



## VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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### President's Corner

What better way to celebrate the end of the year than to join your friends at our annual Holiday Luncheon at Ma-ma Mia's hosted by Dawn Billiau and Jan Kaplan. Please make every effort to attend this festive event and share in the Season's goodwill and camaraderie.

Please join me in thanking everyone who served on the Board and the numerous committees that were set up during the course of the year. We worked very hard to set up the new organization and have completed all of the corporate requirements.

Next year we will be focused on setting up the new website for Village of Decorative Painters and restarting our Learn to Paint program. Thanks to everyone who donated used brushes in reasonably good condition to get that program off to a good start. Keep looking in your stash for more brushes.

If you are going to be filling a new Board position in 2024, the luncheon may be an opportune time to pick up any bins or materials from the individual vacating the position if you want to make those arrangements.

Happy Holidays!  
Diane Stiller



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### Membership:

Pat Butler will not be at the Dec. 7 Christmas party (much to her distress!). So, instead of bringing your Membership forms, found in this newsletter, and checks to the holiday party, please mail them to

Pat Butler  
7870 Parker Rd  
Saline, MI 48176

BE SURE TO MAKE THEM OUT TO: VILLAGE OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

Also, be sure you get your checks in before the 31st of December so you are a member in good standing!!

Pat Butler

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## Memory and Treasure Boxes

Please bring your painted boxes to the luncheon. We would like to be able to make a delivery before Christmas so the hospitals will have a good supply during the holidays.

Some unpainted boxes will be available at the luncheon.

Hope to see you there.



### *November Birthdays*

6 *Terri Stites*

29 *Maryann Muir*

### *December Birthdays*

5 *Kathy Ziembra*

6 *Karen Lavella*

9 *Barb Reinholz*

19 *Linda Morgan*

28 *Patty Neu*

29 *Susan Rhodes*

30 *Cathy Uhring*

31 *Judy Ribitch*

## Christmas Luncheon Reminder

Village of Decorative Painters Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching!

Social hour, cash bar, pence ticket sales, donations for non-perishable food, toys, books for little library and money donations begin at 12pm. Drop off all these charity donations in the parking lot. Please remember to bring your painted ornament for the exchange if you are participating. Also bring your pence raffle item if you haven't already given to Kathy Ziembra and let her know that you will be bringing it to the party. Remember to park in Mamma Mia Banquet Hall parking across the side street of Cardwell on the West side. There will be a green Village of Decorative Painters sign by that parking lot. The banquet door faces Plymouth Road. Please do not park in the restaurant parking, you will be asked to move.

There is still time to get your registration in for any members or friends of members that want to attend. The deadline is November 17 with the registration form in the email or in the newsletter. This is always a fun and festive way to get the holiday season going! Looking forward to seeing you there. Questions, please call or text Dawn Billiau - 734-751-3678 or Jan Kaplan - 734-620-2368.

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*Scrapbook Memories*  
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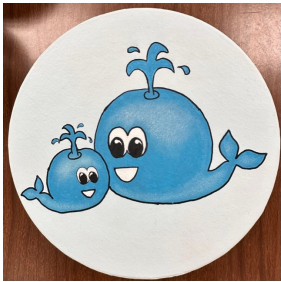
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Rondi Bur magnets

### Memory Boxes



Darlene Greenwood



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Karen Capshaw



Connie Vasilnek

### Treasure Boxes



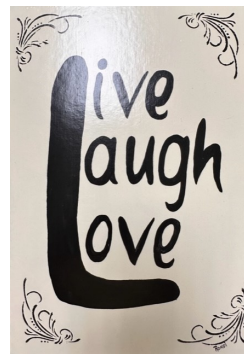
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Sam Farah



Teresa Palmer



Rondi Bur



Jan Heins



Cathy McClendon



## Education – Diane Stiller

Sam Farah's class was a fun class attended by 18 members. We added color pencil over an acrylic base and added jewel embellishments.



Linda Morgan



Cindy Mullins



Joan Mueller



Kathy Ziemba

Linda Christopher's Intense Eye Study in color pencil was attended by 15 members via zoom. Linda shared many techniques that she has learned over the years taking numerous classes herself.



Eileen Carroll



Darlene Laws



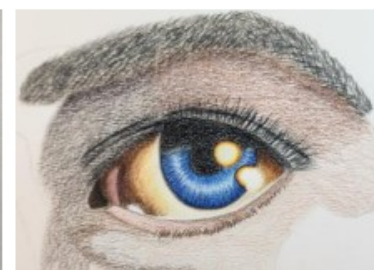
Cathy McClendon



Diane Stiller



Barb Reinholz



Linda Morgan



Judy Ribitch



Jeannine Laderach





Linda highly recommends this hand-held sharpener, 2Maiba. It fits comfortably in your left hand and just takes a few twists to sharpen the pencil to a point without eating up a lot of the pencil.

Judy Ribitch taught the last SDP paint-in class; a snowman pattern by Lynne Adrews. It was attended by 14 members. It was very well paced and allowed members to finish the project.



Susan Rhodes



Sam Farah



Joan Mueller



Kathy Fischer



Louise Hastings



Kathy Ziemba

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Village of Decorative Painters (VDP) hereby gives notice that various paints, finishes and solvents will be used during meetings and seminars. Each participant is responsible for assessing their own potential risk of exposure to these products and their components before electing to participate in any event. Village of Decorative Painters, its teachers, and agents assume no liability for the participant's use or exposure to these paints, finishes and solvents, the same to be specifically assumed by the participant.

My signature on this application signifies that in accepting membership, I ratify, accept and agree to abide by the Bylaws, Operations Manual, Health Advisory and any other governing documents of the Village of Decorative Painters.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Form received by VDP Membership Chair, Pat Butler, on \_\_\_\_\_





What Snowmen Do

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## President's Corner

Hope you are planning to attend the October 7 Member meeting as there will be a lot going on.

Here's a list:

- \*Vote for Board positions for 2024. The Board slate will be emailed to members at least two weeks before the meeting.
- \*Logo contest entries will be accepted and voted on.
- \*Be ready to paint Memory and Treasure boxes.
- \*Membership renewal for 2024 will begin.
- \*Remember to bring your old but in reasonably good condition brushes for the Learn to Paint program.
- \*Sign up for the Holiday Party chaired by Dawn Billiau and Jan Kaplan.
- \*Sign up for 2025 Spring Fling tables and donations for the Silent Auction and Baskets

Diane



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### FALL RETREAT 2024

Mark your calendars for Sept 27-29, 2024.

We once again will be going to Skyline Camp and Conference Center in Almont, MI.

Our theme this year is

**“In The Garden”**

Watch for more info.

Join the fun.

Paula

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The October meeting activity will be a paint-in for the Memory Box program and the Treasure Box Program. At the August meeting we had boxes available for you to take and some suggested patterns. You can choose your own patterns and do your prep before the October meeting. For those who would rather have us prep the boxes for October, we will— but with limited choices. I will be sending out an email about patterns you may wish to use.

See you soon

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Amy  
Botsford/  
Beaumont



Lynne  
Childrens  
Hosp @ Hutzal

### TREASURE BOXES

On May 3, 2023 Rondi delivered 36 Treasure Boxes to Shriner's Hospital. In July the Shriner's raffled 4 of our Treasure Boxes for the Lucky Fin Project. They will include info about the project in an article which we should receive in December. The remaining boxes were delivered to Erie Hospital in Pennsylvania. The staff there were in tears as they received the Treasure Boxes.

### MEMORY BOXES

On September 5, 2023 Rondi delivered 32 Memory Boxes to Botsford/Beaumont Hospital. Amy, who is the head of the program, was very happy to receive them.

On September 11, 2023 Rondi delivered 35 Memory Boxes to Children's Hospital @ Hutzal. Lynne was very happy to receive them.

REMEMBER! - If you bring a FINISHED Memory and/or Treasure Box - OR - bring a box to paint at our General Meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2023.....One lucky person from each group will be included in a raffle drawing for FREE 2024 dues! So PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your Treasure and/or Memory Boxes to the October 7th meeting. See you at the meeting 🐾

Thanks to everyone who contributes to these two worthy causes.

Cindy and Rondi

Ladies, we are again in need of some snacks for our next meeting. Any new recipes you would like to try, even old recipes you would like to share, or some yummy snack you saw at the store you would like to dig into would be great.



