

Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists (GCDA)

The GCDA is a chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters. We were chartered in 1980 as the Queen City Tolars. As the chapter grew, our name changed to reflect the geographic areas of the Tri-State, which included Southwest Ohio, Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana.

GCDA Mission

We are an organization that promotes painting. Classes are offered in acrylics, oils, watercolors, pen & ink, colored pencils, plus enhancing your painting skills and techniques. The Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists is a support group for people to share their creativity with fellow members and help serve the community.



Painting Retreat

Each spring our Chapter holds a weekend painting retreat. A variety of painting classes are offered by experienced teachers in all painting media. Everyone is encouraged to participate in classes that will expand their skills, build confidence, make new friends, and renew old friendships. It is a wonderful weekend experience of painting and fun. The Retreat is offered to members and nonmembers.

Meetings

Meetings are held at the
Springfield Township Senior Center
9158 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45231

GCDA holds 11 meetings a year on the second Sunday of the month, except May and December.

The May meeting is adjusted to recognize Mother's Day. The Chapter dispenses the regular business meeting in December for our Holiday Party.

The regular business meeting begins at Noon and is followed by a 2 - 3 hour painting class taught by one of our many talented local teachers. The class varies each month.

Painting projects include acrylics, oils, watercolors, colored pencils, graphite, and fabric paints. Project items may include wood, glass, canvas, clothing, silk, tin, or watercolor paper.

We hold one day (6 hour) Seminars/Workshops several times a year and all are encouraged to attend.

We have a Monthly Newsletter, Palette Chatter, that lets everyone in the Chapter know what is happening within the Chapter (if they happen to miss a meeting), painting projects for the next month, Seminars/Workshops projects that are coming up, Community Art Events, and news on our Members.

Chapter Information

Our Chapter is governed by our Charter and By-Laws. We operate under the guidance of a volunteer Chapter Board. Offices are President, 1st Vice President Programs, 2nd Vice President Membership, Secretary and Treasurer, plus many Committees that handle Hospitality, Painting Retreat, Publicity, Website, Historian, Sunshine, and a Service Project each year. For more information, please visit our website:
<http://www.gcdapainters.com>

**Membership is open to all.
Please come to one of our meetings
as our guest.**



To be a member of our chapter, you must be a member of the Society of Decorative Painters "SDP", our national affiliate.

Membership year is January 1 to December 31.

You can join online with a credit card:
<http://www.decorativepainters.org>
Click Membership Information, then follow the prompts.
or

You can mail in your membership with a \$40.00 check to:
Society of Decorative Painters
303 N. McLean Blvd
Wichita, KS 67203-5968

Once you paid and received your membership number, please let the Second Vice President-Membership, Melanie Wilmhoff know your SDP membership number by March 1st.

Health Advisory

Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists hereby gives notice that various paints, finishes and solvents will be used during meetings, seminars, and conventions. Each participant is responsible for assessing their own potential risk of exposure to these products and their components before electing to participate in this event. Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists, its teachers and agents assume no liability for the participants' use or exposure to these paints, finishes or solvents, the same to be specifically assumed by the participant.



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Decorative Artists

*An affiliate Chapter
of the international
Society of Decorative Painters*

www.gcdapainters.com

Membership Benefits

- * Chapter monthly newsletter, Palette Chatter, which gives information on local and related events and classes.
- * Special member-in-good-standing vouchers for those completing the requirements. Vouchers are used toward the price of Day Long Seminars/Workshops.
- * Contact with new painting friends and painting professionals.
- * New product information from the painting industry.
- * Current information on painting related events and classes offered by local retailers.
- * Painting Retreat the Chapter hosts every Spring.
- * Monthly Painting Classes and Workshops/Seminars.

You may attend one meeting as a guest.
Enjoy meeting our members,
making new friends, and painting a monthly project.

To become a member of Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists, *you must be a member of the Society of Decorative Painters.* The Society dues are \$40 per year which entitles you to receive The Decorative Painter, a decorative painting magazine that is published 4 times a year.

Once you have joined the Society, you can then join The Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists. Our dues are \$15 per year.

For additional information regarding GCDA chapter, visit our website:
<http://www.gcdapainters.com>



GREATER CINCINNATI DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP NEW / RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR 2011

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail _____

Birth day: Month _____ Day _____ Spouse's Name _____

Annual dues for Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists ("GCDA") are \$15.00 due by Dec. 31st. (Delinquent at January meeting. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply). Amount enclosed \$ _____

How did you hear about GCDA? _____

Send application and \$15.00 check to the VP of Membership
Payable to **GCDA** or **Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists**

Melanie Wilmhoff
3431 Possum Path Road
Burlington, KY 41005

My signature on this application signifies that in accepting membership, I ratify, accept and agree to abide by the By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists and observe faithfully the provisions thereof.

Signature _____

Date _____