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The Raindrop Splash

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Sandy McTier Seminar

TWO CHARMING DECOR PIECES

to brighten every season

A Season Gathered



A cheerful stack of bowls filled with sunflowers, mums, and autumn leaves.

TAUGHT SEPTEMBER 25TH

Fresh Blossoms



A sweet bluebird and a burst of garden flowers in a delicate teacup.

TAUGHT SEPTEMBER 26TH

PRICING

LIVE (IN PERSON)	ZOOM (VIRTUAL)	NON-MEMBER	BOTH DAYS LIVE OR ZOOM	$10 OFF
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Raindrop Members,

You're Invited!

to a special

Memory Box Paint Day

For parents who have lost a child, this day is a time to create, connect, and honor the beautiful lives of our children.



Together, we will paint memory boxes for the Children's Hospital.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Doors open at 8:30 AM
Short meeting at 9:30 AM

Painting after a small break

Potluck Lunch
Tacos!



Bring your favorite taco fixings to share and enjoy a delicious lunch together.

Come paint, share, and be surrounded by love and support.



Presidents Message

Hi Ladies!

I am still grinning and smiling at the huge success of our Make-It-Take!
Emma Bleich did a fantastic job as teacher for our Mudding class. If you missed this you truly missed a wonderful technique. Camille McDaniels was overwhelmed at the success of her 3-dimensional snowman. Again, special techniques were shown to bring out the best of him. The mason jar with sunflowers also took off with special techniques. The stems look like they were floating in water inside the glass jar. It was fun. All techniques were new to some and refreshers to others. Raindrops realized three new members from this day. YAY! The Mudding was recorded so the zoomers could enjoy.
A huge thanks to the teachers, the members who brought guests and to all the committees that did background help. This is what painting is all about.

BUSINESS- We are looking for a new Treasurer. Emma's term of 2 years is up in December. She will show you the process. With the new computer and an easier way to do things, learning won't be complicated.
Also, the Presidents job is open. This is a fun job. There are so many to help make your life so much easier. This years Board will work hard on getting paint-in teachers lined up for next year.

NEW: Our meetings at the church are only open from 9:30-10:00 am (if not sooner) to questions you might have had
On items in the newsletter or the Board Meetings, which are every 3rd Sunday at 3:30pm on the off month. We welcome you to attend all board meetings. This is where the financials are read, brainstorming is done and new ideas are excelled. With all information doubling on the newsletter and the Board Meetings, who wants to hear it a third time. We want to paint. Right. So please keep this in mind and join in with your new ideas at the Board Meetings..

SEptember free paint in to Members only is on Wednesday the 15th from 6-9. Get ready for a fun Shara project. ṬHis is so far turning out to be well attended via zoom and we all KEEP IN TOUCH.

November will be a project designed and taught by Judy Pino. Someone mentioned a project by Paulette with a blue bird. Let me know what it is and I will go for permission to teach. You teachers out there, I'm waiting for a 3 hour project from you. 😀

October is vote for the board month. Send in your suggestions and let's get going.

I spoke to Sandy McTier and she is so excited to come to Raindrops. All those signed up, send me an email if you can go to dinner at a nearby restaurant Saturday night with Sandy (it's her last night with us) She would love it.

SUGGESTIONS: Who would you like to see come live next year? Now is the time to plan. OR on zoom…like Rosemary West as she cannot travel.

NEXT MEETING: Zoom will be on the first half hour then go right into three DecoArt Demos on the new Bloom paints, Tripple Thick and how to use and one more fun tip. Then we'll close our zoom and paint Memory Boxes.

Thanks all volunteers for what you do. Thank you to our Vice President for all she does. Make sure to tell her what you are bringing to the next meetings Taco Feed.

Thank you also to member Monica Bayness for spending the time to teach me the web site. We all need to learn what makes Raindrops tick.

Your Pres- Georgia

Vice Presidents Message



Fall is on the way!

Our next meeting is October 3 at 10:00 AM at Milwaukie Lutheran Church.
Doors open at 9:30. Our lunch will be a taco bar and everything you can think will go well with it. Just email me with what you would like to bring and if you can join us live or via zoom. If you feel festive you can dress up in a costume, Day of the dead, or just your fun self! OLE!

