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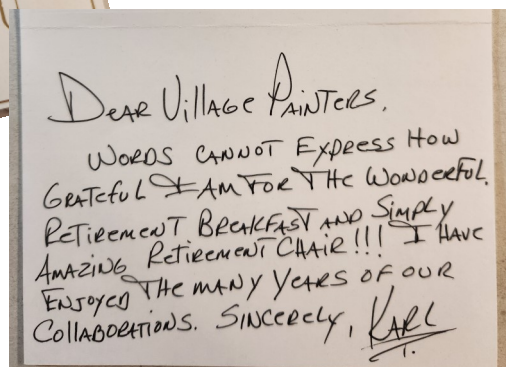
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### President - Diane Stiller

October is a busy month! Please plan on attending the Member meeting. We will be voting on the 2025 Board positions. It is also time to renew your membership for 2025. Nancy Silver has arranged for Cindy Mullins and Linda Christopher to lead us in some fun projects. There will be registration forms for the Holiday Party and Judy Ribitch's Zoom class. It's our last Member meeting of the year so plan on being there! Read the newsletter for more details.



# 2024 Calendar of Events

Sept 27-29            Fall Retreat  
Nov 6, 10—4        Judy Ribitch—Zoom  
Dec 5, noon—3:30   Christmas Luncheon, Mama Mia's

# 2025 Calendar of Events

April 6,                Spring Fling  
May 17, 18            David Bailey—LSC  
Sept 20, 21            Lydia Steves, zoom  
Dec 4, 1-4             Holiday Luncheon

*\*\* Don't forget to register for the Holiday Luncheon.*



*Please remember to take your pence*

## Painting Tip -

When doing lettering, put a coat of varnish on your work first. Do your lettering on top of the varnish. This way, if you don't like your lettering, it wipes right off. When you have it right, varnish over all.

## General Meetings 2024

**At Livonia Senior Center**

**Saturdays 10am-2pm**

**February 3, April 6, June 1,**

**August 3, Oct 5,**

**Holiday Luncheon Dec 5**

## Board meetings 2024

**6:30 pm by ZOOM**

**Jan 4, March 7, May 2,**

**July 11 , Sept 5, Nov 7**

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## General Meetings 2025

**At Livonia Senior Center**

**Saturdays, 10 am—2 pm**

**February 1, Tuesday April 8,**

**June 7, August 2,**

**October 4, Dec 4 luncheon**

## Board Meetings 2025

**Jan 2, March 6,**

**May 1, July 3 if needed,**

**Sept 4, Nov 6**

## October Meeting Activity



Cindy Mullins will be guiding us to make these adorable cards. You need to bring:

1. Regular painting supplies
2. Spatter brush
3. Micron pen, 01—03, either will work
4. Painters tape
5. Stylus

Cindy will provide everything else, card, paint, stencils. If you have a particular stencil you'd like to use bring it.

If you have any questions, let Cindy know.



Also, Linda Christopher will be demonstrating/teaching pan pastel backgrounds on 8" square canvases.

### MEMORY AND TREASURE BOXES RAFFLE

It's that time of year again! In October we will all pay our Village of Decorative Painters dues for 2025. We have listed everyone who painted, and turned in, a Memory and/or Treasure Box during 2024. These names will go in separate raffles. One name from each will be drawn and the two lucky winners will be awarded FREE VDP dues for 2025! So please turn in your painted Memory or Treasure Boxes at the beginning of the October meeting to be included in the drawing. Good Luck!

Thanks to all who participate in these two Community Service programs.

Cindy Mullins (Memory Boxes) & Rondi Bur (Treasure Boxes)

On August 29 I delivered 41 Treasure Boxes to Pam at Shriner's. 23 from Village of Decorative Painters and 18 from Brush Benders.

Cindy Mullins has 37 painted Memory Boxes from Village of Decorative Painters which I will deliver sometime in October.

Thanks Ladies! Your efforts are truly appreciated by the families and children who receive these wonderful hand-painted boxes. □

Rondi Bur



### September Birthdays

3 Pat Helwig

8 Doreen McLain

9 Nancy Thomson

12 Cindy Williams

20 JoAnn Smith

24 Connie Vasilnek

### October Birthdays

18 Deborah Walleman

20 Dawn Billiau

23 Gail Barton

24 Paula Atkinson

### Hospitality

October is a good reason to celebrate Fall at our hospitality table.

