wood - Christmas Village Kit by Paola Bassan.

Click [here](#) to buy.

Technique: Shading, drybrush

Class fee: Members \$25, Guests \$30

SIGN-UPS

Bernice A	Carolyn B	Christine T-L	Francie H	Irene P
Jennie P	Laurie S	Linnea R	Lucinda A	Miko F
Pat W	Regina T	Sandy S	Susan B	

Friday, August 8, 2025



This is a ZOOM class only
 ZOOM classroom opens at 9:00 a.m. PST
 Class begins at 9:30 a.m. PST

Jack-o-Lanterns Box

Teacher: Christine Taylor-Leonard **Designer:** Maxine Thomas

Brand: DecoArt Americana

Design Area: 8 1/4" x 6 1/2" x 3"

Surface: Bentwood Box or surface of choice

Source: [PineCraft Inc](#) 20% off group order SKU#WD1150XS

Technique: Dry Brushing

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

SIGN-UPS

Christine S	Jean T	Laurie S	Linnea R	Miko F
Sandy S				

Friday, September 12, 2025



Mystery Paint-In

Teacher: Mys Tery

Brand: Revealed in class

Design Area: Unknown

Surface: Prepped surface provided in class

Source: Mystery Committee

Technique: Taught in class

Class fee: Members \$35, Guests \$40 – Includes lunch

See Page 6 for details



October is Decorative Painting Month

We're excited to see the beautiful projects you'll be submitting for Decorative Painting Month to post on Facebook!

You can start sending them in now, if you'd like. Please email your project photos to Linda Martin - linda.a.martin926@gmail.com

Be sure to include:

- ♥ The original designer's name
- ♥ A brief description of the project

This ensures that the original artist receives proper credit.

Once we receive your project photos, they will be posted on Facebook. People truly enjoy seeing hand-painted creations—thank you for sharing

yours!

Penne Kitley, Decorative Painting Month Chairperson

Linda Martin, Publicity Chairperson



Orange County Fair

Our time at the Fair is close. We will be working on Saturday, July 19, and Sunday, July 20. The schedule is listed below and instructions for parking and other details will be mailed out as soon as I get them. You will also get a ticket to get into the Fair to be able to work your shifts and a parking ticket (be sure to check the lot #). Both tickets look very similar so please look closely at them.

Text me if you have any questions. Susan Bradbury. 949-275-0640

Time	July 19, 2025 – Saturday (Noon-9 pm)			July 20, 2025 – Sunday (Noon-9 pm)		
	Demo	Make & Take	Make & Take	Demo	Make & Take	Make & Take
Noon-3 pm	Chris S	Miko F	Susan B	Susan B	Miko F	Jennie P
3 pm-6 pm	Onya T	Linda M	Laurie S	Sandy S	Rose M	Bernice A
6 pm-9 pm	Debbie H	Susan B	Laurie S	Bernice A	Rose M.	Debbie H

Susan Bradbury
OC Fair Coordinators



OCTDP 2025 Calendar

JULY 11 Paint-In/Meeting Live/Zoom  Christmas Village Board Rose Melgoza	AUGUST 8 Paint-In Zoom only  Jack-o-Lanterns Box Christine Taylor-Leonard	SEPTEMBER 12 Paint-In Live only <h1 style="text-align: center; color: purple;">MYSTERY</h1> 2026 Project Selection & Voting
OCTOBER 10 Paint-In/Meeting Live/Zoom  Angel Flock Laurie Stewart CDA	NOVEMBER 14 Paint-In Zoom only  All Aboard Lois Joachimstaler	DECEMBER 12 Party Live only <h1 style="text-align: center; color: purple;">HOLIDAY PARTY</h1>

Updated: 10/8/24




Lucinda Aranda7/3

Sharon Carlen7/7

Carolyn Barwick.....7/10

Lynda Lucas7/24



PUZZLES

Hello Puzzle Painters!

Please bring your finished puzzles to our July Meeting and Paint-in.

There are many more that I will bring for you to consider checking out. Thank you, Susan B and Penne K, for turning in your puzzles last month.

Keep on painting,

Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson

Forget Me Nots

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Christine Taylor-Leonard - who underwent a surgery on June 27th.

Patricia Gemmell - who recently suffered the loss of her husband.

Your support means so much during these difficult times.

Penne Kitley--Corresponding Secretary.

Mystery Paint-In Update

Sign-up for our Mystery Paint-In!

Our much anticipated Mystery Paint-In this September is almost here!

We're excited to bring you a project led by a talented, renowned teacher who will spark your creativity and inspire your artistic spirit.

