



# The Tole Tattler

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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!

### November’s Paint-In Recap – Holiday Edition

Thank you to everyone who joined our magical November Paint-In on Zoom! We created a joyful and whimsical Christmas masterpiece, “All Aboard,” featuring a merry crew of elves on an enchanting ride to the North Pole. Guided by the beloved Prudy Vannier’s design and the talented instruction of Lois Joachimstaler, the event was brimming with holiday spirit and festive creativity. Even when we faced a few technical Grinches, every one of you showed wonderful patience and good cheer—thank you for making the season bright together!

### Upcoming: December’s OCTDP Lamplighters Christmas Party

The holiday excitement continues! Our Lamplighters Christmas Party is just around the corner, and we can’t wait to celebrate with all our members. There are so many sparkling surprises in store to make this gathering truly unforgettable. Mark your calendars for December 12 at the Anaheim United Methodist Church (1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92806) in the warm and welcoming Fellowship Hall. The guest list is full—get ready for laughter, music, and festive fun galore. This promises to be a holly jolly time you won’t want to miss!

### Looking Ahead: Board Positions—Give the Gift of Your Time!

URGENT: Board Positions Open for 2026 -2027—We Need Your Holiday Spirit! Our group’s success is a true gift, and we need your help to keep our holiday magic alive. We’re seeking volunteers to fill key board positions for 2026 - 2027. Share your talents and joy to ensure our cherished events and projects continue to sparkle. Thank you, Debbie Hickey and Penne Kitley, for stepping up! Who will be our next holiday star?

- President
- Secretary
- Orange County Fair Coordinator
- Orange County Fair Assisting Committee
- Holiday Party Organizer
- Holiday Party Assisting Committee (Penne Kitley will assist 2026-2027)
- Mystery Paint-In Organizer (Debbie Hickey will lead 2026-2027)
- Mystery Paint-In Assisting Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Sheepfold Organizer (Sandy Sadler 2026-2027)
- Sheepfold Assisting Committee

Don’t wait—make your season bright by volunteering today! Contact me, Sandy Sadler (714-814-9575), to be part of the joy and help keep our community merry and thriving in 2026. Your involvement is the greatest holiday gift of all!

*With festive gratitude and warm wishes,*

**Sandy Sadler—Your Retiring President (2024-2025)**

# Upcoming Events & Paint-Ins

## Holiday Party

Our Christmas Party this year was inspired by all of you ladies who bring light into darkness. A Lamplighter is a person employed to light street gaslights by hand and those who bring simple acts of courage and hope into our lives.

We would love to see you at our Christmas Party as this is a celebration of YOU.

There are spaces available, and the cost is only \$20! We hope to see you there.

### Sign-Ups

Anne E	Avis R	Barbara C	Bernice A	Beverly M
Carol E	Christine S	Debbie H	Doris S	Fran W
Francie H	Heidi S	Jenny P	June O	Katie T
Laurie S	Linda M	Lucinda A	Miko F	Onya T
Pat S	Pat W	Patricia G	Penne K	Robyn M
Rose M	Sally Jo K	Sandy S	Susan B	Tamara M



**Friday, January 9, 2026**



**This is a Zoom and in-person class**

**ZOOM and in-person classrooms open at 9:00 am (Pacific Time)**

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

## 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:** cdwood.com #31-L721

We have a limited supply of plaques for \$7 each - pick one up at the Christmas party!

**This is a members only class**

**Class fee: Members \$25**

### Sign-Ups

Anne E	Bernice A	Carole E	Rose M	Sandy S
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**Friday, February 13, 2026**



