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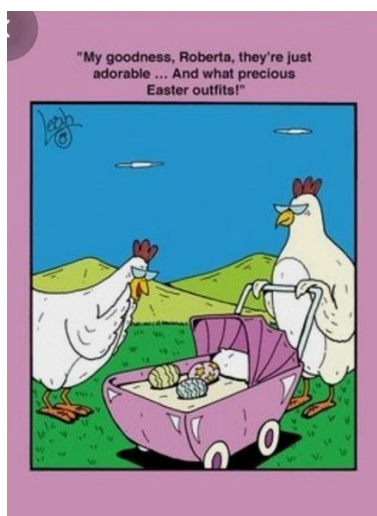
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## President - Diane Stiller

Please plan to attend the April Member meeting. Nancy Silver is setting up a number of demo's and we'll be trying out a new idea for Show & Tell. We will also be having a Pence Raffle; so remember to bring plenty of pence. Read the articles below for more details.

It's hard to believe that not only is Spring around the corner, but Easter too! Here's something to get you into the mood.



# 2024 Calendar of Events

Apr 20	Kathy Ziemba—LTP
May 4, 9-4	Sam Farah— Onsite
May 18	Cindy Mullins—LTP
June 7, 5:30-7:30	Lonna Lamb
June 8, 9, 9-4	Lonna Lamb
Sept 7&8,	Paulette DiGesare
Sept 21	Nancy Silver—LTP
Sept 27-29	Fall Retreat
Oct 12	Sally Thirjung—LTP
Oct 19, 9-4	Linda Christopher— Onsite
Nov 6, 10-2?	Judy Ribitch—Zoom
Dec 5	Christmas Luncheon, Mama Mia's

## Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who provided sustenance for us at the February meeting. So much to choose from!

Please continue your generosity for the April meeting.

Because most snacks come it all at once in the beginning may I ask that you cut the items before you come? Also remove the wrapping when it's dropped off.

Thank you.

Karen Capshaw



## General Meetings 2024

At Livonia Senior Center

Saturdays 10am-2pm

February 3, April 6, June 1,

August 3, Oct 5,

Holiday Luncheon TBA

## Board meetings 2024

6:30 pm by ZOOM

Jan 4, March 7, May 2,

July 11 , Sept 5, Nov 7



*Please remember to  
take your pence*

## Fall Retreat

Sept 27,28 &29

Come join us **"In the Garden"** for our 8<sup>th</sup> biannual retreat.

We will be returning to Skyline Camp and Conference Center in Almont Mi.

You won't want to miss this chance to have quality time with your fellow painting friends.

If you think you might be interested but not ready to register, would you please let me know so we have an idea of how many to plan for.

Thanks, and hope to see you there.

Paula Atkinson 248-798-5312 or paulawog43@aol.com





## APRIL MEETING ACTIVITY

This month's activity will be a Demo Day. There is nothing to bring for it. Hopefully we will give you info that will make your painting more interesting or easier.

See you there!

Nancy



**Treasure Box** - Thank you for the wonderful boxes! There have been 10 turned in and I will deliver to Shriner's when we have 30. Please keep painting for this very worthy Community Service Project.

Last July Shriner's raffled a couple of our Treasure Boxes to support the "Lucky Fin Project". This project is for children who were born with "symbrachydactyly" or other limb differences (upper, lower, congenital, and amputee). Shriner's would be very pleased if anyone would be willing to donate a painted piece (other than a Treasure Box) that they could include in their raffle this year. If you are interested in participating please contact me. I would need your finished piece by June 30th.

Thank you, Rondi Bur



### *March Birthdays*

13 Jean Trimpe

14 Louise Hastings

### *April Birthdays*

7 Sandra Ledger

11 Janis Creswell

14 Sandy Tyo

20 Margaret Pedersen

26 Sue Vella

29 Sally Thirjung

### **Painting Tip**

When using a mop brush with acrylics, keep a damp paper towel by your painting and after you use the mop brush, lightly sweep the brush over the damp paper towel. This will take any small bits of paint off the bristles, but won't dampen them to the point that you can't use the brush. At the end of your painting session, wash the mop brush thoroughly and let dry.

If you're working in oils, dampen the towel with brush cleaner. The oil paint builds up in the mop brush and won't blend like it should, so wipe it off on the paper towel and it's ready to do its job.

Submitted by Pat Helwig

## **Education – Diane Stiller**

### **Please read carefully; very important deadline info**

Sadly, the zoom class that Michelle Handley was going to teach was cancelled due to lack of interest. Please be aware that members who agree to teach a class put in a lot of effort preparing for the class and we need to support them.

