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2024 was our first full year operating as Village of Decorative Painters. A BIG THANKS to everyone who served on the Board. We worked very hard to finish updating the last of our governing documents: the Operations Manual and twenty job descriptions. Our new and improved website was launched and the major components populated to present our organization to the public at its best. We still have some work to do, but we are off to a great start.

Hope to see you at the Holiday luncheon that Darlene Greenwood and Denise Robert have been busy working on. A gathering of friends is always a nice way to end the year.

Please refer to the Spring Fling Announcement for important information and deadlines.



2024 Calendar of Events

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.**

The deadline is November 20.

\$27 for members, \$30 for guests.

2025

At Livonia Senior Center
Saturdays, 10 am—1 pm

February 1, Tuesday April 8,
June 7, August 2,
October 4, Dec 4 luncheon

Board Meetings 2025
6:30 pm Thursdays by ZOOM
Jan 2, March 6,
May 1, July 3 if needed,
Sept 4, Nov 6

Changes to Member Meetings in 2025

Please note that there are two changes to the Member Meetings for next year.

The meetings will be held from 10 am – 1 pm. Since members have been leaving anywhere between noon and 1:00, we will end the meetings at 1 pm saving us \$25/meeting. The savings from 4 meetings will pay for the 5th meeting. In the event that a meeting runs over, we can stay a little later.

The meeting in April will be held on Tuesday the 8th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The first Saturday is the day before Spring Fling and hopefully we will be setting up for the event. The following Saturday is the weekend for Greater Cincinnati's annual Retreat; a large number of our members attend and will be driving there Thursday. The Tuesday after Spring Fling works well for Linda Christopher to distribute the unsold Boutique items back to members without having a storage issue herself as she'll just leave them in the car until the meeting.



YOUR 2025 BOARD

Elected Officers

President	Diane Stiller
Vice President	Nancy Silver
Secretary	Linda Christopher
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Education	Diane Stiller
Library	Teresa Palmer
Membership	Pat Butler
Newsletter	Linda Morgan
Spring Fling	Diane Stiller
Website Administrator	Linda Christopher
Appointed Chairpersons	
Audit	Cathy Uhring
August Picnic	Kathy Helm
August Picnic	Linda Pinneo
Holiday Party	Eileen Carroll
Holiday Party	Sam Farah
Holiday Party	Kathy Ziemba
Hospitality	Karen Capshaw
Fall Retreat	Paula Atkinson
LSC Liaison	Linda Christopher
Memory Boxes	Cindy Mullins
Treasure Boxes	Rondi Bur
Pence	Margaret Pedersen
Sunshine	Connie Vasilnek



November Birthdays

29 Maryann Muir

December Birthdays

5 Kathy Ziemba

6 Karen Lavella

19 Linda Morgan

27 Susan Rhodes

28 Patty Neu

30 Cathy Uhring

31 Judy Ribitch



Please remember to take your pence

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 Holiday Luncheon. It's important to contact Kathy Ziemba to let her know what you are bringing to the raffle so she can make sure to have enough raffle bags and table space to display them.



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.

Education – Diane Stiller

Ten members registered for Judy Ribitch's Asiatic White Lilies Zoom class. Judy recommends painting one layer of basecoat so that the flowers look more natural and not so stiff. The subsequent layers of paint are dry brushed. This is a beautiful piece and everyone had a great time. Thanks Judy!



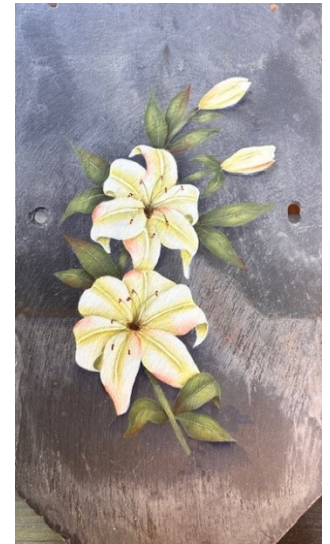
Linda Morgan



Karen Capshaw



Eileen Carroll



Diane Stiller

Coming Up Next in 2025

May 17 & 18 David Bailey On-Site, watercolor

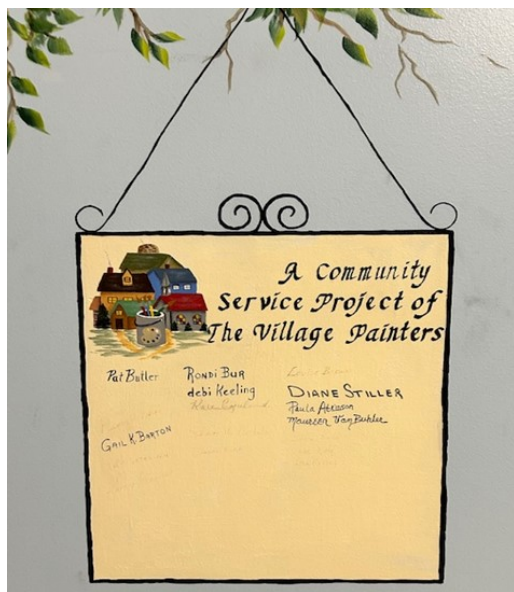
Sept 20 & 21 Lydia Steeves via Zoom, color pencil with pan pastel

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.

At the October Member meeting 24 members voted to bring back Paulette DiGesare as a third Big Brush for 2025. Diane will check with Paulette to see if she is available and willing to offer the same contract terms. We would select two of her newest patterns since that is what attracts her zoom followers.

FALL RETREAT 2024





A Blast from the Past

Look what one of my friends found on the NICU wall at Providence Hospital off of Beck! She was there to visit her niece who just had a baby. She didn't see any of our painted murals on the wall in the section that she was visiting. Hopefully some are still there!

Some of the names are badly faded, but here's a list.

Pat Butler	Rondi Bur	Louise Brown
Nancy Wheeler	Debi Keeling	Diane Stiller
Gail Barton	Karen Copeland	Paula Atkinson
Ruth Vernacchia	Sharon Nichols	Maureen VanBuhler
Kathy Fischer	Dianne Winn	Sheri Redd
Pam Wolf	Lisa Neeley	

Look what Michelle Handley has been doing. She painted this 51" x 64" mural for her great-great-grandniece who was born on October 9. It took her about 2 - 4 hours a day for a month to complete.



Paint With Us

We are considering bringing back this event in order to share our passion for decorative painting and to hopefully attract new members. It used to be held once every two years. Members invited their family and friends and supplied them with the necessary painting supplies. We provided a potluck lunch and raffles.

If we were to move forward with this plan, then we were thinking of providing a registration form for each guest at the Spring Fling since we have a captive audience and can reach many people at once. The tables are filled with family and friends whose enthusiasm to participate in painting together might feed off of each other. The Paint With Us event would be scheduled relatively soon after the Spring Fling so that enthusiasm doesn't start to wane; maybe a date in April or May.

We need a committee to meet sometime in January to put this event together. Please contact Diane Stiller if you are interested in joining this committee.



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? _____



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 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 helwigp@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 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 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 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 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. Overlay 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

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

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 _____