Thanks a ton,  
Cathy



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3 Pat Helwig

8 Doreen McLain

9 Nancy Thomson

12 Cindy Williams

20 JoAnn Smith

24 Connie Vasilnek

28 Margaret Molenda

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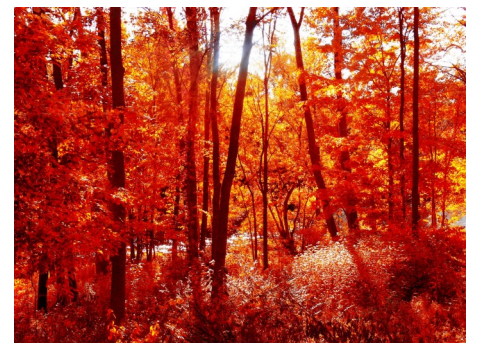
16 Sue Hagen

18 Deborah Walleman

20 Dawn Billiau

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24 Paula Atkinson





## Education – Diane Stiller

Marco Aquilar's classes were held this past weekend and both projects included water painting techniques. Twenty three people, including a guest, attended the At First Light seminar. We learned how to paint without a pattern and everyone did a great job! We used Grumbacher's Academy acrylic tube paints and brush mixed. Nineteen people painted Out of the Blue, three dolphins. Marco is also a stage actor so he performed a short song from one of the plays he is in with Sam Farah as his partner.







Connie Vasilnek, Karen King (guest) and Sam Farah won give-aways from Marco Aquilar



Marco sang a song from a play that he's in with Sam as his partner.

### Coming up next

September 30: Sam Farah. Dixie Dee, an Erika Joanne pattern. The deadline is September 14. Email me if you're mailing me a check as Sam needs to order a packet for you.

Oct 18: Linda Christopher. Eye study in color pencil. Free zoom class for members only.

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### Coming in 2024

We will vote on the Lonna Lamb and Paulette projects at the February Member meeting so that we will be able to choose from their new pattern designs.

At the August Member meeting, members voted to have two local and two zoom classes for next year. Projects will be announced at a later date. Here's who is teaching and the dates.

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## Minute to Win It Games



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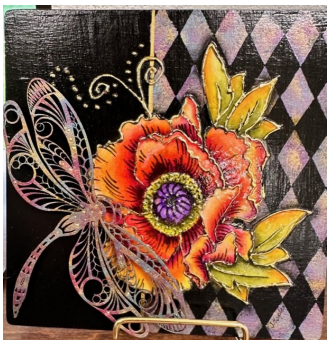
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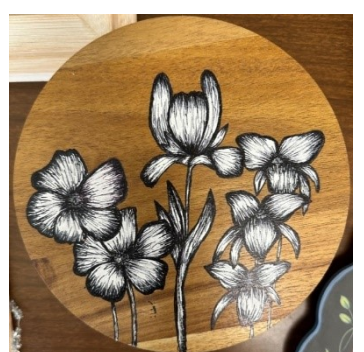
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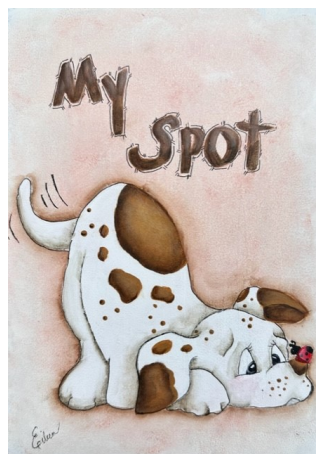


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The Village Painters proudly presents  
Sam Farah: Dixie Dee Fox pattern by Erika Joanne: Saturday, September 30, 2023



Acrylic and 6 Prismacolor colored pencils

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Instructor provides watercolor paper with pattern on,  
embellishments, paint, and mediums.  
Student provides 6 Prismacolor pencils and usual  
painting supplies

Cost: Member \$28 (\$15 limit on pence); Non-Member \$38  
Deadline: September 14, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

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**Sam Farah: Dixie Dee Fox: Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Corner

I know that you will be sooo sad to learn that we will not be playing our Newsletter Clue Contest again this year. Instead, get ready to have a spectacular time at our August Picnic chaired by Linda Morgan and Linda Christopher. We will also be voting to accept our updated pence policy and maybe even the Big Brush projects for 2024 for Lonna Lamb and Paulette DiGesare if I can get the arrangements in place quickly enough. We are considering updating our logo and our website. Please check your email periodically for further news as we form committees and put plans in place.

Diane

**OMG...is someone  
really throwing that out?**



**I can paint that and make  
it beautiful again.**



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**Saturdays 10am-2pm**  
**February 4, April 8, June 3,**  
**August 5, Oct 7,**  
**Holiday Luncheon TBA**

**Board meetings 2023**  
**6:30 pm by ZOOM**  
**Jan 5, March 2, May 4,**  
**July 6 , Sept 7, Nov 2**

## Pence Policy Vote Alert

**Applause Please!** Thanks to Paula Atkinson, Linda Christopher, Connie Vasilnek, Sandy Tyo, Dawn Billiau, Cathy Uhring, Margaret Pedersen, Nancy Silver, Diane Stiller, Mary Jane Wells, and Susan Rhodes who served on the Pence Policy Committee. This pence policy is for Village of Decorative Painters and will be effective January 1, 2024. Our members were well served by these long-standing members who represented you with their wisdom and years of experience with our organization. Many hours were spent thoughtfully reviewing and adjusting this policy. I hope that you will be happy with the results.

The pence policy was emailed to all members on Monday, July 10. Please review it prior to the August meeting where we will vote to accept it.



**Painted Flowers:** Thanks to those who turned in their painted flowers which were entered into a raffle. The following won some nice prizes: Eileen Carroll, Teresa Palmer, and Karen Lavella. These will be used at the next Spring Fling.

**Newsletter Clue Contest:** The following were able to pick from a selection of patterns that Tracy Moreau left for us: Eileen Carroll, Linda Morgan, Pat Helwig and Joan Mueller.



## AUGUST PICNIC

Time for just some silly fun

We have “Minute to Win It” type games planned with silly prizes.

Our annual trunk sale will be held in the parking lot beginning at 9:30. This is a great opportunity to clear out your stash as well as get new things at great prices. If you have items to sell, park in the main aisle and open your goodies-filled trunk. If you are not selling anything, please leave the center aisle for those who are.

This is also our potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage.

Also bring: show and tell pieces, library materials, registration forms, and your sense of humor.

## October General Meeting Info

The October meeting activity will be a paint-in for the Memory Box program and the Treasure Box Program. At the August meeting we will have boxes available for you to take and some suggested patterns. You can choose your own patterns and do your prep before the October meeting. For those who would rather have us prep the boxes for October, we will— but with limited choices. If you want boxes in August please drop me a text or email before July 24th telling me which one you want so I can have enough for the Aug. meeting.

See you at the picnic!

Nancy Silver (248)444-9983 / [nsliv@aol.com](mailto:nsliv@aol.com)



### *July Birthdays*

- 1 Sam Farah
- 9 Pat Butler
- 21 Loretta Huebler
- 22 Nancy Silver
- 24 Maureen VanBuhler
- 26 Darlene Greenwood
- 27 Charlene Wenzel
- 30 Linda Christopher

### *August Birthdays*

- 2 Karen Capshaw
- 3 Louise Brown
- 12 Kay Fradeneck
- 25 Eileen Carroll
- 27 Darlene Laws
- 29 Michelle Handley
- 31 Denise Robert



*Please remember to take your pence,  
but please leave the envelope.*

*Thank you,  
Margaret*

## Education – Diane Stiller

Nine of us joined Nancy Silver who taught one of the last free SDP paint-ins on zoom. It was the Hallingdal strokework pattern by Lise Lorentzen. Nancy reminded us that when we paint the basecoat that we should already be applying it using the same stroke as we will subsequently for further coats. Also, that to make nicely formed comma strokes, we should be lifting the end of the brush towards the ceiling, not dragging the brush across the surface. Thanks Nancy, it's always nice to have our memory refreshed on some of these finer points.