The registration forms for Lonna Lamb and Paulette DiGesare have been emailed to members and are included in the newsletter. Please be aware of the following changes arising this year with Big Brush artists. Both Lonna Lamb and Paulette DiGesare need a list of the students' emails long before our typical registration deadlines. This is a requirement by Deco Art to supply free paint for the class. Lonna Lamb needs to know the student count for each class by May 8 and Paulette DiGesare by July 1. I will need a commitment from you no later than these dates so that I can supply the email addresses.

In addition, the drop dead date to order Paulette's suggested surfaces from DePalma's Custom Woodcrafts is as early as April 1 due to their commitment to supply surfaces for a number of artists for the NET convention. Please read the 3 page registration form for Paulette's classes and determine what you want to do about your surfaces. Please note that this deadline occurs before our April 6 Member Meeting!

Members who can't or don't register early should be prepared to supply their own paint and surfaces.

### *Coming up next*

May 4: Sam Farah; On-site 9 am – 4 pm

June 7, 8 & 9: Lonna Lamb

## **Learn to Paint – Diane Stiller**

Please make every effort to support this program by printing out the registration forms and passing them out to family, friends, neighbors, your church, library, gym, stores in your area. We want it to be a big success and it can't be without your help.

Our Learn to Paint program will start back up in April with Kathy Ziemba teaching a Bluebird and Cindy Mullins teaching a Hummingbird in May. The Learn to Paint program is for beginner painters with a two-fold purpose: to attract 1) new members and 2) guests for the Spring Fling.

Members may attend at no charge provided they bring a beginner painter and will assist them with the project. Members will need to bring their own supplies and surface.

April 20: Kathy Ziemba; On-site 9am – noon

May 18: Cindy Mullins; On-site 9am - noon



# Scrapbook Memories

## February 3, 2024 General Meeting

### Show & Tell



Rondi Bur



Linda Morgan



Darlene Greenwood



Maureen VanBuhler



Eileen Carroll



Patty Neu



Linda Morgan



Jan Kaplan



Marilyn Cunningham



Sam Farah



Pat Helwig



Judy Ribitch



Teresa Palmer



Dawn Billiau



Susan Rhodes



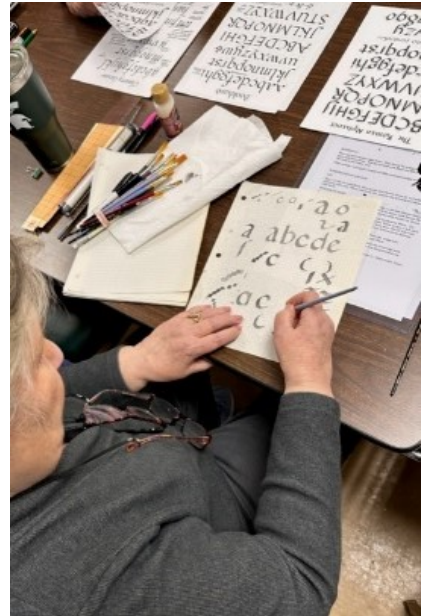
## Memory Boxes



## Treasure Boxes



## Activity: Calligraphy Demo by Nancy Silver



# Village of Decorative Painters Fall Retreat 2024

## "In the Garden"

**When:** Sept. 27,28 & 29

**Where:** Skyline Camp and Conference Center, 5650 Sandhill Rd. Almont, Mi

**Time:** Friday check-in **3:00** through Sunday at **4:00** (note later check out)

**Cost:**   **\$195 Members**       **\$210 Non-Members**

**Includes:** Lodging, 5 Meals, Hayride, Teachers Fees   **Linens:** available **\$12**

**Registration:** *Open to all..... Deadline August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**We have two challenges for you this year. 1. Paint a pillowcase to exchange.**

### **2. Garden Art Contest**

Create a piece of garden art from anything you'd like (not to be exchanged). We will be voting on the garden art and prizes will be awarded.

Friday night we will have a Beekeeper (Sam Farah's niece) talk to us all about Honeybees and their importance. She will have a honey tasting for us.

Sunday we will have a raffle after breakfast that will benefit Skyline. We like to do this as part of our community service. If you'd like to donate an item or your garden art piece, we will gladly accept your donation.

### **Friday Night**

Paint a hummingbird feeder with enamel paint.  
Enamel paint will be provided, or you may bring your own. This is a paint on your own project.  
Samples will be available.   1-1/2" x 6"

**Cost- \$7**





## Saturday Full Day Class

**Judy Ribitch**

**“BEE HAPPY”**

**Cost- \$16**

Includes pattern  
and wood surface

11-1/2 x 7-1/8



**Nancy Silver**

**“Bee Box”**

Designed by Paulette DiGesare

**Pattern- \$10**

Bring your own surface, pattern maybe adjusted.

