



IPAT Newsletter

Happy New Year, Porcelain Artists!

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January is here, and with it comes a fresh new year - much like a porcelain blank waiting for your creativity to flow! Welcome to the first issue of the 2025 IPAT Newsletter. In this edition, we are showcasing pieces inspired by your experiences with IPAT. See what our members have created from IPAT Convention Schools, demonstrations, Zoom lessons, and magazine articles.

Daphne Stevens shares a fabulous octopus study with us on page 8.

Have you visited the IPAT Museum lately? Get an update on the latest happenings at our museum in Grapevine, Texas on page 11.

Members are invited to participate in the "From the Boll to the Bolt" painting challenge for an opportunity to have their work displayed in the IPAT Museum's Rotating Exhibit and possibly receive compensation for their work. Details are on page 12.

Online lesson videos and instruction sheets are available to members at the click of a mouse. See page 13 for more info.

As we embrace 2025, it is also time for many to renew their IPAT memberships. We couldn't be more excited about the exceptional value your IPAT membership offers. As an IPAT member, you receive the lovely *Porcelain Artist Magazine* and quarterly newsletters filled with inspiration. Members have a standing invitation to free live Zoom lessons where you can engage with the instructor and paint along. Joining IPAT presents you the opportunity to submit your work for publication, vote on IPAT matters at convention, become a Certified or Master Artist/Teacher, and so much more.

Thank you for being a vital part of our IPAT community. Here's to another year of creativity and connection!

Did You Know?

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



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Inspired by IPAT

Showcasing your work inspired by IPAT
Convention Classes, Demonstrations, Zoom
Lessons, and *Porcelain Artist Magazine*

Beverly Tidd-Parsons
Inspiration: Asya Baldwin
Baby Snow Leopard Zoom Lesson



Vicki Benzmiller
Inspiration: Susan Thumm
Porcelain Artist Magazine



Betty Moore
Inspiration: Audny Thuestad
Water Lilly Zoom Lesson



Anna Skonieczny
Inspiration: Rosemarie Borges
IPAT Convention Demonstration



Angela Wisler
Inspiration: Jane Wright
Poppies Zoom Lesson





Anna Skonieczny
Inspiration: Mary Reel
IPAT Convention Demonstration



Octopus

Daphne Stevens



Octopus

Daphne Stevens

First painting

Block in octopus with dark blue violet. Wipe out light areas. Use wipe out tool to create suction cups.
Fire 017 or 016.

Second painting

Reinforce dark areas with dark blue. Add dark violet and or both Ruby and violet brush mixed on neck of octopus and on face in oval area. Check the picture for reference. Add black to the eye. Shade wiped out areas with light yellow and a little yellow brown. Texture octopus with sponge or deer foot brush.
(Stippler)

Fire 017 or 016

Repeat step 2 if necessary to reinforce colors.



CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM



Grapevine is the official “Christmas Capital of Texas®”. This year, the Museum was pleased to expand its holiday offerings. Visitors were able to decorate ornaments for a small fee.

The ornaments were made here at the Museum and had the IPAT logo stamped into the porcelain on the back. The first week about fifty ornaments were decorated.

Those in town for only the day made a bisque porcelain ornament with alcohol ink markers.



Those who were able to return later had the option of doing a luster dipped ornament. Kids all of ages enjoyed the “magic” of the lusters changing colors in the kiln. The pictures on the left show before and after the kiln for one set of ornaments.



Everyone’s favorite feline artist, Princess China, had her book receive a boost thanks to participation in the 2nd annual Santa’s Elves Advent Calendar on Main Street. The Museum was featured behind the door on Friday, December 6. Those who purchased the book, got a discounted or free study kit to recreate Princess China’s masterpiece at home.

People who took a selfie with some of Grapevine’s public art featuring transportation that Santa Paws could use to deliver Princess China’s Christmas gifts got a kit half price. Those who brought in something for the Grapevine Animal Shelter received a free kit—along with the satisfaction of making the holidays more purr-fect for an animal in need.

Did you know that Princess China was inspired by a real cat who had three kittens in the IPAT Museum attic? That Princess China and her look alike baby, Mica, moved out on their own after eluding capture for weeks.