Let's do that with your favorite snack recipes or store bought favorites.

As always, thank you for your time and generosity.

Karen Capshaw



### **1:00 pm - Social Time**

View uniquely themed tables, baskets, silent and live auction pieces, and shop the Boutique. Raffle Ticket Sales and Silent Auction bidding will begin at 1:00 pm.

### **2:15 pm - Lunch and Program**

Winners of the Raffles, Silent and Live Auction to follow

Lunch menu: Choice of Chicken Marsala or Vegetable Lasagna, redskin potatoes, green bean almandine, Italian bread, garden salad, and chocolate mousse.  
Soda, iced tea, and a coffee station.

### **\$35 per Ticket**

Will entitle you to lunch, a chance to win the table centerpiece, a table favor, and one chance for the basket raffle. Additional basket raffle tickets are 11 for \$10.

### **Members Information**

*The Spring Fling Committee presents our bi-annual luncheon. The size of the event will be dictated by the involvement of all of our members. It is an awesome event and is great fun!*

**Spring Fling Chair – Diane Stiller** [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) or call 313-720-1836 for information.

We will need all members help for set up. We are anticipating that we may need to set up everything the day of the event. All deadlines need to be met so that we can set up in a very organized and timely manner so things run smoothly. We are still hoping to be able to set up the day before the event, but we won't know until a day or two before the event. Set up times TBA.

**Basket – Barbara Reinholz** Myrole\_r123@yahoo.com We are limiting the number of baskets to 20. You can set the theme for your basket. The only requirement is that there be at least one painted item in the basket and that all items be new or unused and look new. The unwrapped baskets will be due at the February Member Meeting, unless specific arrangements are made with Barbara. The Committee will inventory, wrap and give them a bow. **Please email Barbara a list of your basket items in a word document** to assist in the preparation of the inventory. The items don't have to be expensive. Just use your imagination and your painting talents. For that matter, you don't have to use a basket just some sort of a container to hold all your wonderful "stuff." Maybe the container will be your painted item. Contact Barbara if you are willing to donate a basket. *It's never too early.* The 2025 Charity Basket is Shriners Children's Hospital. **The Basket theme is "Wings in my Garden"**. Karen Capshaw will make up a Village of Decorative Painters' **Kitchen Basket** if you would like to donate item(s) to it.

**Basket Ideas:**

Coffee-Lover	Chocolate	Tea-Drinker	Michigan	Easter	Gardening
Wine/Cheese	Americana	Books	Scrap-Book	Mother's Day	Candy
Cards/Games	Chef	Frogs	Angels	Painters	Body & Bath
Theater	Sports	Children	Beach	Bird Houses	Nautical
Birds	Sewing	Butterflies	Light Houses	Golf	Fish

**Silent Auction Chair – Pat Helwig** [helwigg@gmail.com](mailto:helwigg@gmail.com) We will have 10-11 items with a value of \$50 or more. Please bring the painted item no later than the February Member meeting or make other arrangements with Pat. Pat is accepting items now to store at her home.

**Live Auction – Diane Stiller** [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) This is definitely a fun part of our day. There will be three hand painted items. Please bring the painted item no later than the February Member meeting. Diane is accepting items now to store at her home.

**52 Card Raffle – Diane Stiller** [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) There will be one hand painted item. Please bring the painted item no later than the February Member meeting. Diane is accepting items now to store at her home.

**Boutique Chair - Linda Christopher** [lindachristopher60@gmail.com](mailto:lindachristopher60@gmail.com) Our guests will be looking for items for teachers, holidays, such as Mother's Day and Easter, home decorations, and gifts. We encourage you to paint extra favors to sell in the boutique. The boutique sales are essential to our success. We are starting with a zero inventory, so we need everyone to help fill our shelves. Linda is going to have all of the donations organized in boxes, tagged, priced, and stored at her house. **Starting March 24** she is going to schedule about seven days for members to drop off their donations at her home in Plymouth where both of you will tag and price the items. You may want to make arrangements to have someone else deliver your donations. No donations will be accepted before or after this period.

