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IPAT Newsletter

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Did You Know?

There are multiple types of IPAT Memberships for your convenience. Choose online (virtual) or hard copy. Renew for 1 or 2 years.

There is no place like home for the holidays! If you can't be home, or just want to travel, head to Grapevine. It is the Christmas Capital of Texas, and has been recognized twice in the past five years as the best Christmas town in the US. If you have been wanting to visit our Museum, now is the perfect season.

To get you in the mood, we asked readers to submit some holiday artwork. As always, you delivered and your work and talents are shared here. Readers of all ages will enjoy them! There are also step by step pictures of a sweet Santa plate.

IRAP has one more session for this year. Next year's line up is AMAZING! You won't want to miss out on the incredible teachers coming to our Carriage House Studio in Texas or to IRAP East in Georgia. There is information and a registration form enclosed. You may scan the QR code or visit our website for the latest information.

As this is being written, a group is touring our museum. Every few minutes there is a new gasp of "gorgeous," "stunning," or just plain "wow!" Pages 11-13 give an synopsis of what is going on at the Museum and even tells how you may be a part of it.

As we approach the holiday season, for most of you, it is renewal time. Don't wait too late so that renewing slips your mind with all the other end of year activities. Renew today! There is a form with rates on page 15. The best way to renew is online. You may also call the office or mail a check payable to IPAT to PO Box 1807, Grapevine, TX 76099.

Scan for IPAT Resident Artist Program Info

Holiday cheer







Robin Carter
Texas, USA

Holiday cheer







Kim Miles
California, USA



Holiday cheer

Suzanne Painter
Geogia, USA





Holiday cheer



Catherine Riley
California, USA



IRAP: IPAT Resident Artist Program

Sessions are **$400/ea**

and include firing.



IPAT Museum

Mariapaola Marchetti

Italy

November 17-20, 2026

Choice of study

IRAP East

Asya Baldwin

Missouri, USA

Feb 9-14 OR 14-19, 2027

One session china; one session oil or watercolors. See website for details.



IRAP East

Nancy Benedetti

California, USA

Feb 9-14 OR 14-19, 2027

Student choice of project





IPAT Museum

Susan Greathouse

Texas, USA

April 5-9, 2027

Tulips; picture coming soon

IRAP East

San Do

Florida, USA

April 5-9 OR 12-16, 2027

Great Egret or Portrait





IPAT Museum

Peter Faust

Switzerland

October 11-14 or October 18-21, 2027 Full

Choice of 1 of 3 projects

Check out ipatinc.org/workshops for full details and late additions to the calendar.

Can't decide on one? Why choose? Enroll and receive $25 off your next class once your first is completed.

IRAP Registration Form

IPAT **R**esident **A**rtist **P**rogram sessions will be held at the IPAT Museum of Porcelain Art Carriage House Studio located at 204 E Franklin St, Grapevine, TX 76051 or at IRAP East in the Studios of At Home With Suzanne in Hephzibah, Georgia.

Each session is $400 and includes firing.

Name: _____ IPAT #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email:_____

Known food allergies or dietary concerns:

_____

I am registering for:

	IRAP Main		IRAP East
	Mariapaola Marchetti November 17-20, 2026		**Nancy Benedetti** Feb 9-14, 2027 OR Feb 14-19, 2027
	Susan Greathouse April 5-9, 2027		**Asya Baldwin** Feb 9-14, 2027 OR Feb 14-19, 2027
	Peter Faust October 18-21, 2027		**San Do** April 5-9, 2027 OR April 12-16, 2027

Total Due: _____

Checks may be made payable to IPAT and mailed to PO Box 1807, Grapevine, TX 76099. You may also pay online (ipatinc.org/workshops or scan the QR code), by PayPal or Venmo (both @IPATTx), or via credit card by calling the office at 1.817.251.1185.

MARYLAND CHINA
1-800-638-3880 • www.marylandchina.com

Supply lists will be emailed prior to class. Need something? Contact Maryland China at least two weeks prior to your session and it will be shipped for free to the classroom, and waiting for you when you arrive.

See website for session maximum which vary; there must be half enrolled for a session to proceed. Sessions will run from 9 am to 4 pm. A light lunch is provided at the IRAP Main location and included in your fee. For more information about a specific session, you may check our website, ipatinc.org/workshops, or contact the office at office@ipatinc.org.

Preserving Your Legacy As An Artist

How Paintings for Posterity can help you



Be honest....do you sign every painting you do? If you do, is your signature easy to read? Do you have a common name?

Now you might be thinking, "I only paint for friends and family" or "Everybody in china painting knows my works are signed with this symbol." But what happens when the piece you did for friends and family ends up in thrift store? What happens in a generation or two when all those who know your symbol are gone?

