



IPAT Newsletter

It's a season of comfort and joy....

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For many fall has arrived, wrapping us in cooler days, warm colors, and that cozy feeling we all look forward to each year. It's the perfect season to slow down, gather inspiration from nature's beautiful palette, and spend time with our brushes. In this issue, we celebrate the charm of autumn along with the sparkle of the holiday season by featuring your projects.

Daphne Stevens shares a little comfort food with us on page 9 with her deliciously fun pizza slice study.

Our Board Chairman, Suzanne Painter has an important message regarding the IPAT Convention on page 11.

Our brand-new IPAT Resident Artist Program (IRAP) features world-class artists in residence at the IPAT Museum with workshops throughout the upcoming year. See page 12 for the schedule.

Holidaze is IPAT's most important fundraiser of the year. See how you can help on page 15.

As a nonprofit organization, IPAT depends on the generosity of its members and friends to keep porcelain art thriving. On page 13, we've included a list of donors we wish to warmly thank for their support.

Check out the latest IPAT Museum happenings on page 14

We would like to express our gratitude to all of the participants who entered the 2025 IPAT Online Competition. Results will be emailed by September 30, 2025.

Settle in, get comfy, and enjoy the spirit of this season's edition. May it bring you comfort, cheer, and plenty of inspiration for your porcelain painting.

Did You Know?

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



Scan for IPAT Resident Artist Program Info

Holiday Season Paintings

Mary Wallace





Carol Pickler





Mary Wallace



Christa Phillips





Anna Skonieczny





Angela Wisler





Mary Wallace



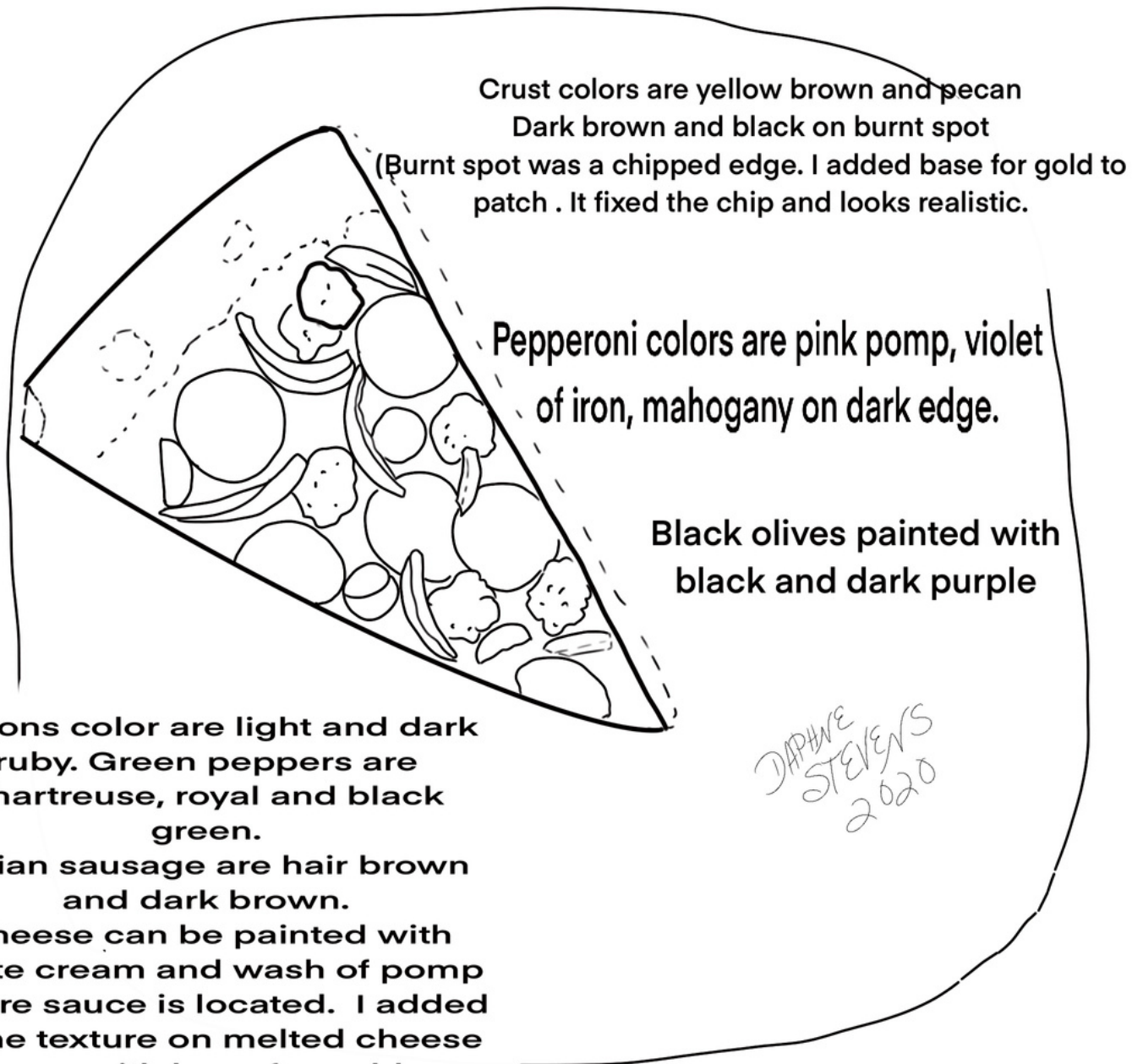
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Daphne Stevens



