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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**

President’s Message

Welcome to a Bright New Year OCTDP Family!

As we turn the page to a fresh chapter, 2026 brings each of us inspiration, connection, and countless moments filled with joy. Together, we celebrate renewed hope, new opportunities, and the energy to make this year our brightest yet!

Celebrating December’s OCTDP Lamplighters Christmas Party

What an incredible celebration we shared at our Lamplighters Christmas Party! The energy in the room was contagious, with laughter filling the air and a full house coming together to enjoy fantastic food, engaging games, and a dazzling array of silent auction treasures. Each sparkling surprise contributed to a day that truly warmed our hearts and created lasting memories. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped organize this special event and to all who joined in the festivities—you made it magical!

January brings in the New Year!

This season brings fresh opportunities and new beginnings for our community. We’re excited to announce that a few key positions have been filled by generous members who have stepped up to support our mission. As I write my final president’s newsletter, I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful journey we’ve shared over the past two years. Now, it’s time for new voices and fresh ideas to lead us forward. I encourage you to consider volunteering—your participation will help shape a vibrant year ahead!

Open Positions 2026-2027

- President
- Secretary
- Orange County Fair Coordinator
- Orange County Fair Assisting Committee
- Nominating Committee

Filled Positions for 2026-2027

- Holiday Party Organizer – Debbie Hickey
- Holiday Party Assisting Committee – Beverly Mester and Penne Kitley
- Mystery Paint-In Organizer – Debbie Hickey
- Mystery Paint-In Assisting Committee – Beverly Mester
- Sheepfold Organizer – Linda Martin
- Sheepfold Assisting Committee – Onya Tolmasoff

Together, let’s keep OCTDP shining even brighter in 2026! Please reach out to me, Sandy Sadler (714-814-9575), and discover the joy of making a difference in our community. Your involvement is the greatest gift you can give!

Wishing you a joyful, prosperous, and inspiring New Year!

With heartfelt thanks and hope for the future,

Sandy Sadler—Your Retiring President (2024-2025)

Upcoming Events & Paint-Ins

Friday, January 9, 2026



This is a Zoom and in-person class

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

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

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: [#31-L721](http://cdwood.com)

This is a member only class

Class Fee: Members \$25

Sign-Ups

Anne E	Avis R	Bernice A	Bev M	Carole E
Chris S	DeDe R	Esther C	Jennie P	Laurie S
Linda M	Lois J	Lucinda A	Rose M	Sally K
Sandy S	Susan B			

Friday, February 13, 2026



Seminar with Chris Haughey

CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE

See page 5 for details

Friday, March 13, 2026



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

Angel Pillow

Teacher: Laurie Stewart

Designer: Shara Reiner

Paint: DecoArt

Size: 18" square

Surface Type: Canvas pillow

Source: [Hobby Lobby](http://HobbyLobby.com) - \$2.99

Techniques: Drybrushing highlights

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

Sign-Ups

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

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 <small>Members only</small> \$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 <small>Members only</small> \$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>SEMINAR</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

We wrapped up last year's efforts with a giant red bow. The holiday party silent auction and raffles was a huge success thanks to the wonderful donation we received. I hope all participants are happy with your treasures. Silent auction brought in \$755 and raffles \$400, making a grand total of \$1,155. Not to mention the beautiful centerpieces that were sold. Well done ladies and thank you for your support. I'll be auctioning another Zimm Nutcracker at January class. Pictures will be posted to our website by January 5.

Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraising



PUZZLES

Puzzle Painters-

The ornaments "Thank You" from the Scroll Saw Association were really wonderful! I hope you all will enjoy them on your trees.

I won't be attending our Paint-ins in January or February, but if you'd like to check out some puzzles please let me know. I'd be happy to meet you if I can. You will be able to check them out in March.

Happy New Year!

Thanks for sharing your talents,

Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson



34 have renewed so far and we have 3 new members for 2026.

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.

So far, in case you forgot... These members have renewed.

Onya T, Nancy H, Jennie P, Pat S, Diane S, Mary M, Irene P, Debbie R, Regina T, Penne K, June O, Pat W, Linda M, Christine S, DeDe R, Lynda L, Bernice A, Christine T-L, Sharon C, Cookie R-P, Doris S, Rose M, Patricia G, Doris S, Bev M, Debbie H, Avis R, Francly H, Barbara C, Sally Jo K, Carol E, Lucinda A, Tamara M, Rama S, Esther C, Sandy S, and **new members Marion Barnett, Jean Trimpe and Heidi Spangler.**

Welcome!

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

Keep on Painting!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership



January

Pat Wendorf..... 01/12
 Carole Ellis 01/16
 Heidi Spangler..... 01/22
 Sherry Choquette..... 01/23

the Sheepfold



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

Below is a thank you note from The Sheepfold:

Dear OCTDP,

Merry Christmas and thank you so much for your kindness and support of the women and children at the Sheepfold! Your gift of the wonderful hand-painted welcome bags will help us to provide a very special Christmas for our families.

Christmas is a special time of year at the Sheepfold! It is full of fun activities, great food, and gifts, but also provides time for our families to reflect on the birth of our Savior. At a time in their lives when things are very difficult, your gift will be part of creating an environment filled with joy, laughter and memories that will last a lifetime.

Again, thank you for your gift! We could not provide a safe refuge to women and their children without partners like you.

In Christ,
Erin N. Lind, M.Ed.
Program Coordinator

Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson

LAMPLIGHTER CHRISTMAS

A special thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the party. Debbie, the food was absolutely delicious! Anne and Pat S, the tree was stunning! Miko, thank you for putting our memories into photos.

Our Triple Fab" worker was Rose! She worked with the fun games and did a spectacular job on the silent auction and the raffles! We couldn't have done it without her!

And there were many behind-the-scenes workers who are too numerous to list. We would also like to thank all of those who attended and made our Christmas party so successful!!

**Christine Schlager
Susan Bradbury**



If you have painting techniques or tips you want to share with fellow members, please email them to Rama Shotwell.

OCTDP Officers & Committees 2026

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

OKC Painting Palooza
 August 9–15, 2026
 Registration opens January 6, 2026
<https://okcpaintingpalooza.com/>



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

January 9th – Fran Wilson

February 13th – Chris Haughey Seminar

March 13 – Laurie Stewart

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



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