**Table Chair – Diane Stiller** [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) Each hostess will choose the theme for their table. We will also maintain a waiting list for guests who would be able to come at the last minute. Please email the names of your guests to Diane **no later than March 1st** so name tags can be printed. **A check made payable to the Village of Decorative Painters** for the guests at your table will be due **no later than March 1st**. Please mail the check to Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield St., Detroit MI 48201.

All tables are 68" diameter and will seat up to 11. A white fabric tablecloth and napkins will be on each table. Over-lay colored tablecloths look wonderful on the tables if you would like to bring your own. White or Sea Foam green napkins are available.

1. It will be a sit-down, served lunch.
2. As a hostess, the minimum requirement is that you must have a painted centerpiece and /or favors. The centerpiece will be raffled off at the end of the luncheon for the guests at your table. Please provide a favor to each of the guests at your table. The favor can be a purchased item or something hand-painted. Only dry snacks in your own containers can be brought in. You can create any design and get as detailed or elaborate as you wish. It is an awesome sight to see each different table. Let your imagination run wild!
3. Being a hostess for your table entitles you to 10 pence and a free admission.
4. Each hostess for a table will be responsible for inviting anyone she wishes. If you do not fill your table, overflow guests or Village members will be added. Please be sure to email Diane to keep her advised of the needs of your guests. Minimum of 10 guests per table. Please be sure to make 10 favors for all guests seated at the table.
5. Each guest will receive one free ticket for the basket raffle. Obviously they will have more chances to win by purchasing additional Basket Raffle tickets which will be sold before the luncheon begins. Basket Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 with 11 ticket stubs. Let your guests know that they can pay in cash or check made out to Village of Decorative Painters. **We cannot accept credit cards for Basket and 52-Card raffle tickets.**
6. VISA and Mastercard credit cards will be accepted for purchases of a minimum of \$20 for Boutique and Silent/Live Auctions.

## 2025 DUE DATES



**Boutique Items:** Starting on March 24 on scheduled dates at Linda's home

**Theme Baskets and Charity Basket items:** No later than the February Member meeting

**Guests Names and Luncheon Ticket Money:** March 1st or earlier

**Silent Auction:** No later than the February Member meeting

**Live Auction:** No later than the February Member meeting

**52 Card Raffle:** No later than the February Member meeting

### *Spring Fling*

There will be a **Boutique Paint-In** at Sally Thirjung's house located in Canton. It is on Saturday, September 21, from 10 am – 2 pm. Bring your own patterns, surfaces and paints. Sally will provide something for us to eat. Email Diane Stiller if you would like to come; there's still room to fit more people. We would love to have you there!

At every meeting Barb Reinholz will be collecting items for the **Charity basket**. Likewise, Karen Capshaw will be collecting items for the **Kitchen basket**. The theme for the Charity basket is Wings in My Garden. Pat Helwig is accepting **Silent Auction** items to store at her house and Diane Stiller likewise for **Live Auction and 52-Card Raffle**. So if you have finished painting your items and would like to make some room in your house, please bring them to the meeting. Just a reminder that items for the **Boutique will be collected in March due to storage issues**. Read the Spring Fling Announcement for more details

## Spring Fling 2025 Volunteers

This is the Village of Decorative Painters' biannual Luncheon. We ask that everyone volunteer to support our event in as many ways as you possibly can.

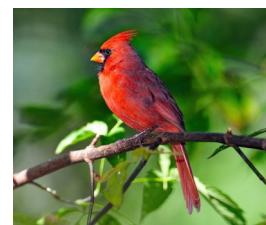
Contact Karen Capshaw [paintdrop@aol.com](mailto:paintdrop@aol.com) or cell phone 734-634-8935.

Leave your name and message. If I can't answer I will return your call. There will also be a sign up sheet at the October meeting.

Volunteers are needed for intervals of ½ hour or longer in the Boutique, Silent Auction, Basket runners, Raffle Ticket sellers, and greeters. Because there are so many positions to fill we are asking hostesses to take a half hour where they can and other members who are free to work to take as much time/positions as you can.

### *Holiday Party*

*Hard to believe our Holiday Party is just around the corner. One part of the party is the pence raffle. Please add your talent to the raffle and bring your pieces to the October meeting.*



*Again, we will be collecting non-perishable food, or money for the Salvation Army, books for Little Free Libraries, and Toys for less fortunate children. Those can be brought to the luncheon. It's such a good feeling to help those who need helping hand.*

### **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.

Thanks, and hope to see you there.

