

WHAT IS TOLE PAINTING AND WHAT IS DECORATIVE PAINTING?

Tole painting and decorative painting are terms that are used interchangeably to describe a variety of techniques and media to decorate both functional and nonfunctional surfaces. This includes the Folk Art styles of other countries, as well as early American decorative painting, such as country painting, stenciling, bronzing, and theorem. It ranges from Folk Art styles to Realism to Impressionism. The scope of decorative painting is boundless!

WHERE CAN I LEARN TO DO DECORATIVE PAINTING?

A list of teaching members of the **Iowa Decorative Painters** (IDP) is included on the reverse side of this brochure. You may also contact the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP), an international organization, to locate other teachers and local chapters.

I WOULD LOVE TO PAINT BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ART..... I CAN'T DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE!

Anyone can learn – all it takes is a desire to learn and a little patience. Because of the systematic way that decorative painting is taught, painters achieve a high degree of success without academic training or “natural” drawing ability. Decorative artists work from patterns or freehand designs. The SDP includes thousands of members in all 50 states and over 40 foreign countries. Our members come from all walks of life and fit every description: young and old; men and women; crafter and artist; and teacher and student.

HOW DO I JOIN THE SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS AND THE IOWA DECORATIVE PAINTERS?

You may contact the Society of Decorative Painters at:

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“The mission of the Society is to stimulate worldwide interest in and appreciation for decorative painting; to recognize the diversity of and excellence in all art forms. And to serve as the resource center for all aspects of decorative painting.”

The SDP publishes a bimonthly magazine that is packed with painting projects, articles, and other information for the decorative painter. They also sponsor an annual convention with hundreds of classes, displays, and a fabulous exposition with hundreds of booths of the newest and finest products. SDP service projects have included decorating Christmas trees for the Smithsonian Institute and the White House; auctioning donated paintings to raise funds for St. Jude's Hospital; and the Memory Box program for interested hospitals.

The SDP's certification program gives members the opportunity to become Certified Decorative Artists (CDA) and then Master Decorative Artists (MDA) by demonstrating excellence in the areas of floral, stroke, and still-life painting.

The **Iowa Decorative Painters** chapter is one of nearly 300 chapters in the Society with a membership of approximately 80 persons from Iowa and surrounding states. The chapter sponsors a wide variety of painting-related activities and is very active in community service related projects – sharing the talents of its members around the state.

The chapter publishes a bimonthly newsletter that includes announcements of classes; minutes of meetings; and general information of interest to the members. An annual retreat is held at a campsite in Iowa where classes are taught in all mediums.

The **Iowa Decorative Painters** post their newsletter, and workshop and class schedules on the IDP web site which can be found at: <http://www.iowadecorativepainters.org>

Regular chapter meetings are held at locations in and around Des Moines.

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