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Hope you are planning to attend the June Member meeting. There will also be a pence raffle and lots of patterns on the Free Stuff tables.

Thirty members have signed up for the Art Resin class. For those who registered, please make sure that you bring the MUST HAVE supplies that I emailed to you. I will email a reminder closer to the date.

I would like members to come up with suggestions for the Spring Fling Charity Basket organization that we will support next year. The Spring Fling Committee will then select one of the suggestions at their next meeting.



2026 Calendar of Events

May 23, 24	Holly Hanley, Onsite
June 27, 28	Paulette DiGesare, Onsite and Zoom
Sept 26-28	Fall Retreat, It's A Colorful World
Dec 3	Holiday luncheon



Hi Ladies,

The registration form for the Fall Retreat September 25, 26, 27, 2026 is here.

Please join us for this **fun** weekend of painting and fellowship. You won't be disappointed!

Please note registration forms at the meeting had the incorrect date!

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



2026 Member Meetings

Livonia Senior Wellness Center
15100 Hubbard Street in Livonia

Saturdays, 10 am —2 pm

February 7, April 4, June 6,
August 1, Oct 3, Dec 3 luncheon

Board Meetings 2026

6:30 pm Thursday by ZOOM

Jan 8, March 5, May 7,
July 2 if needed, Sept 3, Nov 5



Our August Meeting Theme is
Pumpkin Patch Picnic.

Your committee members are Karen Capshaw, Cathy Uhring, Pat Helwig, Cindy Williams and Doreen McLain.

We will have a pumpkin paint-in. A prepped pumpkin surface will be provided. Just bring your regular painting supplies and your own design.

The pumpkin outline pattern will be in the June newsletter. You must be present at the picnic to receive the surface. The agenda for the day will include a trunk sale, meeting, painting, pot luck (please bring your favorite recipe to share), and a pence raffle of painted pumpkin related items donated by members.

More information *to follow*.

VDP August 8, 2026 Pumpkin Patch Picnic

We will have a program of socializing and painting a pumpkin. You don't have to paint it all in a day. Take it home to finish if you want to.

A pumpkin surface will be provided. The front will be sealed and sanded. Just bring your regular painting supplies, paints, and the pattern of your choice.

If you cannot attend ask a friend to pick yours up for you. Or pick it up from Karen.

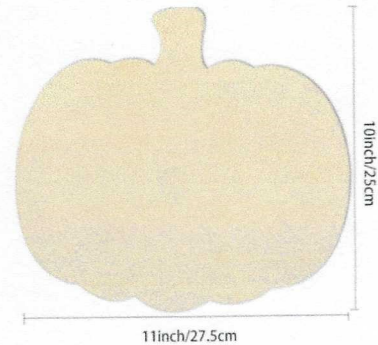
Bring your **finished** painted pumpkin to the October Meeting and you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon gift card, so generously donated by one of our members.

The agenda for the day will include a trunk sale, meeting, pumpkin painting, pot luck (please bring your favorite recipe to share), and a pence raffle of painted pumpkin themed items donated by members. Pictures will be sent in the August newsletter.

We would appreciate it if you bring your food items cut if needed and unwrapped at the table.

For questions contact Karen Capshaw @734-634-8935
paintdrop@aol.com

We look forward to spending a fun day with you!



Ideas: Decoupage napkin or fabric, stencil words or design, stamps, pumpkin face, landscape or zentangle.

stem
2 1/2 tall

June Meeting Activity

We will be doing beach-theme paintings with resin. Preparation instructions were sent to all members who signed up for this project.

*Please remember
to take your pence
- Margaret*



*Please bring a snack or your
favorite recipe for the hospi-
tality table.*

*Your generosity is always
appreciated.*

*Don't forget to sign your
name to the sign up sheet for
pence.*

Nancy Silver's (in spirit) Paint-in

Monday August 17, 2026 10:30-2

Karen Capshaw's, 44974 Rector Drive, Canton

paintdrop@aol.com 734-634-8935

Please choose one of Nancy's unfinished surfaces to complete for the Spring Fling Boutique. Bring your regular painting supplies and include as many of the paints you have listed in a pattern. If no pattern bring the paints you guess you would use. You're welcome to use any of my paints. Lunch will be provided. Bring your own drink. A sign up sheet will be at the June meeting. Diane will have several of Nancy's pieces to choose from.



