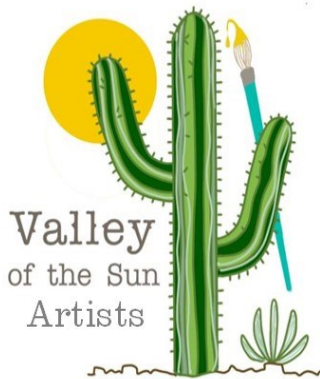




Valley of the Sun Artists

Established January 13, 2022

www.valleyofthesunartists.com

Presidents Message

Happy Fall Y'all

It's good to be back members.

Fall is definitely here, although still warm during the day. Things are settling down. The end of the year is winding up and we look forward to the last of our programs, for October, November and December. If you haven't already signed up for October's program, you'll be missing out on a beautiful Maxine Thomas design. **November** our ***Free Paint Month*** for members who have renewed or joined for 2026. It's going to be a doozy. And our Christmas party is one you do not want to miss. I hope to see all of you at the Christmas party. We anticipated over 80 guests. I sure that your face is one of them. Please consider a board position, president, first vice president, second vice president, treasure or secretary. Our committees can always use new faces. Please let us know if you're interested through this email address: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com, we look forward to hearing from you. Our committees can always use new faces.

Liz Sharp

VSA President



MEMBERSHIP

Brenda Olsen—Membership Chair

Membership is on the move. Early renewal is going great. We have 59 members now which is awesome. New members are coming in. 😊

Please continue to send membership renewals to Brenda Olsen. If you are paying electronically you can take a picture of your registration form and send it to Brenda via email and you can save a stamp if that work for you. Sending a picture of your registration renewal accomplishes two things, Brenda gets it and you have a copy if you can't remember if you renewed which I know some of us need due to our busy schedules. 😊

Membership Form is available in this newsletter—page 17

Please Welcome our two newest members.....

Melva Ongstad

9649 Juniper St NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Email: melvacbecker@msn.com

Phone: 763-464-4124

Birthday: 06/18



Rhonda Potts

12320 W. Tigerseye Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

Email: indyrhonda@sbcglocal.net

Phone: 317-435-9456

Birthday: 05/09



VSA 2026 BOARD VOLUNTEER TO SERVE



Dear VSA Members,

As 2025 draws to a close, (VSA) is excited to begin forming its board for 2026! We've already had several enthusiastic members express interests in serving, and we want extend this invitation to all our valued members in good standing.

We have several key leadership roles available for the coming year: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each position offers a unique opportunity to contribute significantly to VSA's mission and make a real difference in our community.

If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities and the responsibilities involved, please email valleyofthesunda@yahoo and indicate in subject line **2026 Board Interests**. We'd be delighted to answer any questions you may have and discuss how your skills and experience could benefit VSA.

We believe a diverse and engaged board is crucial for VSA's continued success, and we encourage you to consider joining us in shaping a vibrant and impactful
year ahead.

Sincerely
Liz Sharp
President



TO NAME A FEW!!!

VSA October2025

Valley of the Sun Artists September 11, 2025 Program

"Autumn Pumpkins" Designed and Taught by Jeanetta Cimo





**Valley of The Sun Artists
Presents
2025 Christmas Party "WINTER WONDERLAND"
Briarwood Country Club
20800 N. 135th Ave.
Sun City West, Az 85375
Sunday – December 7th at 4pm seating
Doors open at 2pm for viewing and ticket sales**

Our Special Guests again, will be Mr. & Mrs. Claus, so have those cameras ready.

Raffle tickets 6/\$5.00 24/ \$20.00

Special Raffle tickets \$3.00 each

Holiday Boutique sales as priced.

All payable with CASH, CHECK, DEBIT and CREDIT CARDS

All Checks payable to VSA (Valley of The Sun Artist)

You are welcome to invite your adult friends and family, each guest must fill out the registration form. As per our contract with Briarwood Country Club we must have a minimum of 80 guest.