It will be a fun get together while supporting a thoughtful charity.

MORE NEWS, Thank Yous & REPORTS

Financial Report:
July Report:
Checking $8,690.04. Savings $5,268.13, CD $20,213.80.

Thank you,
Emma

October Potluck:
Don't forget at our Memory Box Paint Day we are having a Taco Bar Potluck! Let Terry know what you are bringing!

Secret Sister Gif Exchange:
It is out last Secret Sister Gift Exchange before our Christmas Party. Please bring a gift / take a gift at our next meeting! It can be fall themed our halloween!

Want to share any News or Thank Someone in the next Newsletter?
Send an email the Newsletter Editor: Crystal Samuels raindropeditor@gmail.com

Raindrops *In-Person*

Secret Sister

GIFT EXCHANGE



Last Secret Sister Gift Exchange of 2026 before our Christmas Party!

Secret Sister gift exchange is for our in-person members, filled with surprises, laughter, and feel-good moments, making our in-person meetings even more fun!
You never know who your Secret Sister will be or what fun surprise you'll receive, that's part of the excitement! Along with painting, potlucks, and raffles, it's the perfect reason to come in person.

Enjoy the excitement of giving and receiving a surprise gift, (bring a gift / take a gift). Connect, and enjoy an experience that's all about joy, friendship, and shared anticipation that you just can't get online.

If you, have been thinking about coming in person and looking for something to look forward to, this is your sign! Come join us for more smiles, and more fun!

Gift Budget: $15

Don't know what to buy? Here are fun, thoughtful gift Suggestions for under $15

October Meeting Suggestion
"Halloween or Fall Themed"

Candies, Candles, Cozy Socks, Cute Sticky Notes, Pretty Bookmarks, Decorative Kitchen Towels, Pretty Napkins, Holiday or Cute Coffee/Tea Mug, Holiday Hand Soaps, A Summer Picnic Snack Pack, Painting Supplies, or Raindrop Gift Certificates for any amount!

RAINDROPS 2026 PAINT-IN CLASS SCHEDULE



February 7th, 2026

Bobbie Redington

"WINTER PINECONE ORNAMENT"

In-Person & Zoom. Door opens at 8:30 a.m.
We will have our short meeting at 9:30 a.m.,
then Bobbie Redington will be teaching following a short break.

CLASS COMPLETED

April 4th, 2026

Lucy Gertscher

"A VIOLET"

In-Person & Zoom. Door opens at 8:30 a.m.
We will have our short meeting at 9:30 a.m.,
then Lucy Gertscher will be teaching following a short break.

CLASS COMPLETED





June 6th, 2026

Kim Falk

"ROSEMALING"

In-Person & Zoom. Door opens at 8:30 a.m.
We will have our short meeting at 9:30 a.m.,
then Kim Falk will be teaching following a short break.

CLASS COMPLETED

August 1st, 2026

Georgia Magarrell, Emma Bleich, Pam Murphy & Camille McDonald

"MAKE - IN- TAKE"

In-Person & Zoom. Door opens at 8:30 a.m.
We will have our short meeting at 9:30 a.m.,
then, Make - in - Take following a short break.

CLASS COMPLETED





October 3rd, 2026

"MEMORY BOX PAINT -IN"

Door opens at 8:30 a.m. We will have our short meeting at 9:30 a.m.,
then we will be painting Memory Boxes for Randell's Hospital,
following a short break. Need a box?
Contact Mary Rankin: maryran@msn.com

Happy Birthday

September

2- Susan Treiber

3- Nina Daniels

21- Bonnie Rosatti

28- Monica Brocato



October

5- Judy Litwin

13- Stacie Hall

13- Teresa Kuchler

16- Susan Anderson

30- Cheryl Robertson

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Raindrop Decorative Painters

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

www.portlandraindrops.org

DATE _____ NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWAL ☐

LAST NAME _____ ARTIST DESIGNATION _____

TDA,CDA, MDA etc

FIRST NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____ WEBSITE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY (MONTH/ DAY) _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

STANDARD MEMBER $20 ☐ BUSINESS/SPONSOR $25 ☐

Hardcopies of the Membership Roster are available for $5.00 each.
Hardcopies of the Newsletters mailed to you are $20.00 for the year.
If you wish to use either of these options please add to your total.