Susan Rhodes



Linda Morgan

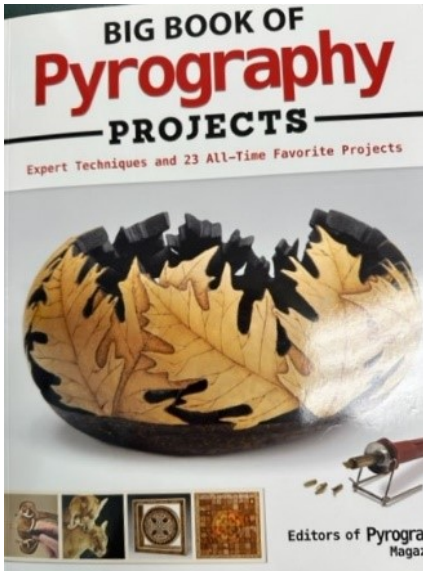


Barbara Reinholz

Nancy Vincent taught 16 of us how to use acrylic washes and airbrush paint. She likes to use acrylic paint as once it dries it doesn't reactivate unlike watercolor paint. This helps when you want to add additional acrylic washes. Nancy also likes to use Createx airbrush paint as once it dries, it doesn't reactivate which is important when you want to add color washes or spray varnish the surface when you're done. She doesn't use micron pens, for instance, since they will bleed and smear if they get wet. Createx is water soluble and can be purchased at Dick Blick's. It comes in many colors, including white. You would dilute it in a separate small container with enough water to retain the pigment but make it flow easier from the nib of the pen. She also recommends that you clean the nib with hand sanitiser as the nib can rust if you leave the ink on to dry.







|  |                 |            |           |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Nancy Vincent  |                 |            |           |
| June 17, 2023  |                 |            |           |
| Acrylic Wash/Ink                                     |                 |            |           |
|  |                 |            |           |
| <b>Revenue</b>                                       | <b>Students</b> | <b>Fee</b> |           |
| Registration: Education Chair                        | 1               | \$0.00     | \$0.00    |
| Members  | 15              | \$40.00    | \$600.00  |
| NonMembers   | 0               |            |           |
| Sub Total Revenue                                    | 16              |            | \$600.00  |
|  |                 |            |           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                      |                 |            |           |
| Honorarium \$10x16 people                            |                 |            | \$160.00  |
| Supplies \$17x16 people                              |                 |            | \$272.00  |
| Mileage  |                 |            | \$155.00  |
| Campsite (2 nights)                                  |                 |            | \$153.12  |
| Meals  |                 |            | \$49.52   |
| LSC  |                 |            | \$125.00  |
| Total Expenses                                       |                 |            | \$914.64  |
|  |                 |            |           |
| Profit/Loss  |                 |            | -\$314.64 |
| Fence & Hostess Credit                               |                 |            | -\$130.00 |
| Total from Village Painters Treasury (within budget) |                 |            | -\$444.64 |

Nancy received permission to teach this pattern from Lora Irish. The pattern was published in this Pyrography magazine.

You'll notice that Nancy eliminated the third bird at the bottom of this pattern just in case you want to add it another time.



Patty Neu



Cathy McClendon



Linda Morgan



Karen Capshaw



Pam Hypnar



Karen Lavella



Diane Stiller

## *Coming up next*

September 9 & 10, Marco Aquilar. The deadline is August 18. Be sure to sign up at the August picnic.

September 30, Sam Farah. The deadline is September 14. It'll be here before you know it.

## *Coming in 2024*

Lonna Lamb received the top vote. She has already been scheduled for June 8 and 9, 2024

Paulette DiGesare was the second top vote. I am waiting for her to contact me.

The Education Committee will be meeting soon to select projects for members to vote on hopefully at the August meeting if hear back from Paulette in time.



Remember at the Tracy Moreau class when we were stamping the various colors onto the cut out dragonfly? Well Patty Neu was clever enough to use that piece of paper as the background for her dragonfly card that she designed.

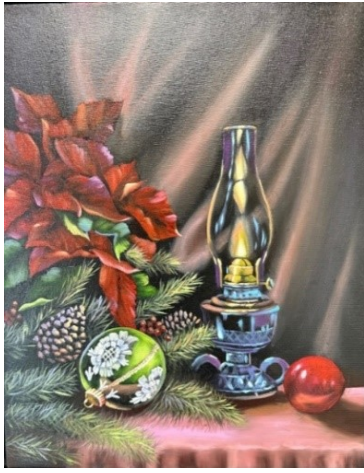


*Scrapbook Memories*  
**June 3, 2023 General Meeting**

**Show & Tell**



Barb Reinholz: Blue Jeans



Linda Morgan: Oil



Connie Vasilnek



Karen Lavella: Color Pencil



Maureen VanBuhler



Susan Rhodes



Eileen Carroll



Sam Farah



Barb Reinholz



Rondi Bur



Dawn Billiau



Sally Thirjung



Rondi Bur



Susan Rhodes



Linda Morgan





Maureen Van Buhler



Pam Hypnar



Karen Capshaw

### Memory Boxes



Kathy Helm



Rondi Bur



Linda Morgan

### Treasure Boxes



Eileen Carroll



Linda Morgan



Rondi Bur





The Village Painters proudly presents  
**Marco Aquilar: Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2023**



At First Light: Saturday, Sept 9



Out of the Blue: Sunday, Sept 10

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Where: Livonia Senior Center  
 15218 Farmington Rd.  
 Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
 Acrylic Paints: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$35 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$45  
 Deadline: August 18, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
 Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

**Marco Aquilar: Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2023**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Name _____    | Saturday, Sept 9: At First Light _____<br>\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member |
| Phone # _____ | Sunday, Sept 10: Out of the Blue _____<br>\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member |
| Email _____   | Total Enclosed _____   |

**Make check payable to: The Village Painters**  
**Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201**

The Village Painters proudly presents  
Sam Farah: Dixie Dee Fox pattern by Erika Joanne: Saturday, September 30, 2023



Acrylic and 6 Prismacolor colored pencils

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Instructor provides watercolor paper with pattern on,  
embellishments, paint, and mediums.  
Student provides 6 Prismacolor pencils and usual  
painting supplies

Cost: Member \$28 (\$15 limit on pence); Non-Member \$38  
Deadline: September 14, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
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**Sam Farah: Dixie Dee Fox: Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
\$28 Member; \$38 Non Member

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Corner

**Applause Please!** Our Spring Fling was a spectacular success and was everything that we could have hoped for! Paula Atkinson and her Chair Ladies worked to overcome major obstacles: cancelling twice due to Covid, moving to a new venue, and breathlessly waiting to see if we could set up the event the day before. Despite this nail-biting period, the Ladies delivered a well-organized, smooth-running, absolutely beautiful event. Kudos to everyone!

At the Tracy Moreau class, I brought Oreo cookies with sour cream. The radio broadcasters said that this is a new fad; it tastes like cheesecake! Twelve brave souls tried it at class and eight said that it did taste like cheesecake! Try it!

Diane



# 2023 Calendar of Events

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| May 17; 10-2   | Nancy Silver—ZOOM<br>Strokework                            |
| June 17; 9-4   | Nancy Vincent<br>Pen and Ink                               |
| Sept 9,10; 9-4 | Marco Aguilar<br>Sat—At First Light<br>Sun—Out of the Blue |
| Sept 30, 9-4   | Sam Farah<br>Paint and Pencil Fox                          |
| Oct 18, 10-2   | Linda Christopher—ZOOM<br>Color Pencil Eye                 |
| Nov 1, 10-2    | Judy Ribitch—ZOOM<br>Lynn Andrew's snowman                 |

## TREASURE BOXES!

On May 3rd I delivered 36 Treasure Boxes to the Shriner's. 23 were from the Village Painters. 13 were from the Brush Benders of Brighton. Who are now joining us in this very worthwhile Community Service project. Thanks to all who have painted boxes!

Our last delivery to the Shriner's was in March of 2021. Pam York was very happy to receive the boxes. She said the children love them!

I was introduced to Kim who is in charge of their "Lucky Fin Project". This is a fundraiser for kids born with Symbrychdactyly or limb difference. She asked if they could auction off a few of our Treasure Boxes at this event in July. They will send us pictures of the boxes which are chosen. The Village Painters Board agreed to let them do this.

So, if you're looking for a project, please consider painting a Treasure Box for children who are experiencing an extended stay in a Shriner's Hospital, and help to brighten their day.

