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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! As the proud president of our painting group, I welcome you all to another vibrant month of creativity and inspiration! May is a time of renewal, bursting with color as spring reaches its peak—just like our canvases. This month, we celebrate **Cinco de Mayo**, a day of cultural festivity that reminds us of the power of expression, and **Mother's Day**, a perfect occasion to honor the nurturing forces in our lives through art. As we approach **Memorial Day**, let's take a moment to reflect on gratitude and remembrance, perhaps channeling these emotions into meaningful pieces. May is also **National Wildflower Month**, a wonderful excuse to explore nature's palette and bring its beauty into our work. Let's make this month one of bold strokes, fresh ideas, and shared passion!

✂ April's Class Recap

A huge round of applause for **Laurie Stewart** for teaching Golda Rader's stunning **Zentangled Rose** class! 🌹👏 Laurie's expertise in painting and layering was simply mesmerizing. This project challenged us, but the reward? A breathtaking final masterpiece. Thank you, Laurie, for sharing your wisdom and talent! 🌟

🎅 May Live/Zoom Class – Christmas in May!

Who says we must wait for December to spread holiday cheer? **Sandy Sadler** will lead us in painting an adorable **Santa Paintbrush** project! 🎁👏 Expect **laughter, learning, and loads of festive fun**. There's still time to **reserve your spot**—let's paint, celebrate, and make merry magic together!

June Road Trip to Flannery's Emporium

We will be making a trip to Judy Coats shop to paint a yard sign. This is always a fun trip. Please check the General minutes for more information on this class.

🚀 Positions to Fill – Your Time to Shine!

Our OCTDP family thrives because of amazing volunteers like YOU! Want to make a difference? Consider stepping up for one of these key roles:

♦ **President (2026–2027)** – This is a **fun and rewarding** opportunity to lead! I've had incredible support during my term, but as I shift to personal commitments, I need to pass the torch to someone ready to help our community continue to flourish.

🐑 **Sheepfold Charity Coordinator** – Your chance to **give back** and spread kindness!

♦ **Nominating Committee Chair** – A **vital role** that keeps our club strong and growing.

We need **bright, passionate people** to keep OCTDP vibrant and thriving. **Step up, shine, and help shape the future!** 🌟👏

With excitement, gratitude, and a dash of holiday spirit,

🎨 **Sandy Sadler – Your Enthusiastic President**

Upcoming Paint-Ins

Friday, May 9, 2025

This is a Zoom and in-person class

Zoom and in-person classrooms open at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)
Class begins at 9:30 a.m. PST



Santa Paint Brush Ornament

Teacher: Sandy Sadler **Designer:** Sandy Sadler
Brand: DecoArt Americana
Design Area: 7 1/2" x 2 1/2"
Surface: 2" Chip brush
Source: Home Depot
Technique: Sculpting a Santa out of Kwikwood
Class fee: Members **\$20**, Guests **\$25**
SIGN-UPS

Avis R	Barbara C	Christine S	Esther C	Fran W
Irene P	Judy M	Laurie S	Linda M	Linnea R
Lucinda A	Marie V	Miko F	Onya T	Pat W
Penne K	Rama S	Rochelle D	Rose M	Susan B

June 13, 2025



This is an off-site class

O'Flanary's Emporium
409 N. Orange St., Redlands, CA
Class starts at 10:00 am

Road Trip - O'Flanary's Emporium

Let's go paint a fall-themed yard sign featuring one of Judy's delightful designs!

Teacher: Judy Coates **Designer:** Judy Coates
Paint: Provided
Surface: Yard sign
Class fee: Members **\$35**, Guests **\$40**

- ♥ We will have carpool sign-up sheets at the April & May paint-ins
- ♥ Bring your basic painting supplies to class. Everything else will be provided.
- ♥ Sign-up deadline - June 6, 2025

SIGN-UPS

Anne E	Christine S	Laurie S	Pat S	Penne K
Rose M	Sandy S			

Friday, July 11, 2025



This is a Zoom and in-person class

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

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: Limited number of kits available for \$15.
Includes base, overlay and spacers.
Contact Pat (ptwendorf@gmail.com)
Technique: Shading, drybrush
Class fee: Members **\$25**, Guests **\$30**
SIGN-UPS

