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## President - Diane Stiller

Please take the time to carefully read this newsletter as there is a lot happening!

The Spring Fling event is almost here and we need to finalize all of the little details. Check out the plans for the April General meeting.

The Education registration forms are out. The Paint with Us event project has been finalized and the registration form is available.

The Holiday Party is in its early planning stages. Mark your calendar!



At the hospital for mothers whose children stepped on sidewalk cracks

# 2025 Calendar of Events

April 6,	Spring Fling
May 10	Paint With Us
May 17, 18	David Bailey—LSC
June 21, 22	Paulette DiGesare
Sept 20, 21	Lydia Steves, zoom
Dec 4, 1-4	Holiday Luncheon

## Hospitality

Our April meeting is closer to dinner time and the agenda is pretty casual. We can munch our way throughout the meeting. Refreshments will be very appreciated. Easter Snacks?

Added to the table will be Chicken Croissant | Sandwiches made by Margaret Pedersen and Given to us per the President's report. Thank you for your generosity.

Karen Capshaw

## April General Meeting

Please remember that this meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. If you arrive before 5:30, please be prepared to help set up the room. Given that we were unable to enter the building twice for the February meeting, we decided to do something a little special for this one. Margaret Pedersen will bring her delicious chicken croissant sandwiches so we have something a little more substantial to eat added to the Hospitality table and Diane will be giving out a small gift to everyone who attends. With daylight savings time in effect, it should still be light enough to drive home until around 8 pm. This meeting will be considered a social gathering. Activities will include:

- The return of any unsold Spring Fling Boutique items; members may want to donate these to the Paint with Us event raffles
- Pence raffle; so remember to bring your pence or you can buy some; 6 for \$5
- Painting memory or treasure boxes
- Base coating the Paint with Us surfaces and placing the design on
- Diane's fun thing (something a wedding and hockey game have in common)
- Register for classes, especially David Bailey's watercolor classes in May
- Show & Tell

\*\*We will be painting our February Erika Joanne heart at the June meeting.



**2025 Member Meetings  
At Livonia Senior Center  
Saturdays, 10 am—1 pm**

**February 1,  
Tuesday April 8, 5:30—8:30**

**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**

**April**  
**WDP Pence Raffle for the February 2025 Meeting**

*Bring your pence for the drawing or purchase pence from Margaret 6 for \$5  
Winners will be drawn near the end of the meeting*



**Apx 33" L, 12" across**  
**Sleigh wood insert is removable**  
**from the wire frame**



**Larger Birdhouse with shelves 54" tall.**  
**Removable top.**



**Smaller Birdhouse 36" tall could**  
**be used for books. Removable top.**



**New surfaces will be bundled for the raffle drawing. This is a sample.**

## Paint with Us

This event has been designed for painters with little to no painting experience. It will be taught by Judy Ribitch on Saturday, May 10, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Livonia Senior Center. We plan to paint for 3 hours. The goal is to have everyone leave with a finished piece. We will provide all of the painting supplies, snacks, and bottled water. We will end the event with raffles. Everyone will leave with their masterpiece and 2 new brushes.

Check out the registration form and take a look at the project.

The Paint with Us event will be launched at the Spring Fling. Every guest will receive a registration form. Michelle Handley will have a table set up with a tri-fold board presentation encouraging guests to register.

The cost is \$25 with a discount of \$5 for anyone who registers before or during the Spring Fling.

**How can you help? Glad you asked!** Members can register for the event if they attend with a group of their family or friends, circulate among the guests and help them with their painting, volunteer to provide snacks or donate raffle items, help to set up/tear down, and help with the snack table and raffle. So start talking to your family and friends and plan on sitting together at a table to paint. It's a fun activity to do together.



*Please remember to  
take your pence*



### *March Birthdays*

*2 Kathy Helm*

*13 Sheryl Neibert*

*13 Jean Trimpe*

*14 Louise Hastings*

### *April Birthdays*

*7 Sandra Ledger*

*11 Janis Creswell*

*26 Sue Vella*

*29 Sally Thirjung*

*30 Margaret Pedersen*

## Save the Date

Village of Decorative Painters  
Frosty Friends Christmas Luncheon



Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 12-3 PM  
Mario's Restaurant  
4222 Second Avenue, Detroit

## Holiday Luncheon

Eileen Carroll, Sam Farah, Kathy Ziemba, and Paula Atkinson are already busy planning and painting for it. Registration forms will be available at a future meeting. Here's what we know so far. It will be held at Mario's Restaurant in Detroit on Thursday, December 4, starting at noon. Parking is across the street. The meal will be served family style and includes Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Piccata, White Fish, potato, vegetable, salad, coffee and tea, and assorted cakes for dessert. Cash bar. Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss out.