Thank you, Rondi

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It's not too early to get started on our holiday party. If you would like to be on the committee, please send me an email. I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting, also.



Have a SUPER day!

Dawn



**Lucky Fin Project**  
 Celebrating  
 the wonderfully made,  
 one "Lucky Fin" at a time.

The Lucky Fin Project is a non-profit project aimed to raise awareness and celebrate those born with symbrachydactyly or limb difference.

The Lucky Fin Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to raise awareness and celebrate children and individuals born with symbrachydactyly or other limb differences (upper, lower, congenital, and amputee).

We attended this 2019 event and are looking forward to this summer's event.



**Lucky Fin Project Weekend 2023**  
**July 21-23, Troy, MI**  
**Attendees coming in from all around the world**



## Get Ready for our Saturday, June 3, Meeting

Get ready to play, with Margot Clark's mudding. You may bring your "HOME" pieces to practice on if you want. Nancy will have small kits available for a nominal fee.

We are going to have our Newsletter Clue Contest again; so study up and win a small prize.

If you attended the April meeting, you received a wood flower surface. Bring it back painted to the June meeting and be entered into a raffle. There are some nice prizes!



### Vote Alert! Vote Alert!

### Let's try this again

I am hoping that we will have a full house at the June meeting. We will have a vote of our membership to adopt revised Bylaws that will transition us from a chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) to a stand alone organization.

As you know, SDP members voted to dissolve SDP and reorganize under the SDP Foundation which cannot support members or chapters. That decision has left The Village Painters with no choice but to adopt revised Bylaws of its own.

Before the June meeting, I am inviting all members to participate in a **zoom meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 pm**. Prior to this zoom meeting I will email all members the proposed Bylaws revision. At this zoom meeting I will review the proposed revision to the Bylaws so that you will have some understanding of what this all means prior to voting at the June meeting.

Please make every effort to participate. This will be a legacy that we leave to the future of The Village Painters. Plan to be a part of this historic event!

### May Birthdays

18 Cindy Mullins

23 Jan Kaplan

26 Joan Mueller

### June Birthdays

5 Kim Eash

10 Carol Doyle

10 Deb Keeling

12 Marilyn Cunningham

30 Gale Copple

### Pence Policy

It has been many years since the pence policy has been reviewed. I would like to form a committee to review it and make changes, if necessary. Members were emailed on May 5 asking for their help.

Please let me know no later than Saturday, May 20, if you would like to participate. Meetings will be via zoom.



### Hospitality

*If you noticed in my last note it read, "It was suggested that we bring more nourishing snacks." It did not say, "I suggest," because I disagree with this. My feeling is, Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. If someone is kind enough to put in the time and effort to bring a snack, they should bring whatever they want whether it's nutritious or sweet. I appreciate all donations.*

Cathy Uhring

## Spring Fling 2023 Report

This was our 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling  and I think we should all be proud of its success.



It really took a “Village “and you came through.

I would like to recognize and thank all my committee for a big job well done. Many hours were put in by many people.

Karen Capshaw was in charge of Silent Auction which brought in \$1174, and Live Auction that brought in \$470. Made signs for the Auctions. She was also in charge of placing all the volunteers in their needed jobs, writing out and sending them their job descriptions.

Linda Christopher oversaw tallying and printing all the pence we earned.

Michelle Handley had great success with the Boutique, bringing in \$4134. She arranged for paint ins, made up inventory sheets, tallied the pence earned for donations and the big job of set up. Thank you to all of you who painted so we could keep our shelves full.

Cathy McClendon was in charge of the tables, keeping track of all of us and getting all the names to Linda Morgan for name tags. Sending the ticket money to Kathy, noting our napkin choices, food choices and making a seating chart. Cathy also filled in for me at the meeting in Feb to transport the basket, brought them to my house and helped with the wrapping.

Susan Rhodes printed and scored all the raffle tickets, met the volunteers with envelopes of tickets, seed money and balloons. She also said the prayer before the meal.

I was in charge of the basket raffle which brought in \$3415. I arranged and wrapped the baskets that were donated by you. We had 18 baskets.

The Charity Basket for O.A.T.S. raised \$653. I spoke with them, and they were very grateful for our donation. They have 2 riders from Livonia.

At the last minute we added a 52 card raffle piece that was donated by Karen Schultz painted by Debra Houts. It brought in \$340.

Sally Thirjung was our MC and did a great job.

Linda Morgan designed and printed all the brochures, name tags, wrote the letter for the hostesses to send to their guests.

Connie Vasilnek did a great job announcing the Silent Auction winners sprinkled in with some of her jokes.

Diane Stiller is a wonderful auctioneer and brought in \$470 for our 3 Live Auction pieces.

Kathy Fischer was instrumental in obtaining the Square for us. Spent a lot of time testing it out to make sure it worked smoothly at the event. She also counted all the money with Joan Mueller and made a financial report.

Our final income is \$7622.11! Great job.

As you can see it's a big undertaking. Think about joining the committee for 2025

Thanks for all the support I have received.

Paula Atkinson




## Education – Diane Stiller

### *Tracy Moreau class*

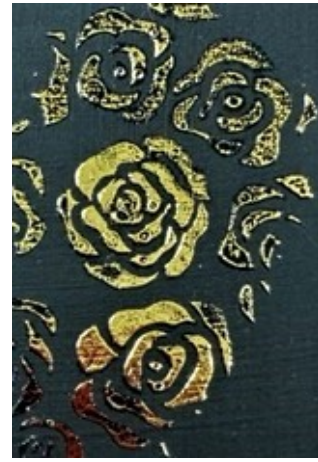
Thirty individuals had a great time with Tracy, the first Big Brush to teach on-site since 2019. The paper poppy was a multi-media class and used lots of products. The most interesting product was made by Pebeo called Gedeo Mixtion Relief (Adhesive). We used the fine tip to trace around the leaves and petals. It comes out white and is clear when dry. When dry (can take at least 20 minutes), it is tacky so that you can then rub the gold leaf on with your fingers. You can also use this product with stencils. You can purchase this product at Dick Blicks. You can put Triple Thick into a bottle with a fine tip and use that to flood each area of the design to get a beautiful glossy sheen. Tracy sells a Uniball signo.38 fine tip black gel pen that she buys from Japan. She provided DecoArt's Media Fluid Acrylics and Extreme Sheen Metallics for our use.

Tracy also showed us how to use the DecoArt Metallic Lustre Waxes. They can be used just like any other acrylic paint. If the wax has dried out, place a wet piece of paper towel on top, close the lid tight, and it will begin to soften. She also suggested that for any of the mediums that the opening of the container be cleaned before placing the lid back on so that the container is sealed tightly to prevent the medium from drying out so quickly.

Tracy did a Wheel of Names  game for Giveaways won by:  
Saturday, Mary Jane Wells, Kay Fradaneck, and Kathy Ziemba  
Sunday, Denise Robert, Kathy Helm, and Patty Neu







In addition to the poppy, Tracy gave everyone a rose pattern as an option to use. These are her two different color schemes for the roses. The 3<sup>rd</sup> photo is an example of using the mixture relief with a stencil.



Sam Farah



Barb Reinholz

*More Fairy Houses*

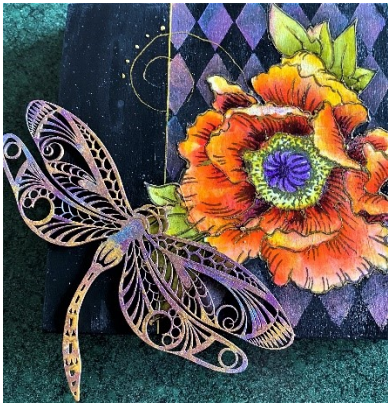


Karen Capshaw



Pat Helwig





Darlene Laws



Paula Atkinson (Lid for Box)



Linda Morgan



Barb Reinholz



Connie Vasilnek



Kathy Ziembra



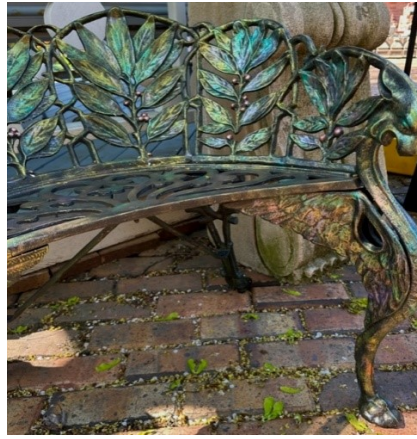
Kathy Ziembra



Diane Stiller



DecoArt Metallic Lustre Waxes



Last year after spray painting this cast iron chair black, Diane used these lustre waxes and then applied several coats of a clear spray varnish for exterior use. It held up well after being out all winter.