Birthday Greeting PNGs by Vecteezy

May Birthdays

18 Cindy Mullins

23 Jan Kaplan

26 Joan Mueller

June Birthdays

5 Kim Eash

7 Dianne Hogrefe

7 Tammy Kubat

10 Carol Doyle

12 Marilyn Cunningham

VDP Pence Raffle for the June 2026 Meeting.

Bring your pence or purchase them from Margaret 6 for \$5





1:00 pm - Social Time and Cash Bar

View uniquely themed tables, baskets, silent and live auction items, 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 Auctions 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.

\$38 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 to help with set up. We may need to set up everything the day of the event; although at this time we are scheduled to set up the night before. All deadlines need to be met so that we can set up in a very organized and timely manner so things run smoothly. Set up times TBA.

Baskets – Cindy Mullins cindymullins71@yahoo.com We would like to have 20 baskets. Contact Cindy now if you would like to donate a basket. 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 un-wrapped baskets will be due at the February Member Meeting, unless specific arrangements are made with Cindy. The Committee will inventory, wrap and give them a bow. Please email Cindy 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 Cindy if you are willing to donate a basket. It's never too early. The 2027 Charity Basket is TBA. The Basket theme is "Butterflies, Flying Colors on Painted Wings". 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	Michigan	Easter	Gardening
Wine/Cheese	Americana	Books	Scrap-Book	Mother's Day	Chocolate
Cards/Games	Chef	Frogs	Angels	Painters	Body & Bath
Theater	Sports	Children	Beach	Bird Houses	Nautical
Birds	Sewing	Butterflies	Light Houses	Golf	Fish

Silent Auction – Michelle Handley mlhandley56@gmail.com We will have about 12 items with a value of \$50 or more. Contact Michelle now if you would like to donate an item. Please bring the painted item no later than the February Member meeting or make other arrangements with Michelle.

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 or make other arrangements with Diane. 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.

Boutique Chair – Teresa Palmer teresahp@sbcglobal.net Our guests will be looking for items for teachers, holidays, such as Mother's Day, 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. The donations will be organized in boxes, tagged, priced, and stored at someone's house just like we did last time. We will let you know what day in March and where to deliver your donations closer to the day of the event.

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 will be on each table. Over-lay colored tablecloths look wonderful on the tables if you would like to bring your own. Napkins colors will be available at the February meeting.

1. *It will be a sit-down, served lunch. There will be a Cash Bar.*
2. As a hostess, the minimum requirement is that you must have a painted centerpiece and guest favors. The centerpiece will be raffled off at the end of the luncheon for the guests at your table. Please provide a favor for 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 one free admission no matter the number of tables that you host. If there is a co-host, then the pence and one free admission will be split among you.
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. Table can fit 11 people comfortably.
5. Each guest will receive one free ticket for the basket raffle. 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.



2027 DUE DATES

Boutique Items: TBA

Theme Baskets; and Kitchen or 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

ASKING FOR PAINTED RAFFLE PIECES

If you're donating a painted piece for the Christmas pence raffle, please keep in mind the Spring Fling is around the corner and we need painted pieces for the boutique.

Thank you, Cindy Mullins

Village of Decorative Painter's

Fall Retreat 2026



“It’s a Colorful World”

When: Sept. 25, 26, 27, 2026

Where: Skyline Camp and Conference Center, 5650 Sandhill Rd., Almont, MI 48003

Time: Check-in Friday 3:00 pm through Sunday 4:00 pm (check out of room by 11:00)

Includes: 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, hayride and teaching fees

Cost:	Members	Non-Members
	\$220	\$235

Linens available for \$15

A maximum of 25 pence may be used.

Registration open now.....Deadline: August 8

Once again, we will be having a raffle on Sunday morning to benefit Skyline.

PAINTING CHALLENGE: You’ll receive a fabric bird when you register to decorate and create a piece of art any way you would like.

Friday Night: Paint a Mandala Stone

This will be a paint on your own project.

4" round rock, paint and many ideas will be available. Cost - \$3



Saturday Classes

Sam Farah - Paint and Pencil both projects.



*Erika Joanne - Bristol Butterfly & Fallberry Moth
Paints will be provided, a list of pencils will be sent to you.*

Cost - \$18 for both kits

Judy Ribitch - Screen/ Acrylic w/ Texture Paste



*Holly Hanley - Cosmos & Dragonfly
All supplies provided.*

Cost - \$10

Sunday Classes

Marilyn Cunningham - Acrylic on Wood/Metal



6"x6"x17" Cost - \$19

You will provide the paint.