## Spring Fling Update – Diane Stiller

### Set Up

**We can set up the night before, Saturday, April 5, starting at 5 pm.** The manager will be on site until 10 pm as there is a party in the basement so we don't have to rush to leave. They will have the white tablecloths on ready for us to set up. Please plan to set up your table/area on this day. This will allow us time to make adjustments if necessary. Enter through the side door nearest the parking lot.

Up until the event, please check your emails more frequently every day for more updates and for confirmation on volunteer times and job descriptions which will be sent out soon. We want everyone to have the latest information as quickly as possible. I will let you know how early we can enter the building on Sunday, the day of the event.

### Seats Available

I have 2 single seats at various tables available for the Spring Fling. I potentially may have an additional two. Please respond immediately if you are interested and I will let you know if they are still available before you mail me your check. First come, first served.

### Boutique Donations

Linda Christopher will accept Boutique items on Wednesday, March 26, from 10 am - 3 pm at her home where they will be tagged, priced, and placed in bins for storage. Do not tag your items as Linda has purchased tags specifically for this purpose. The tags need to be consistent as the specific information that will go on them will help to calculate everyone's pence for items sold. Please remove any tags if you placed them on your items so it saves time when you get to Linda's.

Please contact Linda as early as you can to let her know about what time you will arrive and she will give you directions. She can be reached at 734-718-3745 or lindachristopher60@gmail.com.

If you can't come on that day, please make arrangements with someone to deliver your items.

**No Boutique items will be accepted the day of the event.**

Raffle Baskets bring in the most money and Boutique is the second highest income earner. We are starting from nothing for the Boutique. It is very important for the success of the Spring Fling for everyone to contribute as many items as they can for the Boutique. Remember that you earn pence for items sold.

Unsold Boutique items will be distributed back to the members at the April Member meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. We are going to schedule a **Paint With Us** event shortly after the Spring Fling. Members can donate the unsold Boutique items to this event for raffles.

\*\*\* Painting Tip—To shield an area already painted when you want to stipple in foliage, try holding a credit card over the painted area. The credit card can be wiped off when stippling is done. A Post-It note will work, too.

## Spring Flin Volunteer Schedule

		Linda Christopher	Chair			Pat Helwig Chair	Barb Reinholtz Chair
Times read across		<b>Cashiers</b>	<b>Wrapper</b>	<b>Floor Sales</b>		<b>Silent Auction Assist.</b>	<b>Pull Basket Winners</b>
<b>12:50-1:15</b>	1	Dawn Billiau	1 Karen Lavella	1 Jan Kaplan		1 Karen Capshaw	after lunch/desert
	2	Judy Ribitch	2 Charlene Wenzel			2 Cathy Uhring	1 Christine Toussaint
	2 cc	3 Kathy F-Kathy Helm					2 Pamela Hammermeister
<b>1:15-1:45</b>	1	Dawn Billiau	1 Cindy Mullins	1 Pat Butler		1 Eileen Carroll	
	2	Joan Mueller	2 Stacy Cook			2 Jean Trimpe	<b>Charity Basket Counter and Basket Runners</b> apx 3:15
	2cc	3 Kathy F+Kathy Helm					
<b>1:45-2:15</b>	1	Dawn Billiau	1 Denise Robert	1 Amy Pinneo		1 Linda Morgan	
	2	Joan Mueller	2 Karen Lavella			2 Mary Wells	
	2cc	3 Kathy F+Linda Pinneo					
<b>2:15-3</b>		<b>Teresa Palmer thru</b>	<b>Lunch at cashier table</b>				
<b>3:00-3:20</b>	1	Darlene Greenwood	1 Kim Eash			1 Dawn Billiau	
	2	Teresa Palmer	2 Gail Barton			2 Pat Helwig	<b>Basket Raffle Ticket Chair</b>
	2cc	3 Kathy F + Linda Pinneo				Family members	Pat Helwig
<b>Boutique Set up</b>	Amy Pinneo, Cindy Mullir		Stacy Cook, Kathy Fischer Teresa Palmer				<b>Ticket Sellers</b>
<b>Boutique Take dr</b>	Cindy Mullins, Amy		Pinneo			3:20	<b>12:30-1:00</b>
		<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Live Auction</b>	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>		<b>Silent Auction Cashiers</b>	1 Kathy Ziemba
<b>12:50-1:15</b>	1	Margaret Pederson	<b>Auctioneer</b>			1 Pat Helwig	2 Jeannine Laderach
	2	Cheri Boone	<b>Diane Stiller</b>	1 Diane Stiller		2 Dawn Billiau	<b>1:00-1:45</b>
			Follows Silent Auction			3 cc Kathy Fischer	1 Kathy Zeimba
<b>1:15-1:45</b>	1	Marilyn Cunningham	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Prayer</b>		4 cc Pat Butler	2 Cindy Williams
	2	Jackie Wright	1 Nancy Silver	1 Gail Barton			3 Doreen McLain
						<b>SA Announcer apx 3:30</b>	4 Patty Neu
						<b>Diane Stiller</b>	<b>1:45-2:15</b>
							1 Marilyn Cunningham
		<b>52 Card Raffle</b>		<b>Photographer</b>		<b>Counting Room</b>	2 Eileen Carroll
<b>1:00-1:45</b>	1	Paula Atkinson		1 Diane Stiller		1 Kathy Fischer	3 Jean Trimpe
<b>1:45-2:15</b>	1	Nancy Silver				2 Joan Mueller	
<b>3:00 -3:20</b>	1	Karen Capshaw					