On the registration forms you may have picked up I forgot to add; Make checks payable to: Village of Decorative Painters

Paula Atkinson 248-798-5312 or [paulawog43@aol.com](mailto:paulawog43@aol.com)



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Members \$210 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night- Hummingbird Feeder \$7 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Saturday Classes: Choose one**

“Bee Kind” w/Judy Ribitch \$16 \_\_\_\_\_

“Bee Box “w/ Nancy Silver \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Classes: Choose one**

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

“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**

## Education – Diane Stiller

We had a great time painting with Paulette DiGesare. She was accompanied by two friends; Dory who acted as the Zoom administrator and Silvia who handled the pattern packet sales and walked around the room helping everyone with their painting. 27 students registered for the Saturday Coral Bird class of which 11 were on Zoom. 36 students registered for the Sunday Cardinal & Holly class of which 17 were on Zoom. 26 class seats were filled with non-members from out-of-state; one from Australia! The beauty of Paulette's patterns is largely due to the sharp contrast between dark and light values, the vibrancy of color, and the beautiful details. She kept reminding us that the dark shading had to be as dark as the paint coming out of the bottle and to use a large brush to cover the area. Paulette had a huge selection of her painted pieces to view to entice you to purchase the pattern. Thank you Margaret Pedersen for the great lunches!





Dory, Silvia, Paulette, Diane

### *Coming up next*

**2024** Judy Ribitch via Zoom. November 6,  
Wednesday, from 10 am – 2 pm

**2025** May 17 & 18 David Bailey On-  
Site, watercolor

Sept 20 & 21 Lydia Steeves via Zoom, color pencil with pan pastel

Please mail me your registration forms for Judy's class as soon as possible. The class will be here before you know it! I will also have registration forms at the October Member meeting.

We will vote on projects for David Bailey and Lydia Steeves at the February Member meeting. Both artists are working on new patterns which will be available in January for the Education Committee to select for Member vote.



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***



***A Cardinal Christmas***

***Village of Decorative Painters  
Christmas Luncheon***

Thursday, December 5, 2024 – Noon – 3:30 PM

***Mama Mia Livonia Banquet Hall***

27770 Plymouth Rd, Livonia MI 4850

Between Middlebelt and Inkster Rds.

(Banquet parking across side street, Cardwell St.)

\$27 for members and \$30 for guests

Deadline Wednesday, November 20, 2024

12:00 Social hour cash bar, pence ticket sales. Drop off non-perishable food, toys, books for little library and money donations in the parking lot.

1:00 Buffet luncheon: Includes homemade Italian bread, Garden Salad, Mostaccioli with plain sauce, Hand Rolled Meatballs, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy & Green Beans. Jumbo filled Cannoli Bar for dessert. Includes coffee, tea and water.  
*Vegetable Lasagna available for vegetarians who check the box on registration form*

2:00 or Hand Painted ornament exchange, pence raffle, centerpiece drawing  
After lunch

***2024 Christmas Luncheon Registration Form***

\$27 for members \$30 for Guests

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

Mail check and form to: Denise Robert  
14476 Ramblewood St.  
Livonia, MI 48154



**Question? Call or Text: Darlene Greenwood – 734-751-4403 or Denise Robert – 734-658-2222**

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

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/We would like the vegetarian option: How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

*Scrapbook Memories*  
August 3, 2024 Member Meeting

Show & Tell



Linda Morgan



Darlene Greenwood



Sally Thirjung



Rondi Bar



Patty Neu



Connie Vasilock



Sally Thirjung



Patty Neu



Jan Kaplan



Pat Butler



Denise Robert



Maureen VanBuhler

## Memory Boxes



## Treasure Boxes







**Autumn Picnic Centerpieces**  
Painted by Sandy Tye and Connie Vasilok, Chairs



We have 37 Memory Boxes ready to be delivered. Thank you to all who painted these wonderful boxes. Please return any boxes that you painted.

Cindy Mullins



# Karl Peters Retirement

Adirondack: Chair painted by Linda Morgan; lights by Gary Morgan  
Presentation by Linda Christopher



The Unveiling



Linda & Gary Morgan



The Race Car



# Village of Decorative Painters

## Membership Application for January 1 – December 31, 2025

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, 2024.

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 \_\_\_\_\_