## Seminar with Chris Haughey

**This is a Zoom and in-person seminar  
CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE**

**See page 4 for details**

# OCTDP Class Registration Form

## 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.

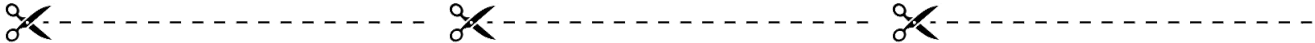
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOV 14</b> <b>All Aboard</b> <i>Zoom only</i> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEC 12</b> <b>A Lamplighter's Christmas</b> \$20  Deadline 11/30	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JAN 9</b> <b>Rustic Harmony</b> <i>Members only</i> \$25 (includes pattern fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAR 13</b> <b>Angel Pillow</b> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APR 10</b> <b>Listen to the Birds</b> <i>Members only</i> \$25 (includes pattern fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAY 8</b> <b>Road Trip</b> Off-site TBD
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JUN 12</b> <b>Bird on Clipboard</b> \$20  <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JUL 10</b> <b>Christmas Tree Pillow</b> \$20  <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AUG 14</b> <b>Burlap Pumpkins</b> \$20  <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OCT 9</b> <b>Best Friends Witches</b> \$25 (includes pattern fee)  <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOV 13</b> <b>3 St Nick Ornaments</b> \$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](mailto:octdp.treasurer@gmail.com)

Send this completed form with payment to:      Christine Schlager ([caschlag42@aol.com](mailto: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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## OCTDP Seminar Registration Form

**Chris Haughey**

**CHICKADEE CHRISTMAS WREATH PLAQUE**

Friday, February 13-2026

This is a Zoom and in-person seminar

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to OCTDP

Zelle \_\_\_\_\_ send fee to [octdp.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:octdp.treasurer@gmail.com)

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

[ardr@dslextreme.com](mailto:ardr@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

This is a Zoom and in-person seminar

\$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 Randal

[ardr@dslextreme.com](mailto:ardr@dslextreme.com)

714-637-0779

# OCTDP 2026 Calendar

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

\*Pattern fee \*\*Members only class

# FUNDRAISING

I am thrilled to report that we made **\$640** in sales from the Art Estate Sale last November. A great big THANK YOU goes to my helpers for this event: Debbie Hickey for her help & doughnut holes. The set up crew: Susan Bradbury, Pat Wendorf, Miko Frey, and Sandy Sadler. **Miko** gets the **Big Spender Award** for spending the most. Several So Cal and PCA members attended the sale. However, I saw very few OCTDP members other than our set-up crew. I was disappointed to witness lack of support after all our hard work. Moving forward, I encourage all members to participate in our upcoming events, as your involvement is vital to our success. Every bit of support truly makes a difference, and together we can achieve even greater results for our organization.

**Holiday Party Silent Auction** will bring some fabulous art pieces, donated by Billie Colley, who worked with Jo Sonja's creative team. Pictured below are just a few things up for bid.

Some of the painted auction items are 80% done. It would take little to complete and varnish. Many include pattern instructions. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

We will continue to sell raffle tickets for the "Santa Trunk". So far, I have sold only \$25 worth. The drawing will take place in 2026, once our goal has been reached.

Pictured below is the Pie Pan set painted & signed by Jo Sonja. Raffle tickets available.



## FUNDRAISING .... (contd from pg 6)

### Holiday Raffle

Here is a Sneak Peek at a few silent auction items for our Holiday Party.



Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraiser



## PUZZLES

Puzzle Painters-  
All of your painted  
puzzles have been  
turned in.  
Thank you for your talent

and time. I will have some wonderful ornaments  
for you at the Holiday party. I'm hoping you'll be  
sure to sign the Thank You card for the  
woodworker.

Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson



# MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again... Membership Renewal time!

**Good News! Your dues will remain the same. No increases here!**

However, it would be helpful if more members step up. There are positions open.

Please print and fill out the **NEW Membership form**, answering all questions and circle where appropriate. Include your dues of \$20 and mail it in. Be sure to highlight any new information.

There will be an **"Early Bird (postmarked by December 1) Renewal"** drawing at the Holiday Party.

**Lifetime Members**-please email me or send in the new form.

**BIG THANKS! To those of you renewing early...Makes my job a little easier.**

So far, in case you forget... 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,

Irene P, Pat W, Linda M, Christine S, DeDe R, Lynda L, Bernice A, Christine T-L, Sharon C,

Cookie R-P, Doris S, Rose Miko F, Avis R, Susan B, Bev M, Rama S, and new members Marion Barnett, Jean Trimpe. **Welcome!**

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

Keep on Painting and see you there!