Carolyn B	Laurie S	Pat W	Sandy S	Susan B
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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"/> MAY Santa Brush LIVE/ZOOM \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<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: _____

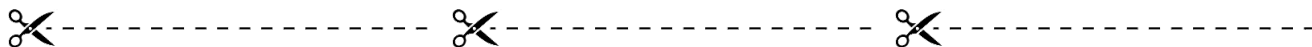
Check #: _____ payable to OCTDP ☐ Cash ☐ Coupon ☐ Zelle: send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com

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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Sheepfold



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



School Backpacks for Sheepfold

We were able to purchase 15 backpacks and the school supplies to stuff them with. We included paper, pencils, erasers, scissors, pencil boxes, notebooks and many other supplies. The backpacks will be delivered next week to Sheepfold so that kids will be prepared for Back-to-School.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated.

Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson

OCTDP 2025 Calendar

APRIL 11 Paint-In/Meeting Live/Zoom  Zen Floral Laurie Stewart CDA	MAY 9 Paint-In Live/Zoom  Santa Paint Brush Ornament Sandy Sadler	JUNE 13 Road Trip Off-site <h1 style="text-align: center; color: purple;">ROAD TRIP</h1> O'Flanary's Emporium Judy Coates
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





Membership Update-59

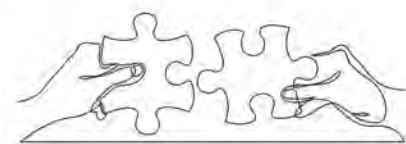
Directories have been distributed, Yay!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP Membership



PUZZLES

So many puzzles were turned in last month...Thank you Puzzle Painters! You've been busy! Look at some of the new designs that have been coming in, they are so cute! They have been delivered to the Scroll Saw Association.



Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson

FUNDRAISING

Keeping with the project theme, raffles will contain many Christmas Holiday project surfaces. This will be an opportunity to get started with your holiday projects. Sleds, wreaths and more. I'll have some books and pattern packets available as well. We did great last month, earning \$50 in raffle funds. Thanks for your support!

Rose Melgoza, Fundraising Chairperson



Ana Peterson 5/1
Rose Melgoza 5/10
Rexene Schulten 5/20
Regina Taylor 5/21
Linda Martin 5/22

Katy Taylor 5/2
Carol Lembke 5/18
Avis Randall 5/21
Doris Smith 5/21

Mystery Paint-In Update

Get Ready for Our Mystery Paint-In!

Mark your calendars — our highly anticipated Mystery Paint-In is coming this September!

We're excited to bring you an unforgettable 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 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.

Everything's coming together beautifully, and 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



Orange County Fair

Competition

I hope that everyone is going through their prized paintings and are choosing the “best” for the Fair competition. The entry deadline is creeping up on us and we want to have a good representation for our club.

The theme this year is “Find Your Happy” and you can enter your work into the regular categories, as

well as the Fair’s theme category.

You can enter up to 5 items and each entry has a fee of \$10. For each adult who participates, there will be a free Fair entry ticket. The Fair has a site where they can help you with your entry and we can help with your delivery and pick-up.

Please consider entering!

Important dates

- Entry Deadline- May 23
- Delivery Dates- June 28 & June 29

OC Fair Entry Help

Need help submitting your online entry application?

- **Phone:** 714-708-1553, available Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Email:** entries@ocfair.com

For additional help, visit these links [Entry Tutorial](#) or [Entry Photo Tutorial](#).

Questions? - Email the Entries Department for Hobbies & Handcrafts at hobbiesandhandcrafts@ocfair.com.

OCTDP Volunteer Weekend at the Fair

Please Help!!!

Our club needs painters to help at our booth at the Fair! We use the Fair to help attract local painters and possible new members. It is an important event for us as it is difficult to find venues to promote our craft.

Our club will be spending only 2 days at the Fair, helping painters as they use their own designs to paint rocks. It’s a fun activity for the painters and for those of us who volunteer to help.