*Coming up next*

**May 17: Nancy Silver** will teach a Hallingdal strokework pattern by Lise Lorentzen

**June 17: Nancy Vincent** The registration deadline is May 27. Please mail in your registration form ASAP.

**Vote for 2024 Big Brushes**

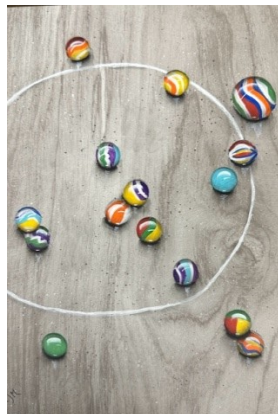
We will be voting for next year’s Big Brush Artists at the June meeting. I will email all the members the names of the artists that will be considered and you can then let me know if you want to add more to the list. After the meeting, an Education Committee will be put together to select projects for each artist. The members will vote on the projects at the August meeting.

**Memory Boxes**

**Treasurer Boxes**



Eileen Carroll



Linda Morgan



Joan Mueller



Judy Ribitch

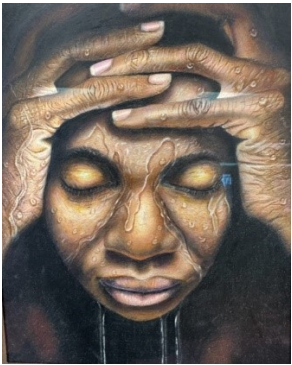


*Scrapbook Memories*  
**February 6, 2023 General Meeting**

**Activity: No Pattern Posies instructed by Sam Farah**



**Show & Tell**



Linda Christopher



Dawn Billiau



Marilyn Cunningham



Darlene Greenwood



Susan Rhodes



Joan Mueller



Linda Morgan



Karen Lavella



Judy Ribitch



Eileen Carroll



Marilyn Cunningham



Sam Farah



Marilyn Cunningham

# Spring Fling 2023



## Table Hostesses

- 1 *Cindy Mullins*
- 2 *Margaret Pedersen*
- 3 *Linda Morgan*
- 4 *Linda Morgan*
- 5 *Village Painters*
- 6 *Paula Atkinson*
- 7 *Denise Robert*
- 8 *Darlene Greenwood*
- 9 *Cathy Uhring*
- 10 *Karen Capshaw*
- 11 *Diane Stiller*
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- 18 *Diane Stiller*
- 19 *Diane Stiller*
- 20 *Connie Vasilnek*
- 21 *Diane Stiller*
- 22 *Pam Hypnar*
- 24 *Barb Reinholz*
- 25 *Jan Kaplan*

## Live Auction Items

### Painted by

*Linda Christopher*

*Sam Farah*

*Diane Stiller*



## Silent Auction Items

### Painted by

*Gail Barton*

*Rondi Bur*

*Michelle Handley*

*Linda Morgan*

*Denise Robert*

*Nancy Silver*

*Diane Stiller*

*Sally Thirjung*

*Cathy Uhring/ Karen Capshaw*

*Jackie Wright*

*Kathy Ziemba*

*Thank you to all who helped with your time,  
effort, and talent*



## *Spring Fling Chairladies*

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Chairlady</i>            | <i>Paula Atkinson</i>    |
| <i>Venue Liaison</i>        | <i>Paula Atkinson</i>    |
| <i>Tables</i>               | <i>Cathy McClendon</i>   |
| <i>Boutique</i>             | <i>Michelle Handley</i>  |
| <i>Silent Auction</i>       | <i>Karen Capshaw</i>     |
| <i>Basket Raffle</i>        | <i>Paula Atkinson</i>    |
| <i>MC</i>                   | <i>Sally Thirjung</i>    |
| <i>Treasurer</i>            | <i>Kathy Fischer</i>     |
| <i>Volunteer Chair</i>      | <i>Karen Capshaw</i>     |
| <i>Raffle Ticket Chair</i>  | <i>Susan Rhodes</i>      |
| <i>Pence Chair</i>          | <i>Linda Christopher</i> |
| <i>Printing Facilitator</i> | <i>Linda Morgan</i>      |

## *Raffle Baskets Created by*

|  |
|--|
| <i>Karen Capshaw</i>                     |
| <i>Sam Farah &amp; Eileen Carroll</i>    |
| <i>Kathy Fischer &amp; Pat Butler</i>    |
| <i>Pam Hypnar</i>                        |
| <i>Karen Lavella</i>                     |
| <i>Cathy McClendon</i>                   |
| <i>Cindy Mullins</i>                     |
| <i>Susan Rhodes</i>                      |
| <i>Diane Stiller</i>                     |
| <i>Cathy Uhring</i>                      |
| <i>Charity Baskets: Village Painters</i> |



***Our charity is O.A.T.S.***

***Offering Alternative Therapy with  
Smiles***

***Their mission is:***

***Changing lives through the healing  
power of horses***

**Spring Fling: Sunday, April 2, 2023  
at the Italian American Banquet Center**

**Charity Basket for O.A.T.S. – Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles  
Their mission: Changing lives through the healing power of horses**



**Baskets**



Christmas – Cindy Mullins



Death by Chocolate – Cathy McClendon



Lovely Lavendar – Barb Reinholz



Girl's Craft – Cindy Mullins



Kitchen: Teal - VP



Christmas – VP



Painter Necessities – Karen Lavella





Kitchen: Red – VP



Party Games – Susan Rhodes



Painting Supplies – Diane Stiller/Diana Winn



Happy Birthday – Pam Hypnar



Kitchen Purple/Peach – VP



Watermelon – Eileen Carroll & Sam Farah



Bees – Diane Stiller



You – Pat Butler & Kathy Fischer



Recipes from Around the World - Cathy Uhring



Painting Supplies #2 – Diane Stiller/Diana Winn



Birds – Cindy Mullins

**52 Card Raffle**  
 Painted by Debra Houts  
 Donated by Karen Schultz





## Tables



Bee #1 – Diane Stiller



Spring Time - Paula Atkinson



Linda Morgan/Linda Christopher



Bee #2 – Diane Stiller



Chicks #1 – Diane Stiller



The Mad Hatter - Cindy Mullins



Dragonflies – Denise Robert



Ladybug – Diane Stiller



Vintage Kitchen - Darlene Greenwood





Spring Picnic - Pam Hypnar



Angels – Diane Stiller



Autumn – Diane Stiller



Chicks #2 – Diane Stiller



Foxy Lady - Margaret Pedersen



Spring is Calling - Linda Morgan



Spring Has Sprung - Cathy Uhring



Witch Pumpkins – Diane Stiller



Santa – Diane Stiller





Nutcrack - Barb Reinholz



Dragonflies, Butterflies, & Bees - Jan Kaplan



Spring is Calling - Linda Morgan



Cakes & Goodies Just for You - Connie Vasilnek



Birds of a Feather Flock Together - Karen Capshaw



Ladies Day Out - Karen Capshaw

**Live Auction: I Want It! I Want It! I Want It!**



Four Trays - Diane Stiller



Antique Rocker - Sam Farah



Four Seasons Storage Stool - Linda Christopher



# It's All in the Details











**Silent Auction**



Nancy Silver



Cathy Uhring & Karen Capshaw



Gail Barton



Rondi Bur



Denise Robert





Michelle Handley



Jackie Wright



Kathy Ziemba



Sally Thirjung



Diane Stiller



Linda Morgan

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## President's Corner

I just received a call from SDP this past Friday asking me if I would like to be refunded for the 2023 dues that I paid or would I like to donate the amount to the SDP Foundation. Looks like they are actually going to process these refunds. Hope everyone else received a similar call. 

In the meantime, I am working on revising our bylaws and they will be presented to membership at the June meeting for vote.