The class is open to both members and non-members. Registration is just **\$35 for members** and **\$40 for non-members** — an incredible value for a full day of painting, inspiration, and fun! **Lunch is included** in your fee, and we're happy to be partnering again with the same vendor who delighted us with delicious sandwiches last year.

Almost all the painting materials you'll need will be provided — just bring your basic painting supplies, a good bristle brush such as a chip brush, and your creative energy.

And that's not all: **you'll also have the chance to vote on next year's projects during the Paint-In**, just like last year!

Early registration is encouraged — it helps us prepare all the details to make this day truly special.

We can't wait to share this exciting experience with you!

Bernice Alvara, Mystery Paint-In Chairperson



MYSTERY PAINT-IN Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Class Date: September 12, 2025

Teacher: Miss Tree

LIVE IN PERSON ONLY

Class Fee: ☐ Member: \$35 ☐ Non-Member \$40

Check #: _____ payable to OCTDP ☐ Cash ☐ Coupon

☐ Zelle: send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com

E-Mail or mail this completed for to:

Bernice Alvara
1865 W. Surf Dr.
Anaheim, CA 92801
714-390-9430



Our club charity is Sheepfold and it is a home for abused women and children. We are fortunate to be able to help women who need our help. We choose to brighten their day with a hand painted canvas bag filled with sundries and other items to make their stay easier and for them to know that someone cares. The canvas bags have already been passed out and, if you missed the bags, here is another opportunity for you. We have a list of the items that we need to fill the bags. We are looking for 15 of each item. There will be a list available at the July paint-in or you can text me with what you would like to contribute. This is an opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need.

We need 15 of each:

- Body Lotion
- Hairbrush
- Bath Sponge
- Toothbrush
- Notepaper
- Chapstick or lip gloss
- Shower Cap
- Dental Floss
- Toothpaste
- \$10 Target Gift Cards, or Cash to purchase items not donated.
- Deodorant
- Package of Razors
- Shampoo & Conditioner (matching)
- Pens

If you have questions or would like to put your name on an item to donate, please text me at

949-275-0640. **Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson**



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FUNDRAISING

Here is a sneak peak of the raffle bundles available at our July Paint in. I might be adding a few other items to some of them. Zoomers can also pre-order raffle tickets to get in on the action. Just Zelle me your money and text me which bundle you want your tickets in.



Stars and Stripes



Sleds and Stacking Oval Paper Mache Boxes



Heartfelt Goodies



Cabinet



Vintage Plaque 24" x 14"

Rose Melgoza, Fundraising Chairperson

The Artist's Corner

Tips, techniques and tools to grow as an artist

This tip was submitted by Pat Wendorf. Original content from Vanilla Arts.

Randomly Spaced Objects (for those of us with OCD)

Spacing objects randomly is harder than it sounds! Even professional artists have trouble drawing confetti, snowflakes, leaves, or blades of grass; it's difficult to keep objects from clumping together in odd pairs or to spread them evenly across a surface. And thinking "random, random, random" just makes the problem worse!

But don't worry, there's a trick! The key to random is to use a precise pattern.

I know, it sounds counter-intuitive. But it works! Here's how...

1. Lets do confetti! We want to draw little squares that look like they're floating in the air. Let's start with one square piece.
... That's ONE...



2. Now draw two squares nearby.
... That's TWO...



3. Next, draw three squares.
... That's THREE...



4. Repeat that pattern, counting to yourself as you go.

ONE, TWO, THREE. ONE, TWO, THREE.
ONE, TWO, THREE. ONE, TWO, THREE.



5. Keep going and vary the placement of squares and the space between groups. Your brain is happy because you're counting, but the results look totally unplanned.

It's the best of both worlds!
... and only you will see the pattern.



vanilla arts . com

June Road Trip to O'Flanary's





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

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 _____

☐ President
☐ 1st VP Programs
☐ 2nd VP Fundraising Monthly/Annual
☐ 3rd VP Membership
☐ Treasurer
☐ Secretary

☐ Charity
☐ Committee member
☐ Corresponding Secretary
☐ Decorative Painting Month
☐ Historian
☐ Holiday Party
☐ Hospitality
☐ Mystery Paint-in Coordinator
☐ Newsletter Editor

☐ Nominating
☐ Orange County Fair
☐ Publicity
☐ Seminar Coordinator
☐ Webmistress/ E-mail Liaison
☐ Other _____ ☐

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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Sandra Sadler

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Garden Grove, CA 92840



First Class Mail

Post Office.....Please Deliver To:

Artiste Extraordinaire !

Chapter at-a-Glance

July 11th – Rose Melgoza

August 8th – Christine Taylor-Leonard

September 12 – Mystery Paint-In

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



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