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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**

Introducing our new President

Please join us in welcoming **Fran Wilson** as the new President of our painting club. Fran joined OCTDP in 2014 and has been an active and dedicated member ever since. Over the years, she has generously shared her time and talents in many leadership roles - serving as Corresponding Secretary in 2017, Treasurer in 2018, and Publicity Chair from 2019–2020. She is also one of our most popular paint-in teachers, and so many of us have enjoyed learning from her creativity, patience, and talent.

In addition to her involvement in our club, Fran has been teaching decorative painting at the ABC Adult School for many years, inspiring countless students with her skill and love of the art.

The recent “A Message to Our Members” in our newsletter was a heartfelt reminder that every thriving club needs willing leaders. Fran saw that message and graciously stepped forward to serve. Her willingness to volunteer ensures that our fun events, friendships, and painting days continue strong into the future.

Thank you, Fran, for your dedication and your commitment to our club. We’re excited for all the creativity, laughter, and inspiration ahead!

Let’s give her our full support and make this a fantastic year together.

OCTDP Board



President’s Message

Hello OCTDP Members,

Thank you all for the warm welcome as I take over the position as your new president. I am looking forward to becoming a member of the board again.

Our seminar last month with Chris Haughey was so much fun. It was very interesting to see all the different surfaces being painted on. Chris makes her classes so interesting and we always learn a new tip or two from her.

Our calendar for this year is offering a super selection of classes all so varied and different.

Please remember we all need to support our club by staying actively involved.

I am so glad we are still meeting in person as well as on zoom. This offers the best of both worlds.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Keep painting.

Fran

Upcoming Events & Paint-Ins

Friday, March 13, 2026



This is a Zoom and in-person class
Zoom and in-person classrooms open
At 9am 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](https://www.hobbylobby.com) - \$2.99
Techniques: Drybrushing highlights
Class fee: Members \$20, Guests \$25

Sign-Ups

Avis R	Barbara C	Carol L	Christine S	Connie M
DeDe R	Jennie P	Katy T	Linda M	Lucinda A
Lynda L	Miko F	Onya T	Patricia G	Regina T
Rose M	Sandy S	Susan B	Susan P	

Friday, APRIL 10, 2026



Zoom and in-person classrooms open
at 9am PST
Class begins after the general meeting, which starts
at 9:30 am PST

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](https://www.cdwood.com) #31-L703
This is a members only class
Class fee: Members \$25

Sign-Ups

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

Friday, May 8, 2026



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

Road Trip - O'Flanary's Emporium

Teacher: Judy Coates
Designer: Judy Coates
Paint: DecoArt (not provided)
Surface: Wood blocks (pick up and prep prior to class)
Class fee: Members \$35, Guests \$40
This is an off-site class

See Page 4 for details

Sign-Ups

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.

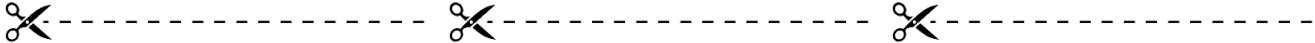
<input type="checkbox"/> JAN 9 Rustic Harmony Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> MAR 13 Angel Pillow \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> APR 10 Listen to the Birds Members only \$25 (includes pattern fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> MAY 8 Road Trip Off-site \$35	<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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Road Trip - O'Flanary's Emporium

Join us for a fun day painting a coordinating set of blocks featuring some of Judy's Christmas designs!

When you sign up for the class, you'll receive a set of five blocks. There's just a tiny bit of prep that needs to be done prior to class so that we're ready to jump right into the fun part - painting!

Our trips to O'Flanary's are always a treat. We'll have time to browse her wonderful shop and enjoy lunch at September's, too. It's the perfect mix of painting, shopping, and good company!

- ♥ We will have carpool sign-up sheets at the March and April paint-ins
- ♥ Bring your basic painting supplies to class
- ♥ Sign up deadline – **May 1 2026**

Pat Wendorf, VP, Programs

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>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

MEMBERSHIP

We have 50 renewed, and we have 5 new members for a total of 55 members.

PLEASE CHECK THE LIST- These members have renewed.

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

Connie Malone, Marion Barnett, Jean Trimpe and Heidi Spangler, Shirley Pacia. Welcome!

Join the fun that's planned for this year! It's going to be another good one! Keep on Painting!

Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership



Debbie Ramo 3/10
Jean Trimpe 3/13



PUZZLES

Puzzle Painters-

Have you been painting up a "storm"? Please return your painted puzzles to the next paint-in that you'll be attending.

I'll bring more to check out this month.

