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...an educational resource
for Gold Leaf Gilding

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February 1, 2019

Greetings from...Seattle

In a few hours I'll be embarking on a flight to New York for our Winter Gilding Classes with our host and Sponsor Sepp Leaf Products in Manhattan as well as a special visit to Artist and Craftsman Supply in Park Slope, Brooklyn for the Gilding for Works of Art class this Saturday, Feb 2. Although close to sold out we still have a little room left in the three classes listed below. (If we exceed the limit then we can easily fit you in during the Spring or Fall classes in May and September!). So warm up with your colleagues as we study these wonderful methods of old world gilding!



Meanwhile, in the next issue we'll visit a review of the West Coast Art and Frame Expo where I just flew in from today after having the pleasure of teaching four gilding classes including assisting Bill Adair in

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his enjoyable Sgraffito and Granito class while also meeting new and old colleagues and friends from the gildingworld. A great event to begin the new year!

We will also explore answers to some of the questions coming-in along with a new Column: Tip of the Month! A way to help offer suggestions, hints, and perhaps a few tricks to guide you along the way in our collective study of gold leaf gilding.

Until then, on to the Winner of the Winter Quiz!

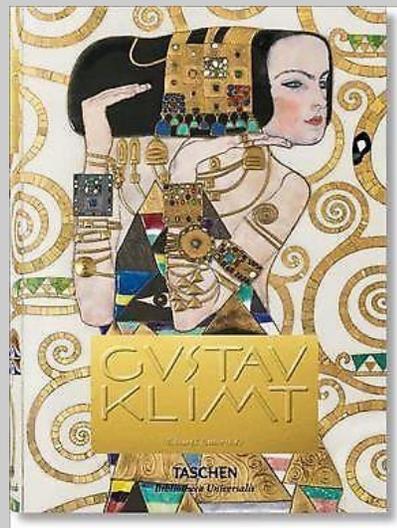
Peace, health, and clarity,

~ Charles

Winter Quiz...*Gustav Klimt* *Centennial*

Thank you to all of you who sent in answers to the Winter Quiz on Gustav Klimt. There were so many thoughtful answers to the question: Which of the paintings Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I and II included gilding, what method of gilding did Klimt use and why?

These intriguing answers took consideration for choosing the most accurate but without further adieu I would like to announce the winner: Gilding Arts Newsletter Member and artist



Gustav Klimt ~ Drawings and Paintings (Tobias G. Natter (Ed.))

Wendy Taylor from Novato, California -
congratulations Wendy!

Adele Bloch-Bauer II by Gustav Klimt was purchased by an anonymous Collector, stored now in a private museum while Adele Bloch-Bauer I, sometimes referred to as The Woman in Gold, is owned by and on permanent display at the Neue Galerie in New York.

Klimt was known to have used egg tempera as a gilding size on his Beethoven Frieze, determined through extensive Conservation analysis, there is no known in-depth analysis performed on Adele Bloch-Bauer I which leaves open the question of what method of gilding did Klimt use on Adele Bloch-Bauer.

A particular size, or adhesive, denotes the material used for adhesion but does not necessarily denote the *method* used in the language of gilding. As an example, when rabbit skin glue is employed we refer to the method as Traditional Water Gilding. When oil size is used we generally call it *Oil Gilding*.

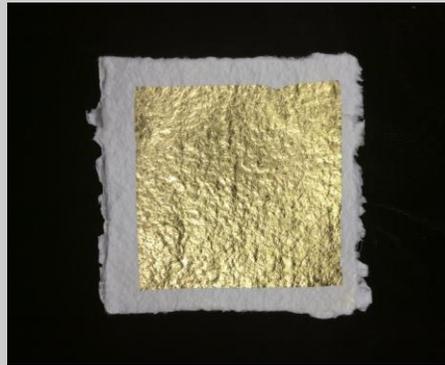
However, when gum ammoniac is employed, or even the modern acrylic emulsion, it's referred to by a term that covers many adhesive mediums which would also include oil size: *Mordant Gilding*.

As we cannot definitively say which particular size Klimt used on Adele Bloch-Bauer, and since traditional water gilding was also likely not to have been chosen for this painted work due to his use of canvas, Mordant Gilding is the likely *method* of gilding Klimt would have used.

Thank you once again to all for joining in! There are many artists present and past who have used gold and

silver leaf in their works of art which we will take a closer look at this year while also keeping an eye on Klimt's works as his use of gilding continues to speak to so many. While not a great deal considering his methods were ever revealed by the artist we will continue to consider the processes behind his use of gold as the quest continues...

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Gilding Workshops
New York, 2019!**



**New York
2019**

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**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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Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY
February 2, 2019***

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May 18, 2019***

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Traditional Water Gilding
February, May, and September, 2019



**New York
2019**

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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. Individual guidance is provided in developing the skills to handle gold leaf using the gilder's tools and brushes. Basic elements of toning will be demonstrated

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February, May, and September, 2019



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.

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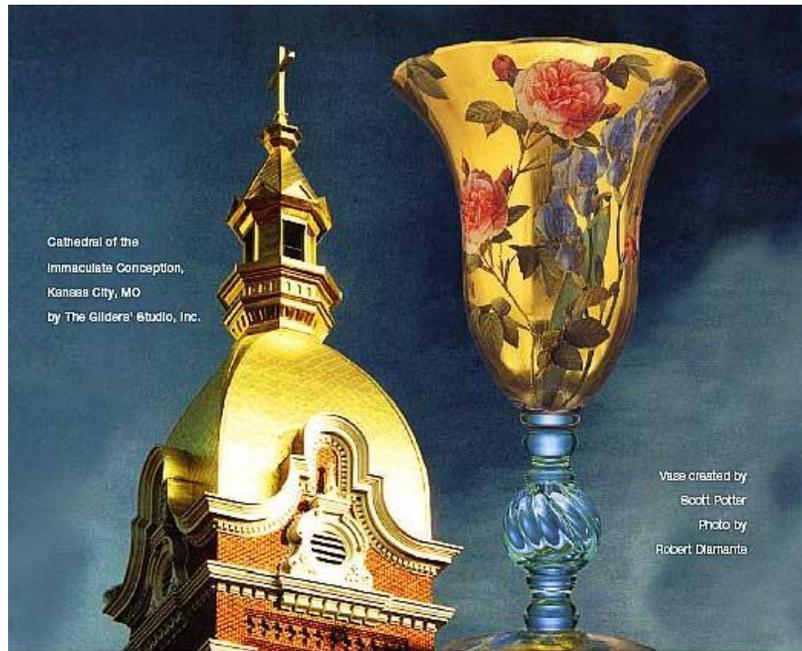
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methods of gold leaf

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