The two others, Lainy, short for Porcelain, and Pat, for IPAT, were apprehended by the Museum Manager for their “smol” crimes and turned over to the Grapevine Animal shelter where they received a life sentence of a loving fur- ever home.

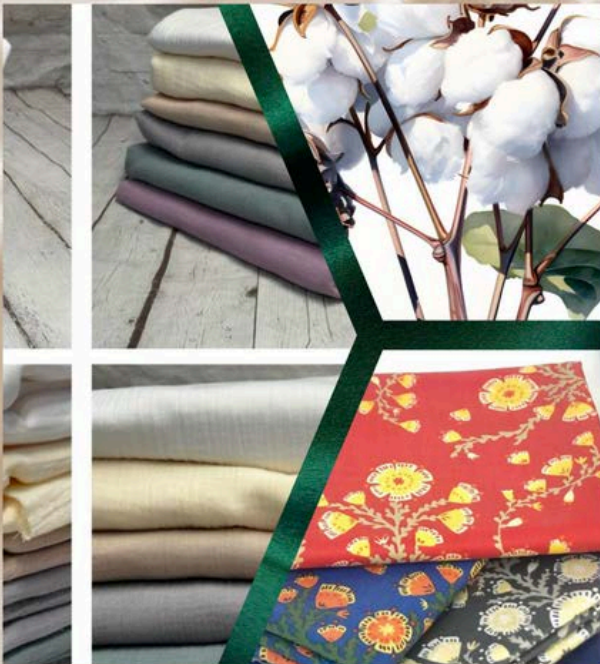


From the boll to the bott!

I ask members who want to participate to paint their interpretation of the subject. We want to display in our Grapevine Rotating exhibit case at the museum.

Those outside USA can sent photo.

All participating members will receive a \$50 supply replenishment fee from any of our advertisers. IPAT will send \$50 reimbursement to your chosen advertiser upon your request for participation

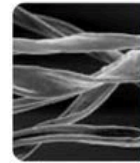


What is an example of cotton fabric?

What does cotton fiber look like?

Cotton morphology

A cotton fibre appears as a very fine, regular, look like a **twisted ribbon** or a **collapsed and twisted tube structure** under normal microscope view (Fig. 3.1).



Pull out your brushes and paint your artwork with cotton as a crop, refined as cloth, or your artistic interpretation of cotton.

Donated works will be on display at the IPAT Museum of Porcelain Art starting in February 2025. IPAT members who participate may receive up to \$50 in art supplies or shipping compensation, thanks to a grant from Texas Arts Council. Members outside of the USA may send a photo of their work via email to Suzanne Painter ipatsuzanne@gmail.com or the IPAT Office office@ipatinc.org.

Please contact the IPAT Office or Suzanne Painter for more information.

As an IPAT member, you have access to a rich catalog of **OVER 50** video painting lessons and instruction sheets, ready for you to watch anytime on our website.

These lessons cover a wide range of techniques, from lusters to slip pouring and subjects ranging from angels to waterfalls. Whether you are honing your skills or trying something new, there is always something to inspire.

Visit www.ipatinc.org/zoom-library or scan the QR code to go to the video library.



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A promotional graphic for a Zoom lesson. At the top, it says "Kate Collins from the UK Presents 'From Hare to there, how to be creative.'" Below this is a photo of Kate Collins, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. To her right are two tall, slender ceramic vases decorated with intricate, colorful patterns. Below the photo and vases, it says "January 16, 2025 11 am Eastern USA Time". At the bottom, it says "For live participation email IPATzooming@gmail.com for invitation." The background of the graphic is a bokeh of colorful lights in shades of purple, orange, and yellow.

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Don't miss our next live Zoom lesson with Kate Collins on January 16 at 11 AM EST. Simply email IPATzooming@gmail.com with your member number to receive the link and join the class!



WE NEED YOUR INPUT, PROJECTS, & PHOTOS

2025 NEWSLETTER TOPICS

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

June -
It's vacation time. Let's see your landscape/cityscape pieces or perhaps planes, trains, and automobiles. Inspired by travel is the theme.

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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