"That won't happen to me," you think. Well, it will. *Every week* someone calls the IPAT office about a piece that they got at flea market, thrift store, or estate sale. Some of those people reach out to IPAT because of a decal on the back of the piece with a number. That number helps identify your work even if you didn't sign it, signed it with initials only, or can tell you apart from the other "Jane Doe"s who are also artists.

It is easy: You register, you give a short biography to the office, and you fire on the decal with your unique number--which is not the same as your IPAT number.

Imagine how excited someone is to find that the piece they got at Goodwill was done by a noted artist who also painted for US Supreme Court Justices like the person who bought a Frank Albrecht piece with only the decal and number 01014 on it. Or the New York woman who was brought almost to tears by the piece she got at local flea market. We were able to send her the artist's obituary. The artist had grown up in the same place, had a similar background and compelling story. The artwork went from an interesting find, to a cherished item with a bond between the artist and new owner.

Even pieces without the decal are causing us to get more and more calls.

If you haven't done so, please register for Paintings for Posterity. For a limited time, we are waving the fee for anyone wanting to register. If you have enrolled, make sure your biography is up to date. If you know of an artist who has passed because you were family or just a good friend, please send us the obituary or a biography.

It seems every actor, no matter how small, has a Wikipedia page. Few china painters have one, and IPAT serves that function. Help us help future fans of your work. And don't worry, while you are living we won't reveal anything more than a Google search will reveal.

Please, contact the office to enroll or to purchase decals.

Want to see why this matters? Go to eBay and search for "International Porcelain Artists & Teachers."

Santa Loves His Reindeer

Kim Miles
California, USA

First Fire



Colors:
Curry, Red Poppy, Red #1, Yellow Brown, Caramel, Chocolate, Rich Brown, Copenhagen Blue, Black, White Matte Paint.

Second Fire



Third Fire



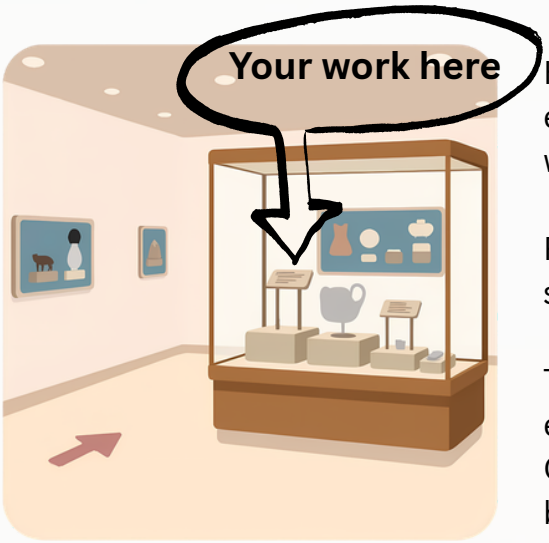
I loved this picture the moment I saw it. Santa hugging his reindeer, so beautiful it moved my soul.





IPAT Museum Updates

Upcoming Special Exhibits



How would you like to be part of upcoming exhibitions at the IPAT Museum? There are two ways for your to help.

First we need holiday art to change as the seasons change. All holidays are welcome.

The second will be to support an upcoming exhibition of mythology in art. It can be Greek, Chinese, Norse, Egyptian or anywhere in between.

We are working with the donor who loaned us the Commedia dell'Arte figurines for this exhibit. We would like to round out the figurine display with works by more traditional china painters.

If you have pieces you would like to donate for either one of these, please contact the office at office@ipatinc.org.



Hera/Juno being drawn in her peacock carriage by
Lourdes de la Riva fom the IPAT Museum collection.

IPAT Museum Updates

Our Staff Is Growing

We will be adding to our staff in December...our very own Robin is expecting a baby! Future china painter Baby Kieran should arrive around the middle of December. Since that is our busiest time of year, a local ceramacist, Anu who owns “Feels of Clay,” will be stepping in to help out on the weekends.

America 250

For the spring and summer, we redid five cases for America 250. With the postive response that we had from visitors, two cases kept that theme at the end of summer.

Grants

We are pleased to announce that we have again received monies from the Texas Commission for the Arts. They have helped support our programming--both for the Museum and IRAP--for several years now. This year we also received a grant from The Joyce Peugh Pate Capper Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee. Awarded to help with summer programming, it has offset the expense of a new display case and museum hours of operation, along with promotional materials to be distrubuted around Grapevine.

Wall of Military Gratitude

Our wall still has a limited number of spots if you have a friend or family member you would like to have included. Send your 4 x 4 tile to the Museum today!

Commedia dell'Arte Wrapup

You know that we had visitors from around the country to see Commedia dell'Arte exhibit since we were the only museum outside of Europe to display all 16 figurines. What you might not realize is that the museum now owns half a set of our own. Two figurines had been previously donated. Six more were donated along with the exhibition--but there was a string attached to that donation. The six characters were blank china and needed to be painted by current china painters.