## Education - Diane Stiller

### *Coming Up Next in 2025*

- May 17 & 18 David Bailey On-Site, watercolor
- June 21 & 22 Paulette DiGesare,  
choice of On-site or Zoom, acrylic
- Sept 20 & 21 Lydia Steeves via Zoom  
color pencil with pan pastel

The registration forms are ready. Please register as quickly as possible for David Bailey. Before you know it, May will be here.



Village of Decorative Painters presents **Paint with Us**

Come join us for a fun learning experience!  
For painters with little to no painting experience  
Instructor: Judy Ribitch: Medium: Acrylic Paint



**Saturday, May 10, 2025, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

All painting supplies will be provided.

Snacks and water will be provided.

Take home your painting along with 2 paint brushes.

Raffle prizes! 6 tickets for \$5

Cost: \$25 \$5 discount if you sign up before or during the Spring Fling event!

**Deadline: Saturday, April 19, 2025**

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 (leave a text or voicemail) or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

Keep the top portion for your records. Include bottom portion with your check.

**Paint with Us, Saturday, May 10, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# of people \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

List Names to be seated together: \_\_\_\_\_

*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 *David Bailey*  
*Watercolor*

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2025



Saturday, May 17: Rainy Nights



Sunday, May 18: Under the Sea

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (EST)  
On-Site: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Watercolor Paper: Provided  
Watercolor Paints: Provided

Cost: Member \$55 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$75  
Deadline: May 3, 2025

**Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 (leave a text or voicemail) or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

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**David Bailey: Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2025:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 17: Rainy Nights \_\_\_\_\_  
\$55 Member; \$75 Non Member

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

Sunday, May 18: Under the Sea \_\_\_\_\_  
\$55 Member; \$75 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 *New Patterns by Paulette DiGesare*

Saturday & Sunday, June 21 & 22, 2025

Two Options: On-Site at the Livonia Senior Center or on ZOOM



Santa Sleigh: Saturday, June 21

Surface: Oval metal bucket from Hobby Lobby SKU 1607712

Painted area is 14" long x 5-1/4" high; allow extra room all around



Flowers & Bird: Sunday, June 22

Surface: 12" square, wood or MDF in a

12" ready-made frame from Michaels

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (EST)

On-Site: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

ZOOM is an option

Surface: You provide

Acrylic Paints: May be provided, but not for Zoom classes

Cost: Member \$40 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$50

Deadline: June 7, 2025

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 (leave a text or voicemail) or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

Keep top portion for your records. Include bottom portion with your check.

**Paulette DiGesare: Saturday & Sunday, June 21 & 22, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 21, Santa Sleigh \_\_\_\_\_  
\$40 Member; \$50 Non Member

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

Sunday, June 22, Flowers & Bird \_\_\_\_\_  
\$40 Member; \$50 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Circle one: On-Site Class OR ZOOM class

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 *Lydia Steeves*  
*Color Pencil with Pan Pastel Background*

Saturday & Sunday, September 20 & 21, 2025

**ZOOM class only**



For Chipper Lovers: Saturday, Sept 20



Two 4" x 4" Critter Squares: Be Mine and Bobbing in Beans: Sunday, Sept 21



Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (EST)

**Zoom class only**

Surface: You provide

Color Pencils & Pan Pastels: You provide

Cost: Member \$30 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$40

Deadline: September 12, 2025

**Please remember that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 (leave a text or voicemail) or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

Keep top portion for your records. Include bottom portion with your check.

**Lydia Steeves: Saturday & Sunday, September 20 & 21, 2025: ZOOM class only**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sept 20 Chipper Lovers \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30 Member; \$40 Non Member

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

Sunday, Sept 21 Two Critter Squares \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30 Member; \$40 Non Member

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_