Judy Ribitch - Acrylic on a Bisque Tile



Tracy Moreau - Ox Eyed Daisy 8"x8" Cost - \$18

All supplies provided.

"It's a Colorful World"

Sept. 25, 26, 27, 2026

Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone # _____

Members \$220 _____ Non-Member \$235 _____ Total \$ _____

Friday Night Mandala Rock (\$3) _____ extra surface _____ Total \$ _____

Please check the class you would like to take. You may order the pattern/kits of the other class if you wish.

Saturday Classes: *choose one project*

Bristol Butterfly & Fallberry Moth (\$18) _____ extra kits _____ Total \$ _____

Cosmos and Dragonfly Screen (\$10) _____ extra kit _____ Total \$ _____

Sunday Classes: *choose one project*

Marilyn Cunningham Bird House (\$19) _____ extra kit _____ Total \$ _____

Ox Eye Daisies (\$18) _____ extra kit _____ Total \$ _____

Linens (\$15) _____ Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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

Please note any food allergies or special dietary needs.

Roommate Preference: _____

All rooms have 2 bunk beds sleeping 4 max except for the 4 corner rooms that have 3 bunk beds sleeping 6 max. We will be only using bottom bunks. You may want to bring a foam topper for your mattress.

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

Make checks payable to: Village of Decorative Painters

Mail registration to: Kathy Fischer 8486 Warner Rd. Saline, Mi 48176 734-649-3262

Scrapbook Memories
February 7, 2026 Member Meeting

Show & Tell



Sam Farah



Patty Neu



Linda Morgan



Eileen Carroll



Doreen McLain



Paula Atkinson



Darlene Greenwood



Dawn Billiau



Connie Vasilnek



Denise Robert



Judy Ribitch

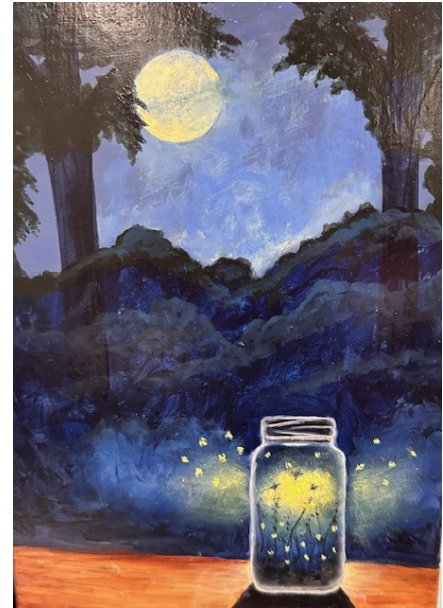


Teresa Palmer



Marilyn Cunningham

Memory & Treasure Boxes



Pence Raffle



In Memory of: Janis Creswell, Sally Thirjung, and Charlene Wenzel



After the October 2025 Member meeting, we lost an additional three members during the final three months of 2025; they were dear friends to many of us and we feel their loss.

Denise Rogers read a poem about what a friend is in honor of Janis Creswell; Patty Neu shared memories about meeting Sally Thirjung and what it has meant to her life; and Barb Reinholtz spoke about all the many things her and Charlene have done in their long friendship. Other members shared their memories and paintings/photos related to Sally and Charlene were displayed.

Greater Cincinnati Retreat : Paint 'til the Cows Come Home



Michigan was well represented at this event. Quite a number of members from Village of Decorative Painters and Brush Benders were present.

Village of Decorative Painters presents *Paulette DiGesare*

Saturday & Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2026

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



Ribbon Floral: Saturday, June 27



New Pattern Birdhouse: Sunday, June 28

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (EST)
On-Site: Livonia Senior Wellness Center
15100 Hubbard
Livonia, MI 48154

ZOOM is an option

Surface: You provide
Acrylic Paints: May be provided, but not for Zoom classes
Class will be recorded

Cost: Member \$40 (no limit on pence); Non-Member \$60
Deadline: June 12, 2026

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 if you have questions.

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

Paulette DiGesare: Saturday & Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2026

Name _____

Saturday, June 27, Ribbon Floral _____
\$40 Member; \$60 Non Member

Phone # _____

Sunday, June 28, Birdhouse _____
\$40 Member; \$60 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

Membership Application for January 1 – December 31, 2026

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, 2025

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 By-laws, 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 _____