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**A message from
Board Chairman,
Suzanne Painter**



Dear IPAT Members,

Many of you have been asking about our 2026 Convention. We have looked into several locations. Astronomical prices on room rentals, rising costs on catering. You probably see many of the same things in your everyday life, so I am not telling you anything you don't know.

Those of you who came to our last Convention in Grapevine, were impressed with what we did, but commented on how few people there were from prior years. Our vendors were also disappointed with the small turnout, and questioned if it was worth the expense of the trip. At the end of the Convention, IPAT only turned a profit on the Convention thanks to the auction, online competition and a grant that covered most of the teacher's salaries.

It is no secret that our membership is falling off, and that we need to change some things. With the rising costs and diminishing returns of a Convention, that is a thing that we are going to change.

For many of you, the best part of the Convention was the Pre-Convention School—getting to learn from a renowned teacher, and getting to make new friends or see old ones. Starting this fall, instead of a Convention, IPAT is going to have IRAP—IPAT Resident Artist Program. Artists from around the world will come to our beautiful Museum to teach. We will use our own kilns and space, so we don't need to worry about that, and you still get the benefit of learning and fellowship. These teachers will also do classes for beginners to inspire others with our love of porcelain painting.

Our website ipatinc.org/workshops has what we have in store so far. It is being updated constantly. We will also have updates in our newsletter, and Porcelain Artist magazine.

We hope to see you in Grapevine!

Suzanne Painter

IPAT 2024-2026 Board Chairman

IAP

IPAT Resident Artist Program

Join us at the IPAT Museum Carriage House Studio in Grapevine, TX for our exciting new workshop series! Each workshop is \$400 and includes firing and light lunches.



Birgit Porter



Student Choice--
Samples of Birgit's
work for reference



Nov 4-7, 2025



Paola Bari
March 10-13, 2026



Choice of
"Happy Fish"
or
"Obsession"

Check out
ipatinc.org/workshops for
more information or to
register for a class.



Jane Wright



April 20-23, 2026



Choice of one of
three studies

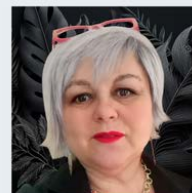


**SABRINA
PEDRON**

May 5-8, 2026



Choice of one of
three portraits



**Mariapaola
Marchetti**

Choice of one
of these
studies

Nov 17-20, 2026



We can't wait to see you in
Grapevine!



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*Thanks For
Your Support*

Susan Greathouse

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Tana Parks

Annette Rogers

Anna Marie Skonieczny

Letha Sandifer

Tipporn Laosunthara

Kathryn Rosa

Suzanne Painter

Bel Henshaw

Audny Thuestad

Audrey Stephens

MUSEUM NEWS

Summer fun



Millions of years ago, dinosaurs ruled Grapevine...and since the discovery of Cohen's Grapevine Jaw dinosaur, they still rule in the summer. For the second year, we participated in "All Tracks Lead to Grapevine." This year the Museum stepped up its game with dinosaurs made here for kids to paint. This is part of our effort to have ornaments year round. Next up will be leaves, pumpkins and turkeys before we head into Christmas.

Heading to the WOCP Convention in Kentucky at the end of September? Be sure to stop by the IPAT booth to say "Hi!" We will have copies of *Curious Painter* and *Princess China* for sale, plus the latest news on IRAP.

DID YOU KNOW?

The IPAT Museum is now open six days a week with no appointment needed. Check out our website for hours.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE TO

HOLIDAZE

We are still accepting donations of decorated and blank ornaments for our *Holidaze on Franklin St* fundraiser. Last year we sold out of blank ornaments. Please send them to:

P.O. Box 1807, Grapevine, Texas 76099

IPAT Holidaze Fundraiser

Let's get moving. There is still time to send your donations of decorated ornaments, blank ornaments, and other decorated pieces.



Ipat Holidaze is one of the most important fundraisers for IPAT. This year, we will offer items for sale online and in person at the IPAT Museum in Grapevine, Texas.