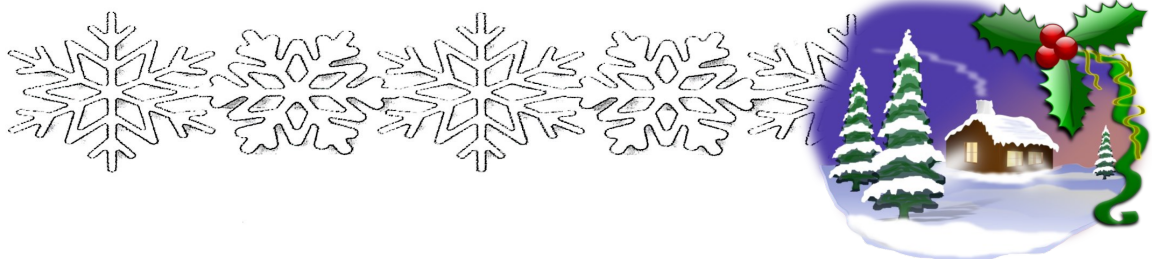
There will be 8 people only at each table. Please list on your registration form who you would like to be seated with, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

All registrations are to be mailed to "Susan Phillips" at 7333 W. Phelps Rd. Peoria, Az 85382 with payment (cash, check, or Zelle with memo "VSA Christmas dinner")

The bar will be open, it is a credit bar only. Meaning the only form of payment acceptable will be a credit or debit cards. Prices will be posted at the bar for your convenience.

Please keep this page for your information, the following page is your registration form to be mailed in or delivered to Susan Phillips, NTC

All PAID Registrations are due to Susan by October 20th



VSA 2025 Christmas Party Menu and Registration Form

Plated Dinner selections:

Please mark only ONE choice (X)

#1 _____ Pork Chops

#2 _____ Pasta Primavera (pasta tossed with a variety of fresh colorful vegetables in a light cream sauce)

#3 _____ Chicken Breast Piccata (classic white wine lemon caper butter sauce)

Entrées include Classic House Salad, Roll and butter, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Dessert and Beverage Service.

Entrees are all Inclusive \$50.00 (includes tax and gratuities)

All PAID dinner reservations are due to Susan by October 20, 2025

Cash, Check or Zelle

Checks made out to VSA (Valley of the Sun Artists)

Zelle (valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com) memo "VSA Christmas Dinner"

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Who would you like to sit with??? _____

Valley of the Sun Artist Club
ORNAMENT CONTEST

VSA's **FIRST** Ornament Contest!

What an opportunity for all painters—Members & Non-Members.
Share your creative pieces and exquisite designs with our painting
community! There will be 3 Winners!



This may NOT be a designer's pattern, but is to be your own
design OR MAY be a designer's pattern with your own obvious
creative alternations.



Embellishments encouraged.



Email photo of front & back of ornament.
to: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

Subject line—ATTN Diane Barnes (contest).

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 13!

All entries will be judged for:

Originality * Creativity * Color Scheme * Imagination

Winners will be announced at VSA Christmas Party on
December 7th, Facebook & Website. Need not be present to win!

PRIZES!!!

1st Place—**\$25 Visa Gift Card** (From VSA)

2nd Place— 1 **FREE** Zoom Class with **Bee An Artist Studio**
(\$25 value) to be used in 2026 calendar year.

Find [Bee An Artist Studio on Facebook](#)

3rd Place—1 **FREE** VSA 2026 Monthly Paint-In Class (Seminars
and Workshops excluded)

**For questions please Email: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com
and in subject line ATTN Diane Barnes (Contest)**



October Birthdays!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



SUSAN PHILLIPS— OCT 2

KIM SAPP—OCT 4

PAMELA HANKINS—OCT 4

KATHY RUTH—OCT 11

KATHY LEDGER—OCT 16

JOY GARNETT—OCT 29

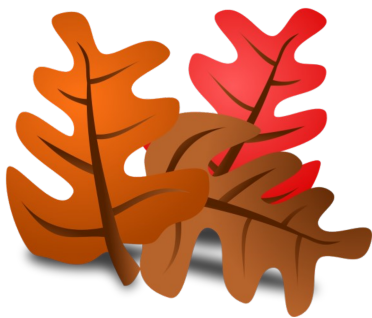


Valley of the Sun Mystery Mailer

By now, most of you know what our mystery box is, it's a box or a bag if you're local filled with goodies, any painter would love to have. This month our recipient whose name was drawn at random was Kathy Ledger. Kathy has been a member for several years and we sure enjoy having her. Any member is eligible to win and I hope your name is drawn next.

