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...an educational resource
for Gold Leaf Gilding

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November 23, 2019

Winter Klimt Quiz Winner!

Thank you to all who were able to respond with your thoughtful answers to the question: Who is thought to have inspired the two lovers in the Gustav Klimt painting *The Kiss* and what was the origin of the inspiration to the swirl motif often used by Klimt?

There were several correct answers and some that went generously beyond. As there could only be one

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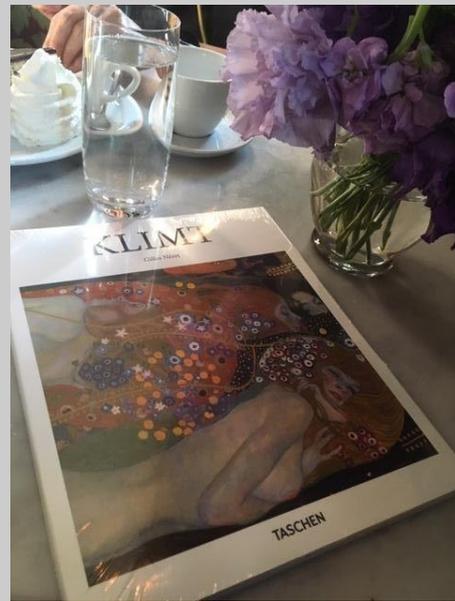
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winner though, the recipient of the beautiful book of monotypes titled *Klimt* could only go to the first to respond and so I am pleased to announce that the winner to the Winter Quiz goes to Gilding Arts Newsletter member 'Dan from Portugal'!

Congratulations Dan!



The answer is that the most widely-held belief is that it was Gustav Klimt and Emilie Fröge who inspired and were depicted in the famous work by Klimt *The Kiss*. However, Klimt did not leave much to go on as to his artistic methods and techniques nor do we know whether Gustav and Emilie's relationship was more than the enduring friendship they held for many years, we can only surmise.

As to the origin of the use of the swirl motif used by Klimt throughout many of his early works and throughout his ten year 'Golden Period', the answer, as stated by Dan and others is the Art Nouveau period. This was a little tricky in that, as Thomas from Houston Framing in Portland, OR pointed out and also alluded to by Dan and other members, the Byzantine period informed Klimt in the gilding of the swirls but the swirls themselves were inspired by Klimt's visits to Italy where he viewed the Byzantine mosaics which was soon to influence his use of gilding in many of his works of art such as the Beethoven Frieze, Judith, The Kiss, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer, and many others. Interesting to note,

however, is that the Byzantine Art Period was also one of the many influences of Art Nouveau as experienced in Vienna.

So thank you once again to all those who participated as well as to all our reader-members in our gilding community (now over 860 from 20 countries!). We will continue to visit the artwork of Gustav Klimt during 2020 as well as other artists who have contributed in the use of the art of gold leaf gilding within their own works of art, artists both past and present.

There is such strong interest in this area of the use of gilding within paintings on canvas and panels that it's worth our further exploring the ideas presented and how they are expressed both visually and technically.

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New Gilding Classes, 2020!

*New York City, Ontario, Seattle, Portland,
Las Vegas*

Happy Holidays to all! Just a quick word about upcoming classes during this chilly (but hopefully festive!) season...

The new *Introduction to Gold Leaf Restoration* class dates for New York have been set, April 15-17, 2020 and is now open for registration. This is expected to be a popular class and there are only 7 spots left so if you have been wanting to learn about the fundamentals of learning how to



Glass Gilding at Sepp Leaf Products in New York

approach restoring gilded frames and furniture this is your chance! There is also a date for Seattle and Ontario (with more to come).

We will also be doing the three-day Water Gilding class in Portland in the Spring so look for the new date. And for those interested in a couple of quick but intriguing classes on Crackle Gesso and Toning Gilded Frames look for these two classes during WCAF Expo 2020 (Picture Framing Magazine) in January.

The Winter Quarter of classes in New York is coming quickly and registration remains open (scroll down



below) for *Gilding for Works of Art for Canvas, Paper, and Panels; Glass Gilding/Eglomise; and Traditional Water Gilding*. Only two months away!

There are also ongoing monthly classes in the Seattle

Studio so feel free to write about other dates at charles.studio@usa.net.

May you all have a joyous season and see you in Class!

Peace, health, and clarity,

~Charles

**Register Now for
Winter Quarter
Gilding Workshops
2019-2020**



**Gold Leaf Gilding for Works of Art
on Canvas, Paper, & Panels
*...a Study for Fine Artists***

Students explore the various methods of working with gold and silver leaf to create a gilded ground as an element of composition for painting. Discover the

many uses of gilding within works of art through hands-on demos and exercises including the gilding of high-relief as embellishment, traditional water gilding, and the use of glair and clay bole as mordants for gilding. Students may bring a personal work of art to class to explore gilding or to discuss (optional).