Hope everyone is gearing up for the Spring Fling. It's finally happening! I'm sure that it will be spectacular. For the first time attendees will be able to make purchases using their credit card. There are still some seats available, so contact Cathy McClendon immediately. It's been four years since the last one so you wouldn't want to miss it.

### Get Ready for our Saturday, April 8, Meeting

Please read every bit of this newsletter as it is chock full of information. We are going to have our Newsletter Clue Contest again; so study up and win a small prize. Also, members attending the meeting will receive a small surprise; just because.

Diane





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                    Paint and Pencil Fox  
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                    Color Pencil Eye  
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                    Lynn Andrew’s snowman

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## APRIL AFTER-MEETING ACTIVITY

Sam Farrah will be leading the activity for April. It is a painting project. Look through your stash for a piece that has you stumped for painting options. “JUST PAINT IT” a couple of coats of any warm white and bring it to the meeting along with your regular paint supplies, including a fine black permanent marker. 🖋️ The paints will be provided.

When picking your surface, please don’t pick a small cutout type, like an ornament. You will need a logical shape for the pattern. Come with an open mind and smile!



## Treasure Boxes



Linda Morgan



### *March Birthdays*

*3 Jean Trimpe*

*11 Barbara Derby*

*14 Louise Hastings*

### *April Birthdays*

*7 Sandra Ledger*


*11 Janis Creswell*

*21 Cathy McClendon*

*26 Sue Vella*

*29 Sally Thirjung*

*30 Margaret Pedersen*

I would like to thank the ladies who brought in the wonderful snacks for the last general meeting. I so appreciate it. I think you are amazing, however, it has been suggested that we bring in more "nourishing snacks". 

We would still love a "few desserts".

Cathy Uhring







## Spring Fling

*It's just around the corner. We have a few seats left so if you haven't purchased a ticket yet, bring a friend and come join the fun!*

Last call for items or \$ for the Charity basket and for any baskets I have not yet received. I will be in the parking lot at the Senior Center on March 21 from 12:00-1:00.

Hostesses we need to have the final count and dietary preferences/ allergies by March 17. Please email Cathy McClendon at [cathymcc@gmail.com](mailto:cathymcc@gmail.com) also contact Cathy if you need a seat.

*It's taken a long time getting here. Hope to see you all soon.*

*Paula Atkinson*

paulawog43@aol.com




## Education – Diane Stiller

### *Coming up next on zoom*

**April 29 & 30: Tracy Moreau**

The first Big Brush to teach on-site since Covid. The registration deadline is April 15.

### *Class Additions for 2023*

**Wednesday Zoom Paint-Ins from 10 am – 2 pm are FREE to members.** There is **no** registration form; just email Diane Stiller that you would like to attend and she'll add you to the class list. 


**May 17: Nancy Silver** will teach a Hallingdal strokework pattern by Lise Lorentzen

**October 18: Linda Christopher** will teach an Intense Study of Eye in Color Pencil on a 5 x 7 surface using 30 Prismacolor pencils.

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**Saturday class on-site at the Livonia Senior Center.** The registration form is included in the newsletter.

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*Scrapbook Memories*  
**February 6, 2023 General Meeting**

**Activity: Fairy House**



Sam Farah



Claretta, Sam's Guest



Patty Neu



Jan Kaplan



Barb Reinholz



Karen Capshaw



Kathy Ziemba

**Show & Tell**



Rondi Bur



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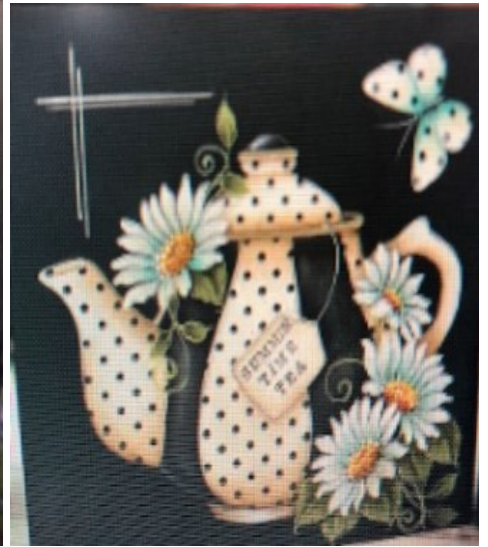




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## President's Corner

### Good Bye 2022 \_ Hello 2023

*Who would have thought that we would end the year with the dissolution of our parent organization, Society of Decorative Painters. As they try to reinvent themselves by folding into the SDP Foundation, so too do we need to reinvent our organization. We will no longer be a chapter of a large organization with international connections, but a stand alone organization.*

**Are we ready? Yes!!** *While many chapters floundered and dissolved during the Covid years, we flourished. How did we do that? By making changes like learning how to Zoom. It was hard at first; but as we became more comfortable, we found that we actually loved it. It opened up possibilities to take classes that were too far for us to travel. We met new people. We even attracted people from out of state to join us as members.*

*Now we face new challenges and our first order of business will be to adopt revised bylaws. We might be small, but we are **Mighty!!** Together we can achieve anything we put our minds to. Let's do it!!*





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### Applause Please!

*Thank you **Linda Christopher** for serving as our President for so many years. Your leadership throughout the years got us to where we are now. You should be proud of all you accomplished. We appreciate your years of service as President and thank you for remaining on our Board as Secretary. Bravo!*

### Get Ready for our February Meeting

Please read every bit of this newsletter as it is chock full of information. It will contain news about our Spring Fling; the last one was in 2019 – can you believe four years ago?! It is going to be held in a beautiful new location and it will be fabulous!

There is also going to be an article about the adorable fairy house that will be our first project of the year. We will have a pence raffle for a nutcracker surface. Spent all your pence at the Holiday Luncheon? No problem! We will be selling pence, 6 for \$5.

We are also going to have small prizes for a contest. What's that about?

Welllll....you are going to have to read this newsletter to find the clues.



## February General Meeting Activity

Watch for an email from Nancy with all you need to know about the gnome/fairy houses we will be decorating.



### January Birthdays

5 Teresa Palmer

11 Sue Drobyshevski

17 Denise Rogers

18 Jeannine Laderach

19 Kathy Fischer

29 Rondi Bur

31 Nancy Forbes

### February Birthdays

15 Pam Hynar

19 Diane Stiller

21 Mary Jane Wells

### Vote Alert! Vote Alert!

I am hoping that we will have a full house at the February meeting. Not only will we be voting to accept the 2023 budget but you will be participating in an historical event for our organization as we know it today. We will have a vote of our membership to adopt revised By-laws that will transition us from a chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) to a stand alone organization.

As you know, SDP members voted to dissolve SDP and reorganize under the SDP Foundation which cannot support members or chapters. That decision has left The Village Painters with no choice but to adopt revised Bylaws of its own.

Before the February meeting, I am inviting all members to participate in a **zoom meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 6:00 pm**. Prior to this zoom meeting I will email all members the proposed Bylaws revision. At this zoom meeting I will review the proposed revision to the Bylaws so that you will have some understanding of what this all means prior to voting at the February meeting.

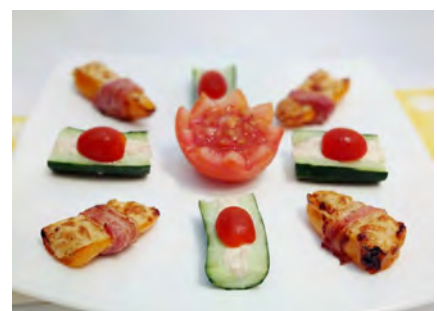
## Hospitality

Hi Ladies,

Did you try out several new recipes over the holidays?  
Would you please share them with us?

It's always fun to try out new foods. Thank you for your help in making our meetings a fun time.

