

The Teacher Development Program clearly demonstrates that *effective teaching is a “learnable” skill*. As a TDA, I am proud to offer my students the very best methods available to ensure their painting experience is successful. By applying techniques outlined in the TDP manual, I’ve seen my students grow both in skill and in self-confidence!

—Susan Mynyk TDA

I highly recommend the Teacher Development Program offered by the SDP for both new and seasoned teachers alike. It has helped my career by teaching me to recognize the various ways people learn and also how to identify these students in class, thereby giving me a little more credibility to the new student.

—Moe Shier TDA

## Fee Structure

For Part I of the program, applicants pay \$55 plus shipping and handling for the TDP Manual (or \$29 for the TDP Manual on CD), then \$15 upon submission of the open-book test. For Part II of the program, applicants pay \$50 upon submission of three videos and portfolios of supporting class materials. Parts I and II may be repeated as needed, but additional fees will be required each time. Open-book test and videos will not be returned.

## Getting Started

To order the TDP Manual (and to inquire about shipping and handling fees), write SDP at, 393 N. McLean Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203-5968, call (316) 269-9300 ext. 101 or email [sdp@decorativepainters.org](mailto:sdp@decorativepainters.org).

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# Teaching *The Journey*

The Society of Decorative Painters Teacher Development Program (TDP) provides a standard of excellence for those teachers who desire to improve their teaching skills and obtain the ability to reach—and teach—all students.

**T D** The Teacher  
**P D** Development

Program covers topics such as learning theory, student identification, classroom preparation, classroom and student management, and business management. The information provided in the manual is a guide to assist

teachers in developing their own personal teaching style. The program improves the teaching skills of experienced teachers and helps painters to become teachers. Anyone who is a current SDP member may apply. Once the program is completed, the participant receives a certificate, a distinctive pin and the privilege of using the initials TDA (Teacher of Decorative Art) with their name in publicity. Interested? Turn the pages to learn more about this program designed especially for decorative painting teachers.



TDP: Providing a standard of excellence for decorative painting teachers.

**P**ART 1

Upon enrollment in the Teacher Development Program, the enrollee will receive the TDP manual, which contains a vast amount of information pertaining to decorative painting students and their education. After studying the manual, the enrollee will need to take the open-book written test and return it to the Society of Decorative Painters, along with the applicable test fee. Whether or not you opt to try to become a Teacher of Decorative Art, the TDP



manual is a superb resource for any decorative painting teacher. Inside, you'll find:

- Learning Theory
- Student Identification
- Class Preparation
- Classroom Management
- Managing Student Behavior
- Glossary of Painting Terms
- And More!

**P**ART 2

After an enrollee has passed the written test, he or she can begin accruing 100 hours of teaching time with no less than four students in each class. A teaching evaluation video of a class will need to be prepared, and three copies of the video and three copies of a portfolio containing supporting class material will need to be submitted for evaluation, along with the evaluation fee.

Once an enrollee has successfully completed the Teacher Development Program, he or she will receive a TDA (Teacher of Decorative Arts) pin and will be entitled to use the initials TDA after his or her name. Those who complete the program are recognized with a rosette at the Annual Meeting and listed on the SDP website. Continuing Education Workshops are provided at the Annual Conference. Attendees receive a brush charm to attach to their TDA pin. If enrollees in the program are unable to attend the Conference Workshops,



videos will be made available for purchase. These videos are ONLY available to SDP members in good standing who are enrolled in the program.

The opportunities to learn more about teaching continue with the evaluation process. After the enrollees have achieved TDA status, each one has the opportunity to become an evaluator and to learn through the evaluation process about various methods their peers use to enrich the lives of their students.



Teacher of Decorative Art Mary Jo Leisure MDA, TDA is known worldwide for her teaching skills and designs.