Your donations of decorated ornaments, blank ornaments, blank porcelain, and other decorated pieces are immediately needed for this year's Holidaze to be an even bigger hit! Donations can be sent to: The IPAT Museum at P.O. Box 1807, Grapevine, Texas 76099



**Children playing in
the Rain**

With study

For live participation

**Send your IPAT number to
ipatzooming@gmail.com**

**Jane Wright
September 17**

Wednesday 11am Eastern

IPAT Zoom

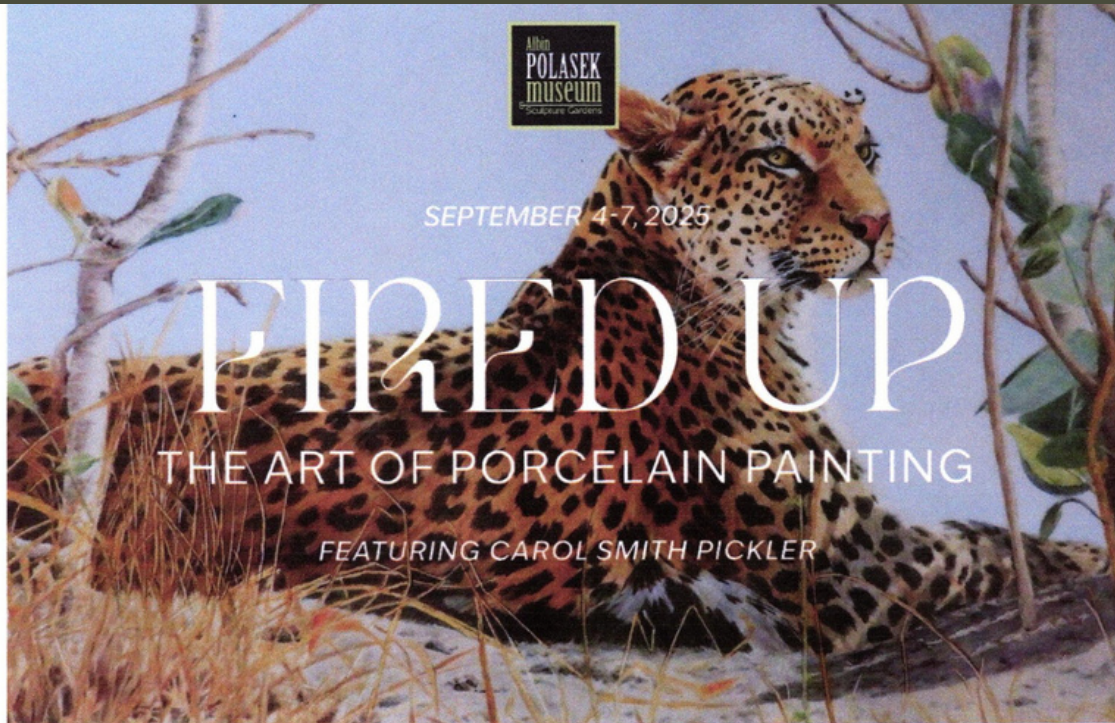
Don't miss our live Zoom lesson with Jane Wright on September 17, 2025 at 11 AM EST.

Simply email IPATzooming@gmail.com with your member number to receive the link and join the class! Don't know your member number? No problem, we have it.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CAROL SMITH PICKLER

Carol recently exhibited thirty of her paintings at the Albin Polasek Museum in Winter Park, Florida. She saw the exhibit as a way to unhide porcelain art and share it with the people of central Florida.



ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

FIRED UP: THE ART OF PORCELAIN PAINTING

SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2025

The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is pleased to present Fired Up: The Art of Porcelain Painting featuring the exquisite work of local artist, Carol Smith Pickler.

The art of painting on porcelain has been practiced for more than 2000 years and although it is not as well-known as it once was, the practice continues today using the same techniques and materials.

Don't miss this limited time chance to see the pop-up exhibit on display in the historic Capen House September 4-7, included with museum admission.

(see polasek.org for hours)

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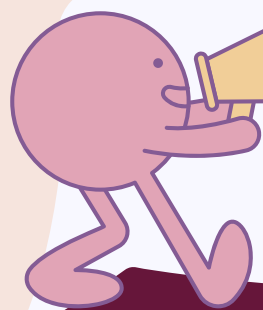


Or visit polasek.org to learn more & register for events.

Albin Polasek Museum
633 Osceola Avenue Winter Park, FL 32789

polasek.org





IPAT NEWSLETTER

2026
SCHEDULE

WE NEED YOUR INPUT, PROJECTS, & PHOTOS

2026 NEWSLETTER TOPICS

January -

Let's start 2026 off with our best. Show us your favorite pieces you have painted. All subjects are welcome.

March -

Show us your nature themed projects; flowers, animals, Easter eggs, trees, and plants.

June -

Let's have some summer fun with pieces that remind us of the summer season. Places we travel, the food we eat, and summer activities.

September -

Heading into the holiday season we want you to share your favorite fall and holiday paintings with us.

Please send your articles, studies, and/or photos to me, Angela Wisler at Angela@ArtisticRomantic.com

REMEMBER!

You must be an IPAT member to be published in our newsletter.

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



**EMAIL YOUR
SUBMISSIONS TODAY!**

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