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Our next Member meeting is August 1, otherwise known as our annual Autumn Picnic beginning at 10 am, and Trunk Sale which begins at 9 am in the parking lot. Karen Capshaw has some fun things planned so be sure to read her article.

If anyone has **Free Stuff** to bring, please let me know before the meeting so we can be sure to have enough tables.

Want to earn 1 pence? Bring your resin art masterpieces to the next Show & Tell. After all it's a finished piece! See the photos in this newsletter; they all look fantastic!



2026 Calendar of Events

Sept 26-28 Fall Retreat, It's A Colorful World
Dec 3 Holiday luncheon

Our August Meeting Theme is

Pumpkin Patch Picnic.

Truck Sale at 9 am in the parking lot

General Meeting

Pumpkin surface painting

Pot Luck, bring your favorite dish to share

Raffle

Anything else the committee has planned

Lots of fun and socialing

2026 Member Meetings

Livonia Senior Wellness Center

32001 5 Mile, Livonia MI

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,

Sept 3, Nov 5

VDP August 1, 2026 Meeting “Pumpkin Patch Pence” Raffle

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



Nancy Silver



Teresa Palmer



Teresa Palmer



Cindy Williams



Pati b (NM)



Karen Capshaw



Pat Helwig



Doreen McLain

VDP August 1 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.

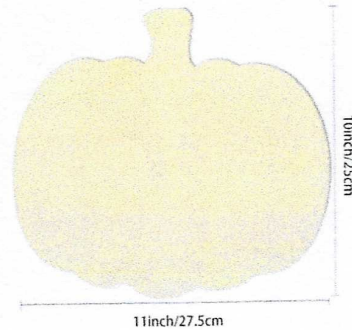
For questions contact Karen Capshaw @734-634-8935

paintdrop@aol.com

We look forward to spending a fun day with you!

Your Committee: Doreen McLain, Pat Helwig, Cathy Uhring, Cindy Williams , and Karen Capshaw

The pattern outline has transferred smaller than the correct size of 11x10.



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

STEM
2" tall



Doreen McLain will be teaching this Halloween pattern at the October Member meeting. The gourd is free to any member who renews their membership no later than the October meeting.

Gourds will be available at the August meeting for you to take home and prep for the October meeting. Some will require cleaning.

If you will not be at the August meeting, I will bring extra gourds to the October meeting.

Thank you, - Doreen

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 August meeting. Diane will have several of Nancy's pieces to choose from.



Birthday Greeting PNGs by Vecteezy

July Birthdays

2 Sam Farah

9 Pat Butler

10 Amy Pinneo

24 Maureen VanBuhler

26 Darlene Greenwood

30 Linda Christopher

August Birthdays

2 Karen Capshaw

12 Kay Fradeneck

21 Cheri Boone

23 Rochelle Lukas

25 Eileen Carroll

25 Darlene Laws

29 Michelle Handley

31 Denise Robert



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



*Please remember
to take your pence -
Margaret*

Education – Diane Stiller

32 people registered for 48 classes taught by Holly Hanley. We learned a new technique; how to apply a bokeh effect which was really fun and easy. In fact so easy that you could hardly stop yourself from adding more and more! We also learned to apply the paint more transparently when you wanted to push something more into the background. Best of all we didn't have to paint anything for prep work; it was all done in class. Holly also brought a lot of patterns and brushes for us to spend our money on shopping; always a pleasure! Who doesn't need another pattern or brush?!





34 people registered for 49 classes taught by Paulette DiGesare. It was a fun 2 days and she shared a lot of information and techniques.

To achieve the brightest red, basecoat in country red, then highlight in this order with scarlett red, tangerine, then a wash of scarlett to remove the chalkiness of the tangerine.

One of her favorite colors to shade with is navy blue as it's transparent.

Can't have light without the dark; need the contrast. When shading, you need to paint enough coats to look as dark as the paint color in the bottle.

If you want to protect your work, lightly spray one light coat of Ultra-Matte Varnish; any more will make the surface too slick to paint on. This gives you an opportunity to paint over that area to fix/add something and wipe it off if you don't like it.

When drawing a straight line, the width of the liner determines the width of the line. You need to load the entire liner up to the ferrule with paint and lay the entire length of the liner down onto the surface; lock your wrist and pull your whole arm towards you

When you want to paint a vignette, use a large DRY (no water!) brush. Dip the heel of the brush with your basecoat of background color; dip the tip of the brush with the accent color. Load with lots of paint as it needs to be creamy. Press and blend the two colors in the same spot to get that soft blend of color in the middle. Once you achieve that blend, then apply the paint to your surface using a back and forth stroke. Then reload the paint using that same spot to blend the colors again.

DecoArt's metallic glorious gold paint is the same shade of gold as in Krylon's 18kt gold leafing pen if you need to do some touch ups.

Paulette likes to use a Sewline mechanical chalk pencil (with refills) on her surface if she needs to draw a part of a missing pattern.

Paulette also likes her AMM The Original Tote-Ally Cool on the Go Craft Bag. Lots on Ebay.



Unfortunately, we missed taking the photo for Saturday's Floral Ribbon class!

Coming Up Next in 2027



Twenty-one members at the June Member meeting voted that they were interested in taking this class. Barbara Reistenberg teaches Just Breathe using paints that she makes from coffee.

Sam Farah took this class at the Greater Cincinnati Retreat. She thought the instructor did a great job teaching all of the little techniques using this medium. She provides the coffee paints and a prepped surface. All we need is a brush and water.

A date will be scheduled later.

During the August Member meeting we will vote on Big Brushes for next year.

TIP—When you need a clear sparkle glaze or finish, just add fine glitter to your Varnish. It saves from having to buy prepared glitter glaze and is inexpensive.

TIP—To save your brushes, you can use a pipe cleaner to paint or Varnish the inside of small holes.

Scrapbook Memories
June 6, 2026 Member Meeting

Show & Tell



Marilyn Cunningham



PattyNeu



Joan Mueller



Judy Ribitch



Sam Farah



Eileen Carroll



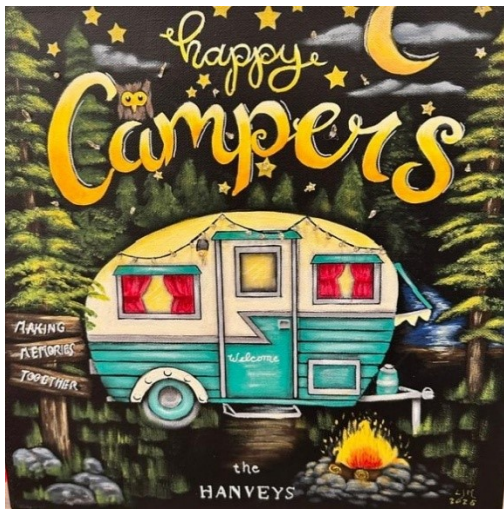
Pat Butler



Dawn Billiau



Darlene Greenwood



Linda Morgan

Memory Boxes



Treasure Boxes



After Meeting Activity: Art Resin taught by Diane Stiller



Denise Rogers



Sam Farah and her Marco Aquilar dolphin



Eileen Carroll



Judy Ribitch



Darlene Greenwood



Connie Vasilnek



Dawn Billiau



Kathy Fischer



Jan Kaplan



Patty Neu





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



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 _____