Happy Painting members!!

Liz Sharp
Mystery Box Chair



Congratulations Kathy Ledger!



Valley of the Sun Artists

October 9, 2025 (Zoom & In-Person)

10 A.M. ARIZONA TIME (Please check your local time zones)
In Person at The Tole Shop in Glendale, AZ



“Over The Harvest Moon”

Maxine Thomas Design—Taught by Linda LaRocco



Cooler weather—time for pumpkins.
Linda LaRocco will be teaching a fall piece designed by Maxine Thomas. Surface of choice. Linda has been painting for over 30 years and teaching 25 years. Join us in person at the Tole Shop in Glendale, AZ or on Zoom! Class will be recorded.



Members—\$15 for Non-Members \$20

Class will be recorded and available to those registered up to 30 days.

Reminder—In Person, doors at the Tole Shop opens at 9:30

TO REGISTER CONTACT BONNIE DOMINGUEZ: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

TO REGISTER INDICATE YOUR DESIRED PAYMENT METHOD:

- **PAYPAL: (REQUEST TO BE INVOICED)**
- **ZELLE: EMAIL PAYMENT TO: Valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com**
- **CHECK: MAKE PAYABLE TO: VALLEY OF THE SUN**
BONNIE WILL PROVIDE ADDRESS TO MAIL CHECK

Valley of the Sun Artists

November 13, 2025 (Zoom & In-Person)

FREE PROGRAM—Membership 2026

10 A.M. ARIZONA TIME *(Please check your local time zones)*

In Person at The Tole Shop in Glendale, AZ



2 ORNAMENTS!!

10 AM—11:45 PM



"SNOWMAN HEART"

Nancy Scott Design Taught by Deb Ramo

This little guy would be adorable on any shape ornament— Background heart is 8 x 7 and smaller heart is 5 1/2 x 5. . We will paint small heart in class. Surface of choice. Large background heart is optional. Instructions provided.

-IN PERSON-
Lite Refreshments

"NOBBY GNOME"

Sharon Wolf Design Taught by Bonnie Dominguez

Jolly gnome for the holidays! How festive is he. Perfect on any surface of choice. Bonnie purchased her surface at Hobby Lobby. She also painted on a star surface. .

She will have photos of both in her prep instructions to give you some options! We love op-

12 :15 PM—2 PM



2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM (Available on our Facebook and Website)

For Questions on Membership, Contact Brenda Olsen,

bolsen1958@hotmail.com

Zoom link will follow two weeks prior to class.

2026 TEACHER SUBMISSIONS

HEADS UP!

Although we don't have a slate of officers for VSA 2026 Board, we're seeking Teacher Submissions for 2026 calendar year. Any questions please contact Joanne Stambaugh, 2026 Program Chair at 360-771-2672, or email joanne.vsa@yahoo.com to send your questions. Submission Information and Teacher Contract on following two pages.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Joanne

2026 Program Chair



October is Decorative Painting Month!
Keep your brushes moving. Paint, create,
inspire others to join who share the same
passion!



VSA 2026 TEACHER SUBMISSIONS

Hello Ladies,

We are reaching out to you today to let you know that Valley of the Sun Artists, a non-profit Tole and Decorative Painting Club is seeking teacher submissions for the calendar 2026 year.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of **July, August and December (there is no painting in these months)**.

We paint Arizona Time, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 in person and via Zoom.

Zoom has opened up a wonderful opportunity for teachers near and far to be able to share their talents with all new and seasonal painters. Our classes average between 12-20 participants in person and via Zoom. E-packets are acceptable as well as hard copy instructions. Students supply their own surfaces, as we encourage them to use their own stash or purchase directly from the supplier for specific items if required.

Projects that are NOT your design need to have written approval from the original designer before submitting to teach.

We have attached the submission form and we do hope you will consider submitting to teach and share your talents with our club.

VSA Club pays our teachers \$125 for a 3-4 hour class.

