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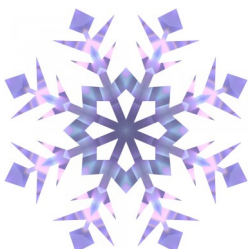
President's Corner

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!!*



2023 Calendar of Events

Apr 2	Spring Fling
Apr 29, 30 , 9-4	Tracy Moreau
June 17, 9-4	Nancy Vincent
Aug 12, 13, 9-4	Marco Aguilar
Sep 30	Sam Farah

General Meetings 2023

At Livonia Senior Center

Saturdays 10am-2pm

February 4, April 8, June 3,

August 5, Oct 7,

Board meetings 2023

6:30 pm by ZOOM

Jan 5, March 2, May 4,



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.

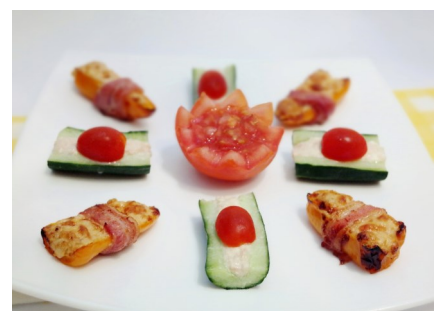
Hospitality

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 21st 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 1st. 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 1st.

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 or 249-798-5312

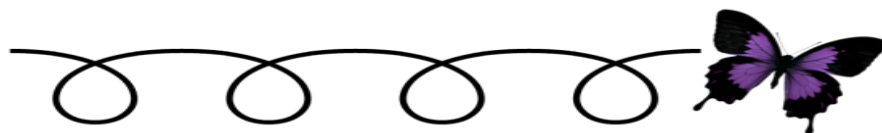
Thank you all for your hard work in making this such a special day.

Paula Atkinson

Volunteers Please contact Karen Capshaw paintdrop@aol.com . 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 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: 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

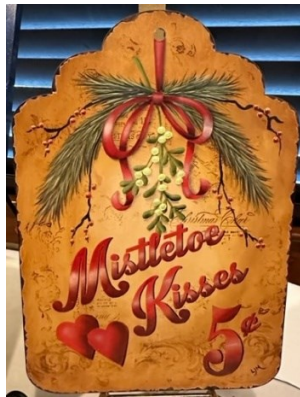


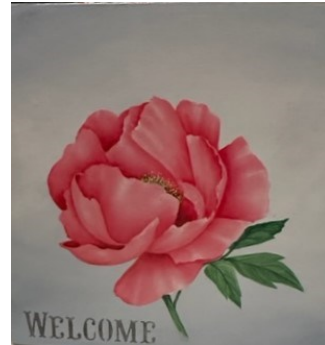
Darlene Laws

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)

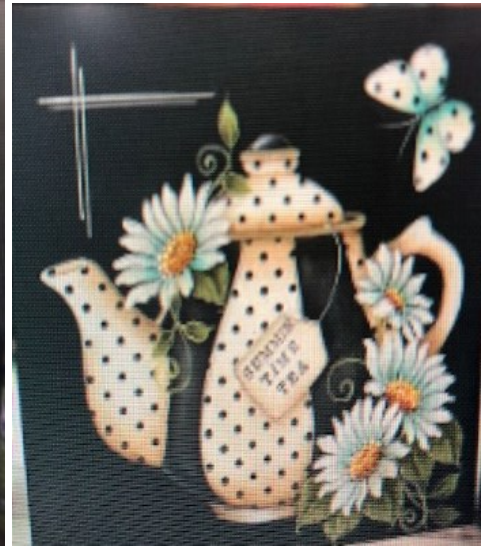
Results of the Vote The motion has been approved to reorganize the Society of Decorative Painters into the SDP Foundation. The results were 1211 total votes cast, 1092 Yes votes and 119 No votes. The Decorative Painter's Academy and the Certification Programs, including the MDA, CDA, ADP, and TDA programs, 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 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 _____

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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.
Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or dianestiller@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

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.
 Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or dianestiller@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

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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