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Traditional Water Gilding 2019-2020



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Introduction to Traditional Water Gilding

Be guided through each of the steps of this beautiful, ancient method of gold leaf gilding for use on such objects as picture frames, furniture, and architectural detail. Students will learn to prepare rabbit skin glue, traditional gesso, and clay bole grounds followed by laying and burnishing genuine 22 kt gold leaf.

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New!

Gold Leaf Restoration Workshop

(New York, Seattle, Ontario)

2019-2020



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This new three-day Workshop, Introduction to Gold Leaf Restoration introduces students to the essential methods and techniques of gold leaf restoration including the preparation and use of gesso putty for infilling, mould casting for the repair of broken or missing decorative elements and the basics of traditional water gilding, oil gilding, and toning.

Materials, gold leaf, and use of studio tools included. Recipe handouts for making old world gilder's gesso and clay bole!

Seattle, WA

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Glass Gilding/Verre Églomisé

2020



Glass Gilding...

The Foundation of Verre Églomisé

Learn the beautiful ancient art of reverse glass gilding and discover the steps involved in achieving a strong and brilliant bond between glass and leaf.

Students will learn to properly clean the glass, prepare gelatin size and glair, gild the glass with

genuine white gold and be introduced to the concept of engraving the gilding in reverse before the final step of backpainting.

Seattle, WA

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December 21, 2019

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Isabel O'Neil Studio

January 18, 2020

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Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada

2020

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**May 4-6, 2020
Gold Leaf Restoration
and
Gilding Beveled Mats
for Picture Framing**

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**May 3, 2020
Glass Gilding/Verre Eglomise**

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**May 2, 2020
Gilding for Works of Art...
a Study for Fine Artists**

**(including the preparation of Gum Ammoniac,
a Medieval Gum-Resin for Paper)**

This new three-day Workshop, Gold Leaf Restoration and Gilding Beveled Mats introduces students to the essential methods and techniques of gold leaf restoration including the preparation and use of gesso putty for infilling, mould casting for the repair of broken or missing decorative elements and the basics of traditional water gilding, oil gilding, and toning.

Students will also learn to create simple and

attractive gilded bevel mats for picture framing using the mordant gilding method using genuine gold, white gold, bronze, and aluminum leaf. A fun and informative three days not to be missed!

Materials, gold leaf, and use of studio tools included. Students will take home the project they gild in class with recipe handouts for making old world gilder's gesso and clay bole!.

Owen Sound, Ontario

Georgian Bay Art Conservation

Gold Leaf Restoration & Gilded Bevels

May 4-6, 2020

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Glass Gilding:

The Foundation of Verre Eglomise

May 3, 2020

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Gilding for Works of Art

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May 2, 2020

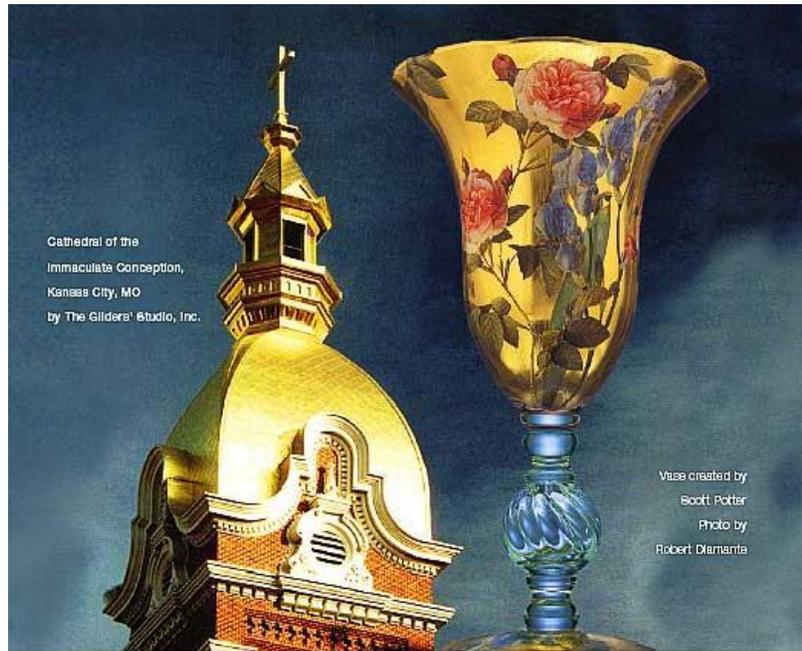
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