**Laurie Stewart CDA, VP, Membership**



Marie Veloz ..... 12/11

Onya Tolmasoff ..... 12/23



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

We have acquired the items for Sheepfold's beautiful painted bags. They have been loaded and are waiting for a 'break in the rain' to be delivered. This year, due to everyone's generosity, we were able to include \$20.00 gift cards to Target in each bag.

Congratulations on your efforts to help women in an ugly situation gain a small amount of personal independence through your love and generosity.



Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson



## How To Sharpen Colored Pencils The Right Way

The obvious methods will get you a sharp point easily enough. However, there are a few key factors to keep in mind that can help you avoid breakage, reduce waste, and keep your pencil tips in top condition. **What's the best way to sharpen colored pencils to reduce damage?**

### Use a sharp sharpener

A sharp sharpener will give you long, unbroken pencil shavings. A dull sharpener blade will start to snag and pull the surface of the pencil. This results in fractures and breakage. It also puts more stress on the pencil's pigment core. A good sharpener should be able to produce a long, unbroken shaving when you use it. If the shavings come out in little fragments, that is a sign that you are dealing with a dull blade.

### Twist the sharpener, not the pencil

The blade should move and cut into the pencil, which remains fixed in place. This helps the sharpener cut cleanly into wood of the pencil. When the pencil is rotated instead of the sharpener, there is more of a chance for splintering and broken tips.

**Can you sharpen colored pencils in an electric sharpener? Yes. Should you?** Probably not.

While electric sharpeners provide a faster method for sharpening, this comes with a price. The high speeds put more stress on the pencil, which can increase the chance of damage. This is especially true for older sharpeners with dull blades. If you're not careful, they will chew your pristine pencils up and spit them back out before you can blink.

Are manual pencil sharpeners annoying to use? Sure. However, they really are the best option for getting the sharpest points and keeping your colored pencils going as long as possible

Source: <https://colorgaia.com/how-to-sharpen-colored-pencils-right-way/>

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

## OCTDP Officers & Committees 2025

<b>President</b> Sandy Sadler ..... 714-814-9575	<b>Charity-Puzzles</b> Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151	<b>Hospitality</b> Debbie Hickey ..... 714-402-4544
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Programs</b> Pat Wendorf ..... 714-862-7327	<b>Charity-Sheepfold</b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>Mystery Paint-In</b> Bernice Alvara ..... 714-390-9430
<b>Program Assistant</b> Christine Schlager ..... 714-943-8700	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> Penne Kitley ..... 562-694-3211	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Rama Shotwell ..... 949-235-5215
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Fundraising</b> Rose Melgoza ..... 714-886-7694	<b>Decorative Painting Month</b> Penne Kitley ..... 562-694-3211	<b>Nominating Committee</b> <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Fundraising Assistant</b> Lucinda Aranda..... 626-991-4443	<b>Drawing/Donation Coordinator</b> Rose Melgoza ..... 714-886-7694	<b>OC Fair Coordinator</b> Susan Bradbury ..... 949-275-0640
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Membership</b> Laurie Stewart CDA ... 714-423-3151	<b>Historian</b> Miko Frey CDA..... 917-453-8723	<b>OC Fair Asst.</b> Carol Lembke ..... 714-614-4690
<b>Secretary</b> Onya Tolmasoff ..... 949-291-5764	<b>Holiday Party</b> Susan Bradbury ..... 949-275-0640 Christine Schlager ..... 714-943-8700	<b>Publicity</b> Linda Martin ..... 949-370-6753
<b>Treasurer</b> Rose Melgoza ..... 714-886-7694	<b>Holiday Party Assistants</b> Lucinda Aranda ..... 626-991-4443 Pat Salios ..... 714-925-6712	<b>Seminars</b> Avis Randall ..... 714-637-0779
		<b>Webmistress/Email Liaison</b> Pat Wendorf ..... 714-862-7327



# Orange County Tole & Decorative Painters

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 <sup>st</sup> VP Programs                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee member             | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange County Fair          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising Monthly/Annual | <input type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary      | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:octdp.treasurer@gmail.com))**

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# Tole Tattler

Sandra Sadler

12142 Acacia Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92840



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*Artiste Extraordinaire !*

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## Chapter at-a-Glance

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December 12<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Rustic Harmony

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Seminar

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



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