Thanks for sharing your talents,

Laurie Stewart CDA

March Raffles



This month we are excited to offer another **Zimm's Nutcracker — Old MacDonald!** He stands approximately 15" tall and includes his pitchfork and straw hat. As pictured, the farmer's animals gather at his feet: two piglets, a goose, a bird, and a chicken, all mounted on the base. In 2001, this piece sold for \$36.95 — and it has undoubtedly appreciated significantly in value since then.

I also have a beautiful **wooden plate painted by Carol Phillips** (of the Jo Sonja team), dated 1997. In addition, there will be several other wonderful bundles available.

Special thanks to Jenny Pascual for generously donating two gift baskets filled with goodies, and to Christine Schlager for the beautiful plant donated in February.



Congratulations to Lucinda , who won two bundles last month by sending in her payment via Zelle!

Rose Melgoza, VP, Fundraising



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. We still need the following items.

Item	Qty
Crayons	15
Colored Pencils	11
Markers	9
Pencil Sharpeners	2
Scissors	15
Glue	14
Glue Sticks	14
Watercolor sets	15

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

Linda Martin, Charity-Sheepfold



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 17 to August 16 2026.

Find more information [here](#)

Please consider submitting some of your beautiful painted pieces to the fair this year. Imagine the excitement of seeing your artwork displayed alongside fellow artists and sharing your talent with the entire community! Not only is it fun and rewarding, but it's also a wonderful opportunity to showcase your work and inspire others.

Having a strong showing of our members' artwork is vital—it helps promote our club, highlights the incredible talent within our group, and encourages new interest in our painting community.

Any help or questions please let me know—don't hesitate to reach out and be part of this exciting event!

The next page has important information to review if you're planning to enter.

Sandy Sadler, OC Fair Coordinator



[Item Submission Guidelines for Competition: Hobbies & Handcrafts - Division 403](#) [Tole Painting](#)

- Decorative painting (oil or acrylic) on objects primarily tin, wood, furniture and fabric.
- Weight limit: 40 pounds. • Items over 36 inches wide or 36 inches deep must be pre-approved by the program coordinator.
- Includes hand-painted apparel and fabric accessories.
- No framed painting.

Use the following definitions as a guide:

- **Folk art:** Reflects art form from the Old World and requires skills and techniques that separate it from primitive art.
- **Naturalistic:** Realistic objects in a natural setting, paying attention to accurate and precise details, portraying things as they are. Treatment of forms, colors, space, etc. as they appear or might appear in nature.
- **Stylized:** Life-like qualities are weaker. Methods of stylization include flatness (lack of three-dimensional depth, no shading), simplified shapes and unrealistically vibrant colors.
- **Cutesy or whimsical:** Fun, cute or seasonal pieces that do not fit any other class.
- **Rosemaling & strokework:** Using basic brush strokes in various combinations.

Class 01: Folk art

Class 02: Naturalistic

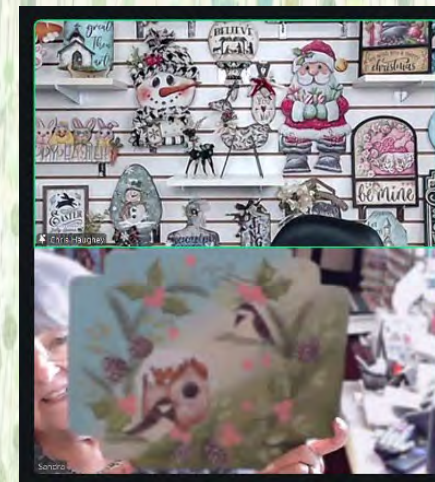
Class 03: Stylized

Class 04: Cutesy or whimsical, specify

February Seminar with Chris Haughey



February Seminar with Chris Haughey (cont.)



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 Linda Martin _____
- April 10 Fran Wilson _____
- June 12 Pat Salios _____
- July 10 Carole Lembke _____
- August 14 _____
- October 9 _____
- November 13 _____



Please text me at 949-275-0640

Susan Bradbury, Hospitality

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Fundraising Assistant

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OPEN

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Penne Kitley 562-694-3211

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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

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Newsletter Editor

Rama Shotwell 949-235-5215

Nominating Committee

OPEN

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OC Fair Assisting Committee

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Publicity

Linda Martin 949-370-6753

Seminars

Avis Randall 714-637-0779

Webmistress/Email Liaison

Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327



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 _____

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|--|---|--|
| <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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Sandra Sadler
12142 Acacia Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840



First Class Mail

Post Office.....Please Deliver To:

Artiste Extraordinaire !

Chapter at-a-Glance

March 13 – Laurie Stewart

April 10 – Fran Wilson

May 8 – Road Trip

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



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