

**For Immediate Release**  
**Sepp Leaf Products**  
**Pride of Place 2005**  
**Competition and Gallery Awards**

Sepp Leaf Products opened its newly designed showroom and Pride of Place Gallery February 17th, and announced the prizewinners of its Pride of Place Gilding and Decorative Finishing Competition. The new gallery is filled with photographs of its customers' decorative projects, as well as samples of genuine gold, silver and metal leaf. The displayed work provides "tremendous visual inspiration" praised Peter Sepp, President of Sepp Leaf Products. Sepp welcomed guests who filled the showroom to capacity and praised contestants from across the country, who "braved mudslides, snowstorms, broken limbs, client deadlines and even the Winter Antiques Show" to participate.



Prizewinners were presented with awards from goldbeaters and manufacturers of fine finishing products from around the world, for the most distinguished Exterior Gilding, Interior Gilding, Gilded Wallcovering, Gilded Frames, Gilded Objects, Decorative Painting, Finely Finished Wood, Fine Art, Gilded Signage, Gilded Furniture and Verre Eglomisé (reverse-gilded glass). Special commendations were presented for Innovative Use of Gold Leaf, Innovative Gilded Product, Interior Design, Water Gilding, Oil Gilding, Teaching, and Outstanding Distributor.



Prizewinners were chosen by a distinguished panel of judges: Doug Wilson, designer for TLC's Trading Spaces; Margaret Braun, sugar artist and author of "Cakewalk"; Mark Heiser, Managing Director of the New York State Theater; Clem Labine, Founding Editor of Traditional Building and Period Homes Magazines; Cassandra Lozano, Managing Director of the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation; and John Oddy, Executive Director of the Royal Oak Foundation.



Sepp Leaf Products plans to hold seminars to introduce architects, designers and specifiers to varied gilding processes and applications. Gilding professionals will discuss special methods, materials and projects. Seminars provide the opportunity to converse with artisans, network with colleagues, review samples and explore the showroom.



For over thirty years, Sepp Leaf Products has furnished the highest quality genuine gold, silver, colored silver, palladium and metal leaf to the design community worldwide. Its extensive array of leaf includes karats and shades from around the globe for interior and exterior application. The gold leaf line is complemented by Kolcaustico Venetian Plaster, Mixol Universal Tints, and Liberon wood finishes.