The search then began for six artists. We set out looking for artists who are well-known or experienced with figurines. We thought that artists would jump at the chance to paint an antique, but many turned down the opportunity because they didn't want to risk breaking it. We finally found our artists and these look as good if not better than the originals!

What our artists didn't know was that there was a second blank Isabella figurine donated. Originally intended as a reward for the best artist, the donors, the three Doctors Berlin, were unable to pick a winner as they were all so good. So an old-fashioned random draw was done to gift Mary Belle Cordell the figurine.



Capitano
by Teresa McMullin,
South Carolina



Leda
by Mary Belle Cordell,
Georgia



Columbine
by Stella Shilling,
Texas



Isabella
by Jane Wright,
Iowa



Octavio
by Jerri "Cookie" Barton,
Oregon



Pantalone
by Nancy Benedetti,
California

2026 IPAT
ONLINE COMPETITION

Honorable mentions



Anna Marie Skonieczny
“Family”
Alabama, USA

Janice Williams
“A Swift Dream”
Texas, USA



This piece was done by our museum manager. It will be on display starting at Thanksgiving as part of a contest to introduce a new generation to china painting. Most of the elements relate to a Taylor Swift song. People will need to identify the element and the song. Whoever identifies the most correctly will win a gift certificate. The contest will end on 13 December--Taylor’s birthday.

If you are a member and would like to participate in the contest, send an email to the office with the element, the lyric and the song to which it refers. Songs may have more than one representation, and an item may symbolize more than one song. Good luck!



You could wait to renew, then get sidetracked by the holidays, and miss the first issue of 2027 - or you can renew today! Not sure when you need to renew, just check the email letting you know about this newsletter. You can find your membership number and expiration date just under the header!

IPAT Membership Form

PO Box 1807, Grapevine, TX 76099
T: +1 817.251.1185 Email: office@ipatinc.org

Contact Informaon:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

IPAT #: _____ Are you currently a Teacher: Y N

Address: _____ Unit: _____

City/Town: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Membership Selection:

Membership type	Location	1 Yr Price (USD)	Select	2 Yr Price (USD)	Select2
Virtual--Access online via website	Worldwide	$ 38.00		$ 75.00	
Youth--Virtual for ages 19 and under	Worldwide	$ 18.00		$ 30.00	
Hard Copy	Hong Kong	$ 52.00		$ 100.00	
Hard Copy	Asia/Oceania	$ 62.00		$ 120.00	
Hard Copy	US & Japan	$ 70.00		$ 130.00	
Hard Copy	International--All others	$ 90.00		$ 170.00	
Combo--both Virtual & Hard Copies	Hong Kong	$ 70.00		$ 130.00	
Combo--both Virtual & Hard Copies	Asia inc Japan/Oceania	$ 85.00		$ 165.00	
Combo--both Virtual & Hard Copies	US	$ 90.00		$ 170.00	
Combo--both Virtual & Hard Copies	International--All others	$ 105.00		$ 200.00	

Addional:

Advertise on IPAT website for 2027 as a Teacher	$	10.00
Advertise on IPAT website for 2027 your Certifications	$	10.00
Advertise on IPAT website for 2027 and 2028 as a Teacher	$	20.00
Advertise on IPAT website for 2027 and 2028 your Certifications	$	20.00

You may also renew online at: ipatinc.org
To pay by check, make a check/money order payable to IPAT, and mail to above address along with this form.
To pay by credit card: Go online at the address above, scan the QR code or call the office at +1 817.251.1185.

Scan the QR code to the left to be taken directly to our renewal page listed above for credit card payments. Prefer to pay from your bank account by PayPal? Scan the QR code to the right or pay merchant @IPATTX. We are now on Venmo! Look for @IPATTX.
If paying online and you know your member number, kindly put it in the message field.

IPAT NEWSLETTER

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT, PROJECTS, & PHOTOS

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSIONS TODAY!

office@ipatinc.org

Our next issue will go around mid-March. We would love to include your works!

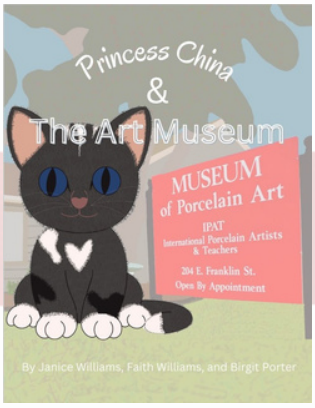
Send your photos, tips, studies or even ideas for articles to office@ipatinc.org.

Remember, we just assemble the newsletter - you are the ones who write it!

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We ask that you only submit photos and projects that have not been published elsewhere.





For these and other books, please contact the office.

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