Cathy Uhring, Hospitality







## Spring Fling April 2, 2023

*We're just a few months away from our fundraising event! We need all hands-on deck to make this a success. Even if you can't attend, please help us out in some way.*

*We have hostesses for 25 tables. We have room for a couple more if you'd like to grab a friend to share a table and join us.*

*We have 15 baskets signed up for. In need of donations for Charity basket. Spring themed, items or cash can be brought to the Feb meeting, and I'll do the shopping.*

*The Charity is O.A.T.S. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles) Horseback riding therapy for those with disabilities.*

*Nancy Silver will be bringing empty baskets to the meeting if anyone needs one.*

*Cathy McClendon will be receiving your baskets and donations at the Feb meeting. I will also have a final drop off date of March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-1 at the Livonia Senior Center. If those dates don't work for you give me a call and we'll work something out.*

*The Agenda for the Spring Fling is TBD after a Committee meeting mid-January.*

*I'm awaiting a date for the tasting from the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center. I have been told the food is great! The facility is beautiful. I think you'll all be happy.*

*We are asking all Hostesses to hold off on bringing in their items until we get all the boutique unloaded first. There is an entrance on the side of the parking lot that we will use to unload. We need everyone there at 9:00 sharp. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.** This is a new experience for us to set up the day of.*

*That being said...There is a slight chance we could get in the day before if no one schedules on April 1<sup>st</sup>. At this point there is no one. So, let's keep our fingers crossed and stay tuned.*

*Linda Morgan is putting together an informational letter for the hostesses to send to their guest. This is replacing the ticket that we decided not to print to help keep cost*

*It's important for us to know in advance of ANY dietary needs of your guest. Hostesses, PLEASE survey your guest and let Cathy McClendon know by March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Guest names and money due at Feb meeting if possible.*

*Anyone needing a seat let Cathy McClendon know.*

*Any questions contact me at [paulawog43@aol.com](mailto:paulawog43@aol.com) or 249-798-5312*

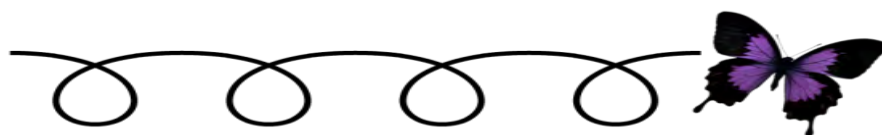
*Thank you all for your hard work in making this such a special day.*

*Paula Atkinson*

**Volunteers** Please contact Karen Capshaw [paintdrop@aol.com](mailto:paintdrop@aol.com) . Volunteers are needed for intervals of ½ hour or longer in the Boutique, Silent Auction, Basket runners, and greeters. We need all of you to help bring in the Boutique set up at 9.

**Silent Auction** Karen Capshaw [paintdrop@aol.com](mailto:paintdrop@aol.com) We would like your painted item as early as possible beginning at 9:30 to 11. (Boutique items are first at 9 a.m.)

The Silent Auction donation sheets will be numbered 1-11 with a photo of your donation. Place your piece in that area. If you haven't forwarded the size and photo of your donation, will you please do that right away so paperwork and set up can be worked on. Thank you.



### **Treasure Boxes**

I have 16 completed boxes for Shriners Hospitals. I will deliver to Shriners when I have 30 boxes. REMEMBER! At the October 2023 meeting we will combine the names from 2022 and 2023, pull one out, and that Lucky person will get their 2024 Village Painters dues paid!

I have received a couple of boxes with no signature on them. So PLEASE sign your box in order to have your name in the drawing.

Thanks, Happy Painting, Rondi 



## **Boutique updates for Spring Fling**

Since we are at a new venue, with new times and such, I would like to review some things regarding the Boutique. Please familiarize yourself with this if you are participating.

### **General info:**

1. Hours for selling are currently under review. Originally we would open at 1pm. Stay tuned.
2. We are in need of volunteers for all positions: set up, cashier, wrapper, floor workers, and take down. We need to vacate the venue by 5 pm.
3. More than likely our set up time will be 9am on that Sunday, not the night before.
4. No repairs on items will be possible. If damaged they can be sold at discount if donor agrees. Please provide appropriate accessories: batteries, hangers on back, etc.

### **Set up:**

1. Please allow the Boutique to **bring in ALL** the boxes and shelving before unloading your items for tables. Michelle, Diane, and Pat will be there at 9(or before as we have the bulk of items already). Please allow us to park right at the door until all items are brought inside. Any other help with unloading will be welcome! Boutique set up will then commence. (and yes we will move our vehicles)

2. Many of our members will be bringing items for sale the morning of the boutique. Please put your **COMPLETED Inventory list** in the box which will be labelled "Inventory". This is a necessary accounting to be sure you receive appropriate pence. Then place your item on an appropriate place on the shelving. The blank inventory list form will be emailed to all members prior to the Spring Fling. Please **complete BEFORE** arriving to facilitate flow.

3. Please **PRICE your items BEFORE** arriving as well. I will have ticketing items (and red dots) at the next General meeting for your use. I prefer tags with string as opposed to stickers as they do not fall off as much. But do what you can; you can supply your own tags.

4. Please mark the items you want returned with a large red permanent ink dot or sticker. This will greatly assist the post boutique sorting processes. Also fill out a **separate RETURN REQUESTED** form which will be emailed along with the inventory list.

5. All unsold items at the close of the Boutique will be immediately packed and brought to Michelle's house for inventory. **No unsold items can be taken home** the day of Spring Fling. Items to be returned will be sorted and brought to the General Meeting the following week. No pence is awarded for returned items.

### **Request for preliminary survey of donations:**

It would be very useful to have some idea in advance of donations that will arrive the day of Spring Fling. If you have items that you will bring that day, can you please email me the following info: Send to [mlhandley56@gmail.com](mailto:mlhandley56@gmail.com): description and approximate size.

Thanks for your patience as we navigate the new surroundings!



## Education – Diane Stiller

Twenty members attended Karen Capshaw's zoom class: Cotton Candy Twinkles by Deb Mishima. It was fun to see how everyone's reindeer looked so different depending on where you placed the glitter and if you used rhinestones.

Nancy Silver ended the year teaching the last SDP Paint-In Santa pattern by Rosemary West. Ten members attended.

Thanks Karen and Nancy! It was fun and nice to end the year on a high note. Check out the 2022 Education financial report to see how we did.



### *Coming up next on zoom for 2023*

#### **April 29 & 30: Tracy Moreau**

The registration form is included in the newsletter and was emailed to all members. Please start registering for this class at the February meeting. It is the first class of the year following the Spring Fling.

## *Holiday Luncheon*

A Big Thank You to all of the members who made the Holiday Luncheon so much fun!

The Committee who made the wonderful centerpieces: Sam Farah, Kathy Ziemba, Eileen Carroll, Darlene Laws, Judy Ribitch, and Sue Hagan.

Nancy Silver for heading up the ornament exchange: 17 people participated.

Kathy Ziemba and her helpers, Sam Farah and Eileen Carroll, for taking charge of the pence raffle. 25 pieces were donated by members. They sold 352 extra pence for a total of 618 pence used. That was phenomenal!

Pat Butler and Kathy Fischer for gathering and delivering all of the toys, food, and books that were donated.

Linda Christopher, Linda Morgan, and Connie Vasilnek for putting together the candy favors.

And two unexpected gifts: Patty Neu for the chocolate covered Oreos and Barb Reinholz for the home made earrings and necklaces. The financial reports are included in the newsletter.

Winners of the centerpieces: Susan Rhodes, Connie Vasilnek, Gail Barton, Jeanine Laderach, Cindy Mullins, Dawn Billiau, Barbara Reinholz, Darlene Greenwood, Loretta Huebler, Denise Rogers, Pat Butler, and Judy Ribitch.







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December 12, 2022

Dear Linda,

Thank you very much for your gift of \$260.00 dated 12/05/2022 to help The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County purchase Christmas Toys for those less fortunate.

Friends like you who make the extra effort to share with those who have very little that make our community a great place in which to live.

Your support enables us to reach out to those who need help with food, housing, and other daily needs.

Thank you for playing an active part in relieving the burdens of struggling families and individuals. Your support helps us continue to bring opportunity and hope to our neighbors in crisis. May God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Major Brian Goodwill  
Washtenaw County Coordinator

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P.S. For 2021 tax purposes, please be advised that there were no goods or services received for this cash donation.