Newsletters are sent electronically, please make sure your email is correct.
If you are unable to view online, please email raindropeditor@gmail.com

Membership fees are for the current year if received prior to October 1st. After Oct 1st, dues are processed for the following calendar year. Dues are not prorated.

Make checks payable to Raindrop Decorative Painters

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

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2026 RAINDROPS CLASSES & EVENTS



COMPLETED

Saturday, 2/7
Bobbie Redington - “WINTER PINECONE ORNAMENT”

COMPLETED

Saturday, 4/4
Lucy Gertscher - “A VIOLET”

COMPLETED

Wednesday – Saturday, 4/29 – 5/2
PDP EXPO (Not affiliated with Raindrops)

COMPLETED

Friday & Saturday, 5/22 – 5/23
Shannon Miller - 2 DAY SEMINAR

COMPLETED

Saturday, 6/6
Kim Falk - “ROSEMALING”

COMPLETED

Saturday, 8/1
MAKE -N- TAKE - 4 Teachers
Georgia Magarrell, Emma Bleich, Pam Murphy, and Camille McDonald

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Friday & Saturday, 9/25 – 9/26
Sandy McTier - 2 DAY SEMINAR

Saturday, 10/3
MEMORY BOX PAINT IN

Saturday, 12/5
CHRISTMAS PARTY

2026 Raindrop Volunteer Positions

President: Georgie Magarrell	presidentraindrop@gmail.com
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Caramel Apple Sheet Cake



Caramel Apple Sheet Cake is a moist apple studded cake (almost a blondie) glazed with a thick layer of caramel icing ~ it's a favorite fall apple dessert that's quick and easy to make!



INGREDIENTS

Cake

2 cups (254 grams) all purpose flour
1 cup (200 grams) granulated sugar
1 cup (200 grams) packed light brown sugar
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon
2 sticks (227 grams) unsalted butter, cut in pieces
1 cup (235 ml) water
1/2 cup (118 ml) buttermilk
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups (200 grams) cored and chopped apples (no need to peel) I used Granny Smith apples, and I think firm tart apples work best.

Caramel frosting

1/2 cup (118 ml) half and half (or heavy cream)
6 Tbsp (85 grams)butter
1 cup (200 grams) packed brown sugar (use light or dark)
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups (240 grams) confectioner's sugar, sifted

DIRECTIONS

Cake

- Preheat the oven to 350F Lightly spray and flour a 9×13 pan. Whisk together the flour, sugars, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside.
- Put the butter and water in a large heavy bottom saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk or stir in the flour. Then mix in the buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla, stirring just until blended, don't overmix.
- Fold in the apples and turn the batter into your pan, spreading out evenly. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until the top springs back when lightly touched and a toothpick comes out without wet batter on it (moist crumbs are fine.) Let cool on a rack.

Frosting

- Note: wait until the cake has cooled for at least 20 minutes before making the frosting. To make the frosting, heat the half and half, butter, and brown sugar in a saucepan until it comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Take off the heat and beat in the vanilla and sifted confectioner's sugar (I like to use a whisk.) At this point I put the pan back on the warm burner and whisk or stir until any lumps disappear. The warmth will keep the frosting from setting. Quickly spread over the cake, the frosting will set up quickly at this point.

Raindrops Meeting Information

Our Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of February, April, June, August, & October with our Christmas Brunch in December. Our Meetings and Classes are now In Person & on Zoom!
We welcome Members & Non-Members to paint with us!

Milwaukie Lutheran Church
3810 SE Lake Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97222

Directions from I-205: Take Exit 13 off I-205 heading toward HWY 224 West to Milwaukie. Take off ramp to Lake Rd./Harmony Rd. Turn left at top of ramp onto Lake Rd. Turn left onto Boss Lane. Milwaukie Lutheran Church is on left.



SUGGESTIONS to Bring to the OCTOBER MEETING:

- **Taco Potluck food you let Terry know you are bringing.**
- **Memory Box to paint with your pattern and paints.**
- **Item(s) for Treasure Boxes.**
- **Your Secret Sister Gift to Exchange!**
- **Positivity with A BIG SMILE!**