Original 7” oval box.



## Sunday Half Day Class

**Sam Farah**

**“Sweet Sweet Honey Bear Wind Chime “**

Designed by Karen Brouwer

**Cost- \$15**

Includes Pattern and wood surface. 8- 1/4 x 8-1/4



**“Colorful Friends” Video Instruction**

Designed by Jane Allen

**Cost- Pattern/kit/ 2 oz Quikwood- \$19**





## Fall Retreat Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Members \$195

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Non-Members \$210

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Friday Night- Hummingbird Feeder \$7

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Extra surfaces \$7 # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Saturday Classes: Choose one

“Bee Kind” w/Judy Ribitch \$16

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“Bee Box “w/ Nancy Silver \$10

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### Sunday Classes: Choose one

“Sweet Honey Bear Wind Chime” w/ Sam Farah \$15

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“Colorful Friends” – Video Instruction

Pattern/Kit / Quikwood- \$19

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional Linen Fee \$12

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total**

\_\_\_\_\_

*A list of paints and supplies will be emailed to you by your teacher.*

Please note food allergies or special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Each room has 2 sets of bunkbeds except the corner rooms that have 3. We will be only using lower bunks. You might want to bring a foam topper for your mattress.

Mail to: Paula Atkinson 2901 N. Wilson Ave. Royal Oak, Mi 48073

Questions 248-798-5312

**Village of Decorative Painters presents a Learn to Paint Class for Adult Beginners**

**Come join us for a fun learning experience!**

**Instructor: Kathy Ziemba, Spring Blue Bird: Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**Medium: Acrylic Paint**



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

All painting supplies will be provided on loan.

Cost: \$40.00

**Deadline: April 6, 2024**

**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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**Kathy Ziemba, Spring Blue Bird, LTP, Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
\$40

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters***

***Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201***



**Village of Decorative Painters proudly presents**  
**Sam Farah: Partridge Plume pattern by Erika Joanne: Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
**Medium: Acrylic paint and color pencils**



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

Instructor provides embellishments, paint, and mediums.  
Student provides 6" x 12" x 3/4" wood panel surface,  
9 Prismacolor pencils and usual painting supplies

Cost: Member \$30 (\$20 limit on pence); Non-Member \$40

**Deadline: April 20, 2024**

**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, Partridge, Saturday, May 4, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\$30 Member; \$40 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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# Village of Decorative Painters presents a Learn to Paint Class for Adult Beginners

**Come join us for a fun learning experience!**

**Instructor: Cindy Mullins: Hummingbird: Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**Medium: Acrylic Paint**



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

All painting supplies will be provided on loan.

Cost: \$40.00

**Deadline: May 4, 2024**

**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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**Cindy Mullins, Hummingbird, LTP, Saturday, May 18, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_  
\$40

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters***

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**Village of Decorative Painters proudly presents  
Lonna Lamb: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 7, 8, & 9, 2024**



**Paint Brush Bag**

Friday, June 7, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Tote bag & DecoEarth paints provided



**Delightful Summer Drinks**

Saturday, June 8, 9 am – 4 pm

Media Fluids & Americana acrylic paints provided

You provide 12 x 24 canvas



**Snowy Winter Magic**

Sunday, June 9, 9 am – 4 pm

Americana acrylic paints provided

You provide 10 x 10 canvas panel

**Where**

Livonia Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd.

Livonia, MI 48154

**Cost**

Friday Only: Member \$15 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$25

Saturday & Sunday: Member \$35 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$45

**Deadline**

May 6, 2024

**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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**Lonna Lamb: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 7, 8, & 9, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, June 7: Paint Brush Bag \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Member; \$25 Non Member

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

Saturday, June 8: Summer Drinks \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 9: Winter Magic \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Village of Decorative Painters proudly presents  
Paulette DiGesare: Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8, 2024



Coral Bird & Blooms: Saturday, Sept 7  
12" scalloped flat plate #SCF-PL



Cardinal & Holly: Sunday, Sept 8  
Oval plaque with insert (2 pieces) #OVL-PLKS  
Extra inserts #OVL-PLIN

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

Surface: You provide: DePalma's Custom Woodcrafts  
Acrylic Paints: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$40 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$50  
Deadline: July 1, 2024

**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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**Paulette DiGesare: Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sept 7: Coral Bird  
\$40 Member; \$50 Non Member

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

Sunday, Sept 8: Cardinal  
\$40 Member; \$50 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Village of Decorative Painters

Paulette DiGesare September 7 & 8, 2024 classes

### Order Form for Surfaces: Page 1 of 2

Paulette is recommending that you purchase the surfaces for her classes from **DePalma's Custom Woodcrafts**.

