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HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

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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!

Mystery Paint-In Recap

What a wonderful experience we had at this year's Mystery Paint-In! Under the leadership of Bernice Alvara and her dedicated team, the room was filled with contagious energy and enthusiasm. The morning kicked off with a delightful breakfast spread, thoughtfully provided by our hospitality head, Debbie Hickey. For lunch, Bernice's husband graciously delivered delicious fare from the Sandwich Hut in Fullerton, keeping our creative spirits fueled throughout the day. Thirty-one imaginative students brought the space to life with laughter, vibrant ideas, and memories that will last a lifetime. Our Mystery Paint-In teacher, Heidi Allison, led us through a colorful and engaging project, ensuring everyone completed their masterpiece—with time to spare! The atmosphere was truly electric as each participant put their personal touch on the challenge, making this event unforgettable.

To add to the excitement, we held voting for our thrilling 2026 class projects! The big reveal is coming at our October 10th general meeting, and you'll get an exclusive look in our November Newsletter. Trust us - you won't want to miss what we have planned for 2026. Get ready for a creative adventure you'll be talking about all year long! Mark your calendars, because you'll want to be part of this amazing community of artists and friends.

Upcoming October Paint-In

Next up, our October Paint-In features the wonderful Laurie Sterwart, teaching a magical Susan Jill Hall design called Angel Flock. Imagine creating this beautiful piece on a journal or even a vintage suitcase - it's a project you'll treasure! Haven't signed up yet? There's still time - submit your paperwork and secure your spot for this inspiring session. Before the class, we'll kick off with our general meeting in the choir room at the church, and if you can't make it in person, join us on Zoom. There's truly no reason to miss out!

Looking Ahead

Get ready for even more creativity! Keep your eyes peeled for announcements about upcoming events and remember to check our newsletters and meeting updates for sign-up details. Whether you're joining us in person or from the comfort of home via Zoom, OCTDP is where your passion and imagination come alive. Let's continue to inspire one another, create incredible art, and build wonderful memories together! Stay tuned - there's so much more excitement on the horizon. We can't wait to paint, connect, and celebrate another vibrant year with each and every one of you!

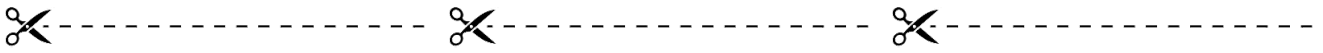
Sandy Sadler – Your Enthusiastic President



OCTDP Programs

The votes are in! The results will be revealed at the October general meeting. A total of 44 members cast their ballots - 25 at the Mystery Paint-In and 19 online. The top 8 projects have been selected. Join us at the meeting to find out if your favorites made the cut!

Pat Wendorf, VP, Programs



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, October 10, 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 am (Pacific Time)

Angel Flock

Teacher: Laurie Stewart CDA
Designer: Susan Jill Hall
Brand: DecoArt Americana
Design Area: Suitcase (canvas texture)- 20"W x 13"H
 Composition book – 7"W x 9 1/2"H
Surface: any from stash
Source: Thrift store and Staples
Technique: Dry brush leaving dark background showing
Class fee: Members \$20, Guests \$25

Sign-Ups

Avis R	Bernice A	Chris S	Doris S	Katy T
Linda M	Linnea R	Lucinda A	Lynda L	Margaret P
Miko F	Nancy H	Orelann S	Regina T	Rose M
Sandy S	Susan B	Penne K		

Friday, November 14, 2025



This is a ZOOM class only

Zoom classroom opens at 9:00 am (Pacific Time)
Class begins at 9:30 am

All Aboard

Teacher: Lois Joachimstaler
Designer: Prudy Vannier
Brand: DecoArt Americana
Design Area: 10" x 9 1/2"
Surface: Wood
Source: Stash
Class fee: Members \$20, Guests \$25

Sign-Ups

Avis R	Bernice A	Carolyn B	Chris S	Jean T
Laurie S	Linda L	Linnea R	Regina T	Sandy S
Penne K				



OCTDP Holiday Party

No Paint-In
Stay tuned for details



FUNDRAISING

Another great sale coming your way. I received some big donations thanks to Darla Parker's mom from Rancho Cucamonga and Alicia Pastorelli's mom, Billie Colley of Mission Viejo. I'll be bringing nearly **100 Jo Sonja Paints and mediums FOR SALE** (some slightly used) in various sizes: 8 oz., 6 oz. bottles and 2.5 oz. tubes of paint. ... and a couple of RAFFLE PRIZES.