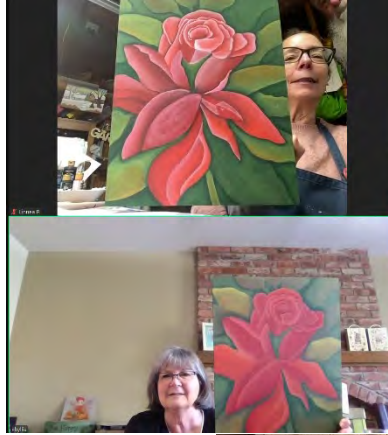
Each shift is only 3 hours. And we will be at the Fair on Saturday, July 19 and Sunday July20 from noon to 9pm.

The available spaces are listed below. Please reserve your space by texting or calling Susan Bradbury at 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.	Sandy S.	Miko F.	Jennie P.
3 pm-6 pm	Onya T	Linda M	Laurie S.		Rose M.	Laurie S.
6 pm-9 pm					Rose M.	

Susan Bradbury & Debbie Hickey
OC Fair Coordinators

April Class with Laurie Stewart



OCTDP General Meeting – April 11, 2025

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and stated that this meeting would be more informal than normal.

Sandy stated that we have booked the Fellowship Hall for the Mystery Paint-In and the Holiday Party for 2025.

Bernice- the Mystery Paint-in will be \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. The food will be the same as last year. It was delicious! And we will love the teacher, too!

Pat W- Road trip to O'Flannery's on 6/13 will cost \$35, and, so far, all we know is that it will be a yard sign. There will be 2 drivers, we need one more volunteer driver for the south county area. Call Rose Melgoza or Laurie Stewart to carpool.

Sandy will teach her Santa brush ornaments on May 9. She has brushes for sale for \$1.25. You will need Kwikwood for the project. She suggests JB Wells from Home Depot found in the Paint department. You can get it online and have it shipped.

Rose's Christmas Village Board is the July 11 Paint-in. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and will include the price of the pattern. Pat W. purchased some surfaces for \$15 in MDF. Contact her if you are interested.

Rose- the treasury is \$14,648.52

Rose – Fundraising: The April Paint-in had 4 raffle prizes, and it is now possible to pre-order raffle tickets for those unable to attend. Rose will put pictures of the next raffle in the newsletter, and you can call her to pre-order tickets.

Susan- OC Fair: We need painters to participate in the Fair competition. Susan can help with entry, delivery, and pick-up, if necessary. Please consider entering, giving us a presence as a painting club.

Susan – Sheepfold: We had great participation this year for the Back-to-School event, and the loaded backpacks will be delivered next week.

Laurie – Puzzles: There are new puzzles, and they are fun and easy to paint, as well as a good cause.

Penne-Corresponding Secretary: Does anyone need get-well cards? Please let Penne know.

Rose moved that the meeting be adjourned, and it was 2nd by Jenny- Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am, followed by a Paint-in with Laurie Stewart- Zen Floral.

Submitted by

Susan Bradbury



Seeking Past Issues of *The Decorative Painter* Magazine

Hello everyone,

I'm reaching out to see if anyone would be willing to lend me past issues of *The Decorative Painter* magazine. I know the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters (NSTDP) was founded in 1972, but I'm not sure exactly when the magazine first began publishing.

I'm especially looking for early issues from the 1970s, 1980s, and for articles/painting instructions of Margaret Wehking, Mary Jo Leisure, Donna Bryant, Rosemary West, & Shara Reiner, and others.

Here are the specific issues I'm hoping to find:

1970's, 1980's – any issue

1990 – Vol. 5

1991 – Vol. 2, 3, and 4

1992 – Vol. 3

1996 – Vol. 5 and 6

2010 – Vol. 2 and 3

2011 – Vol. 2

2012 – Vol. 3

2014 – Vol. 1

If you have any of these issues and would be willing to lend them, I would truly love the opportunity to look through them! I will return the magazines safely to you at our next meeting - or another time that works best for you.

Please let me know if you can help. Thank you so much! 🙏🙏🙏

Miko Frey, Historian

tole blossom@gmail.com



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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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Tole Tattler

Sandra Sadler

12142 Acacia Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92840



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Chapter at-a-Glance

May 9th – Sandy Sadler

June 13th – Road Trip

July 11th – Rose Melgoza

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



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