Jamie and her husband, Andy, run DePalma's Custom Woodcrafts as a small business. They are going to be very busy supplying the surfaces for NET. **The Drop Dead Ordering date is April 5, 2024 if you wish to order the surfaces yourself directly from their website for Paulette's classes.**

To save on shipping costs, Jamie has recommended that I place one order and have it shipped to my house. If you choose to place the order through me, **the deadline is April 1 which is the Monday after Easter.** I will then distribute the surfaces at the June 1 Member Meeting.

You can also choose to use a surface of your choice.



**Coral Bird:** 12" scalloped flat plate #SCF-PL



Baltic birch plywood  
Frame - 11 3/8" x 14 3/4" x 3/8"  
Insert - 9" x 11 1/8" x 1/8"

#### Cardinal and Holly:

You can see from the photos that there are 2 pieces: the oval frame and the oval insert. The smaller photo shows the back of the frame and how the insert is held in place with 4 clasps. You can buy multiple inserts and just make sure that you paint the frame a color that would go well with whatever pattern you painted. There are 2 examples of how to use the frame.

To buy the oval frame with one insert use #OVL-PLKS

11 3/8" x 14 3/4" x 3/8"

Extra inserts use #OVL-PLIN

9" x 11" x 1/8"



← Snowed In  
Kathy Swigon  
www.kathyswigon.com

→ Tulip Plaque  
Judy Ribitch  
judy1231@icloud.com

## Village of Decorative Painters

### Paulette DiGesare September 7 & 8, 2024 classes

#### Order Form for Surfaces: Page 2 of 2



This surface has nothing to do with the class, but I am going to order this for myself and thought I would see if anyone else would like to order this surface. 7" x 15" x 3/8" on bun foot with interchangeable sign. Bun foot may vary – 2 styles.

Bun Sign #BN-SGPD with bun foot

Bun Sign #BN-SXPD (extra sign only)

#### Order Form for Surfaces for Paulette's September 7 & 8, 2024 classes

These amounts include shipping costs.

	Quantity	Cost Total
<b>Coral Bird:</b> Scalloped flat plate #SCF-PL	_____	\$21 _____
<b>Cardinal and Holly:</b> Oval frame with one insert #OVL-PLKS	_____	\$21 _____
Extra inserts #OVL-PLIN	_____	\$6 _____
Bun Sign #BN-SGPD with bun foot	_____	\$25 _____
Bun Sign #BN-SXPD (extra sign only)	_____	\$19 _____
Grand Total	_____	_____

The deadline is April 1 which is the Monday after Easter. I will then distribute the surfaces at the June 1 Member Meeting. Please note that you can send the registration form for the class at a later date.

Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters

Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201



**Village of Decorative Painters presents a Learn to Paint Class for Adult Beginners**

**Come join us for a fun learning experience!**

**Instructor: Nancy Silver, Pears: Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**Medium: Acrylic Paint**



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

All painting supplies will be provided on loan.

Cost: \$40.00

**Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**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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**Nancy Silver, Pears, LTP, Saturday, September 21, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\$40

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Village of Decorative Painters presents a Learn to Paint Class for Adult Beginners**

**Come join us for a fun learning experience!**

**Instructor: Sally Thirjung, Snowman: Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**Medium: Acrylic Paint**



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

All painting supplies will be provided on loan.

Cost: \$40.00

**Deadline: September 28, 2024**

**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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**Sally Thirjung, Snowman, LTP, Saturday, October 12, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_  
\$40

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters***

***Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48201***

**Village of Decorative Painters proudly presents**  
**Judy Ribitch, White Asiatic Lilies**  
**Via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6, 2024**  
**Medium: Acrylic**



Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Zoom

Instructor provides pattern  
Student provides surface, paints, and  
usual painting supplies

Cost: Member \$30 (\$22 limit on pence); Non-Member \$40  
**Deadline: October 23, 2024**

**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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**Judy Ribitch, White Asiatic Lilies, Via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\$30 Member; \$40 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Village of Decorative Painters

## Membership Application for January 1 – December 31, 2024

Please check the appropriate box: ☐ New Application ☐ Renewal

Renewing member: Use \* to indicate any information that has changed from last year.

Annual dues for Village of Decorative Painters (VDP) are \$15.00, due no later than December 31, 2023.

Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters

Send application and check for membership to: Pat Butler, 7870 Parker Rd, Saline, MI 48176

### Please Print

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Health Advisory

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 \_\_\_\_\_