Please submit to our Program Chair, Joanne Stambaugh

Email: joanne.vsa@yahoo.com

Thank You in advance for your consideration

Valley of the Sun Artists Program Chair, Joanne



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VALLEY OF THE SUN ARTISTS
TEACHER'S CONTRACT FOR MONTHLY PAINT-IN PROGRAMS 2026

We thank you for agreeing to teach for our Valley of the Sun Artists Club, monthly paint-in program. We look forward to a mutually successful and creative relationship, in coordinating your upcoming class. Please complete your information below. Any questions, please feel free to contact Program Chair at bottom of page.

I _____ agree to teach on _____ from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (Arizona Time).

Project Piece (Brief Description) _____

Are you the designer? YES/NO. Do you have permission to teach both in person and on Zoom with recording? YES/NO

Name of Designer: _____

Please include copy of designer's permission (email or screen shot) to teach to include Zoom and recording.

Painting Medium: _____ Pattern Fee? If yes, please indicate cost: _____

If a pattern packet is required to be purchased, please advise the Paint-In Chair before the class is advertised.

Surface: _____ Suggested Options for student surface of choice: _____

VSA agrees to pay a teaching fee of \$125.00 (Minimum 3-5 Hour)

- Teachers not teaching in person will provide VSA method to receive teaching fee (Check or Zelle) The address noted below will be used to mail check.
- Teacher is responsible for sending instructions, pattern and colored pictures, via email to the Paint-In Chair two months prior to teaching. Please provide PREP instructions separate from full/finishing instructions.
- Our Club will provide Zoom set up. **A recording will be made available for all paid students (Not to exceed 30 days from date of class) ONLY with designers permission.**
- OPTIONAL. Teacher may set up own Zoom and will email Zoom Log-in to the Club Paint-In Chair, one week prior along with finishing instructions. Paint-In Chair will email to those who have signed up Zoom Log-in and finishing instructions.
- Valley of the Sun Artists Club will advertise classes two months out from date of class. Low registration will result in cancellation of class. In the event class is cancelled this signed contract becomes void and teacher understands there will be no teaching fees paid.

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (please circle one): Cell / Home _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred method to receive teaching fee: (Circle One) Check or Zelle

Paint-In Chair Signature: _____ Date _____

2026 Program Chair – Joanne Stambaugh, Email: joanne.vsa@yahoo.com

For Paint-In chair use only

Teacher fee paid on Date: _____. Check # _____ Zelle _____



Valley of the Sun Artists

Phoenix, Arizona

Classes - Zoom Classes - Workshops - Seminars

Email: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

www.valleyofthesunartists.com
(Information on Membership and schedule of events)



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Valley of the Sun Artists
2026 Membership Registration

Yearly Membership is \$25.00 - Partial Membership (July – December) is \$12.50

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

BIRTHDAY (DAY AND MONTH): _____ SPOUSE: _____

Circle one - RENEW or NEW

Membership Point of Contact: Brenda Olsen email: bolsen1958@hotmail.com

If paying on-line please email your completed form to Brenda Olsen.

If paying by Zelle, email to: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

To pay by check, make payable to: Valley of the Sun Artists
Mail to: Brenda Olsen
4628 W. Laurie Lane
Glendale, AZ 85302

Date received: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Zelle _____

(21 May 25)

Valley of the Sun Artists 2025 Programs

JANUARY 9



January Class
Moved to June 12

FEBRUARY 13



"St Patricks Day"
Debbie Cusiing design
Taught by: Reggie Oswald

MARCH 13



"Hoppy Easter"
Roxanne Jarvis Design
Taught by Susan Phillips

APRIL 10



"Live Life Full Bloom"
Judy Mitchell CDA (Acrylics)

MAY 8



"Snowman"
Georgia Magarrell

JUNE 12



"Hollyhock"
Sharon Carlson—COLORED PENCILS

JULY

DARK

AUGUST

DARK

SEPTEMBER 11



"Autumn"
Jeanetta Cimo/Designer & Teacher

OCTOBER 9



"Over The Harvest Moon"
Linda LaRocco—Maxine Design

NOVEMBER 13

MEMBER APPRECIATION
FREE PAINT-IN
(RENEWING FOR 2026)

DECEMBER 7

**VSA
2025
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**