Rose Melgoza, VP Fundraiser



PUZZLES

Puzzle Painters!

Aren't the new puzzles fun to paint? The designs are really fun.

Please return your finished puzzles by the October General Meeting/Paint-in. since the November Paint-in is a ZOOM only class.

Thanks for your talent and time,

Laurie Stewart CDA, Charity-Puzzles Chairperson



Decorative Painting Month Celebration

October: Decorative Painting Month

October has been designated as Decorative Painting Month! Throughout this month, we will honor this creative art form by sharing photos of our painted works, as well as showcasing pieces by other talented artists.

How to Participate

If you would like to join in the celebration, please send a photo of your painted items, including the artist's name and the project title, to linda.a.martin926@gmail.com.

Thank You.

Penne Kitley, Decorative Painting Month Chairperson
Linda Martin, Publicity Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Update- we have 60 members. 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 to volunteer for the open positions.

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 (before December 1st) Renewal" drawing at the Holiday Party.

Lifetime Members - please email or mail the new form with your renewal.

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



- Susan Phillips 10/2
- Tamara Mannon 10/7
- Patricia Gemmell 10/17
- Mary Montoya 10/28
- Garnett Joy 10/29

the Sheepfold



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

Our drive is almost complete for the painted bags and supplies that are going to the women of Sheepfold. I would like to, hopefully, deliver them either at the end of November or the beginning of December

The bags this year are very lovely and creative with some new ideas. One of the bags was stenciled all in black and white, while another idea was to do multiple bags all in similar designs with different color palettes. All of the bags are unique and beautifully done.

We are still waiting for some more supplies:

- ▲ **Avis** - 5 Emory Boards
- ▲ **Lucinda** - 11 pens
- ▲ **Penne** - 15 packages of razors
- ▲ **Beverly** - 6 shampoos with matching conditioner

If you are unable to acquire the items, just call me at 949-275-0640 and I can do it for you.

Susan Bradbury, Charity-Sheepfold Chairperson

Mystery Paint-In with...





Tips, techniques and tools to grow as an artist

Painting Hack to Paint Tiny Shapes

This painting hack is from Chris Haughey. She has a simple trick for painting tiny shapes that usually make us cringe. It's so easy and impressive, you'll be wondering why you didn't try it sooner.

Layered pieces are super trendy right now, and adding little embellishments really ramps up any project. It looks fantastic. However, trying to paint them, hang on to them and keeping those side edges clean and crisp can be a real challenge. Having those messy edges just diminishes the look of the piece. Chris has a very simple trick that will make painting these small pieces absolutely fantastic.

Watch Chris' [YouTube Video](#) for the technique.

This link was suggested by Linda Martin. If you have painting techniques or tips you want to share with fellow members, please email them to Rama Shotwell.



OCTDP Officers & Committees 2025

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		Webmistress/Email Liaison Pat Wendorf 714-862-7327





SAVE THE DATE:

What: OCTDP Painter/Crafter's Estate Sale

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 9 AM to NOON

Where: Rose Melgoza's private home in Anaheim

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



SAVE THE
Date

SWEET HOME CHRISTMAS

EST. 1836

JUNE 23-27, 2026

Fussville, Alabama

WWW.APCEXPO.NET



What is APC EXPO?

The Annual Painting & Creative Expo "APC" is a premier event for artists, decorative painting, fine art, and mixed media artists. This expo fosters community and collaboration among artists while offering classes aimed at skill-building and advancing techniques in art.



<https://apcexpo.net/>





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 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

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Post Office.....Please Deliver To:

Artiste Extraordinaire !

Chapter at-a-Glance

October 10 – Laurie Stewart, CDA

November 14th – Lois Joachimstaler

December 12th – Holiday Party

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



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