"...There is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need." — Evangeline Booth



*Scrapbook Memories*

**Holiday Luncheon at Antonio's Italiana Cucina**

**Centerpieces**



Diane Stiller



Sam Farah



Sue Hagan



Judy Ribitch



Eileen Carroll



Darlene Laws



Kathy Ziemba



Darlene Laws

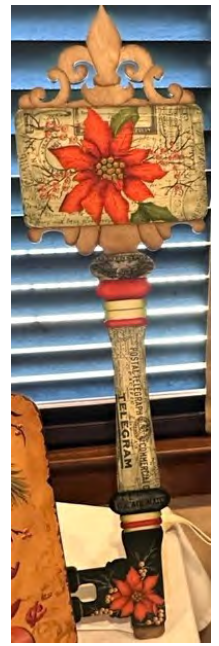


# Ornament Exchange





# Pence Raffle







**Karen Capshaw's Zoom Class: Cotton Candy Twinkles pattern by Deb Mishima**



Karen Capshaw

Marilyn Cunningham

Sam Farah

Cindy Mullins



**Nancy Silver's Zoom SDP Paint-In: Santa pattern by Rosemary West**



Sam Farah

**Memory Boxes**





# The Village Painters

## Year 2022 in Review

Submitted by: Linda Christopher, President 2022 and Diane Stiller, President 2023

### Executive Committee

President, Linda Christopher  
Vice President, Open  
Secretary, Open  
Treasurer, Kathy Fischer and Joan Mueller

### Elected Positions

Document Manager, Michelle Handley  
Education, Diane Stiller  
Library, Nancy Silver and Teresa Palmer  
Membership, Pat Butler  
Newsletter, Linda Morgan  
Spring Fling, Paula Atkinson

### Appointed Positions

Audit, Susan Rhodes  
August Picnic, Open  
Holiday Party, Diane Stiller  
Hospitality, Dawn Billiau  
Fall Retreat, Paula Atkinson  
Memory Boxes, Cindy Mullins  
Treasure Boxes, Rondi Bur  
Pence, Jackie Wright  
Sunshine, Connie Vasilnek

Members – 62 (directory)

### Education – A total of 11 classes taught via Zoom (Appendix 2)



#### 4 Free SDP Paint-In Zoom classes for members only taught by the following members:

Connie Vasilnek – Cute as a Button bunny pattern by Judy Westgaard-Jenkins  
Michelle Handley – Never Lose Your Sense of Wonder bunny pattern by Deb Mishima  
Kathy Ziemba – Boo! pattern by Kathy Swigon  
Nancy Silver – Santa pattern by Rosemary West

#### 4 Zoom classes taught by the following members:

Rondi Bur – Hibiscus watercolor pattern by Vincent Maiorana  
Connie Vasilnek – Birds of a Feather pattern by Paulette DiGesare  
Nancy Silver – Autumn Harvest pattern by Mary Wiseman  
Karen Capshaw – Cotton Candy Twinkles by Deb Mishima

#### 3 Zoom classes taught by the following Big Brushes:

Judy Ribitch – Trilliums  
Jane Allen – Woodsy Quikwood Ornaments  
Judy Westgaard-Jenkins – Autumn Smile

### Education Surveys

#### June (written) (Appendix 3)

The results reflect a positive view of getting back to our pre-Covid years.

The majority of members indicated that their favorite medium is acrylic.

The majority are in favor of the seating arrangements for classes on-site.

The majority want to bring snacks to share and have VP provide the lunch for a fee.

By an extremely slim majority (of 1 or 2 votes), members would like on-site local and national classes based on good/bad weather months, but Zoom is acceptable.

#### August (by hand vote)

A majority of the members present (15) voted to have only one class taught by a local (member) teacher (the range was 0 to 3 local teachers). A majority of the members (18) voted to continue to hold the free SDP Paint-Ins via Zoom on Wednesdays instead of painting them after the general meetings.

## **Financial Statement at December 31** (Appendix 4)

Records were audited twice and successfully completed.

## **Community Service**

**Memory Boxes** – 71 boxes were painted of which 26 were donated to us by Brush Benders.

35 were donated to Children’s Hospital and 36 to Beaumont Botsford for a total of 71.

16 painted boxes are waiting for delivery next year.

**Treasure Boxes** - 16 boxes were turned in during 2022. None were delivered during 2022 and none will be delivered until there are 30. So far there are 22 finished boxes (2021 & 2022 combined).

**Fall Retreat** – Raised \$400 to support Camp Skyline for children

**Holiday Party** - Donated toys, food, and books to Toys for Tots, Social Services, and The Little Free Library.

## **General Meetings**

**February** was via zoom. HOME sign with interchangeable “O’s” is our project for the year.

Don’t Look game: without looking, draw a heart, leprechaun hat, and arms holding a shamrock.

**April** was first meeting back on-site since covid restrictions became effective.

Game was to build the tallest stand-alone tower using a marshmallow, 20 pieces of spaghetti, a yard of tape, and a yard of ribbon.

**June** - boutique paint-in: cat on wine bottle.

**August** - trunk sale and annual picnic

**October** – Activity was painting flowers using spoons.

**December** – Annual holiday party: Gnome for the Holidays (Appendix 5 and Appendix 6)

**General Meeting Survey** - 37 members responded by email and 6 voted at the Holiday Luncheon, a total of 43 votes. 39 voted to move the General Meetings permanently to Saturday starting in 2023. 4 voted to have the General Meetings remain on Thursday.

**Fall Retreat** – Woodland theme at Skyline Camp. 22 attended of which 4 were non-members.

\$3668 (Income) less \$4010 (Expenses) = -\$342 (VP Treasury) 70 pence used for registration.

4 classes were taught by Nancy Silver, Sam Farah, and Eileen Carroll.

## **Society of Decorative Painters Dec 16, 2022** (Appendix 7 and Appendix 8)

**Results of the Vote** The motion has been approved to reorganize the Society of Decorative Painters into the SDP Foundation. The results were 1211 total votes cast, 1092 Yes votes and 119 No votes. The Decorative Painter's Academy and the Certification Programs, including the MDA, CDA, ADP, and TDA programs, have been transferred and managed by the Foundation for several months and these programs will continue into the future with your continued support. The final assets and liabilities of the Society of Decorative Painters will be transferred to the SDP Foundation and will become the responsibility of the Foundation board. The Society of Decorative Painters website, Facebook pages and associated emails will no longer be active after December 31, 2022.

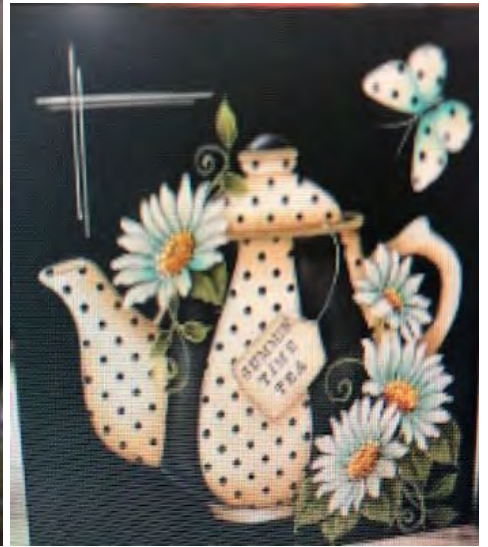
The SDP Board will assist the new Foundation Board in this transition and then will either step down or offer to support them in another capacity if needed.



**The Village Painters proudly presents  
Tracy Moreau: Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023**



Paper Poppy: Saturday, April 29



Summer Time Teacup and Teapot: Sunday, April 30

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
Acrylic paints and dragonfly will be provided

Cost: Member \$45 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$55  
Deadline: April 15, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

**Tracy Moreau: Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Apr 29: Poppy  
\$45 Member; \$55 Non Member

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Apr 30: Teacup/pot  
\$45 Member; \$55 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: The Village Painters  
Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201**

**The Village Painters proudly presents  
Nancy Vincent: Saturday, June 17, 2023**



Ink & Acrylic Wash Birdhouse

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Instructor provides pattern on 9 x 12 watercolor paper, calligraphy pen with nibs, black airbrush paint, and acrylic paint for color washes

Cost: Member \$40 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$50  
Deadline: May 27, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
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**Nancy Vincent: Saturday, June 17, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
\$40 Member; \$50 Non Member

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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The Village Painters proudly presents  
**Marco Aquilar: Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13, 2023**



At First Light: Saturday, August 12



Out of the Blue: Sunday, August 13

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Where: Livonia Senior Center  
 15218 Farmington Rd.  
 Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
 Acrylic Paints: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$35 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$45  
 Deadline: July 29, 2023

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
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**Marco Aquilar: Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Aug 12: At First Light \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Aug 13: Out of the Blue \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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