

## CONVENTION TIPS

- Bring plastic skirt hangers to use for hanging your sample boards to dry. Bring a roll of wax paper to place between sample boards for shipping.
- Put your brushes, scissors, rulers, Xacto knives, etc., in a plastic GLAD/Tupperware™ container, and put a label in your luggage identifying yourself as an artist and stating that these are your tools, in the event your luggage is examined during a spot check.
- Organize supplies for each class into zip-lock bags and label. Bring a small container (2 oz. paint bottle) of Murphy's oil soap. At the end of class put a few drops on your bristles and drop them in a zip-lock bag to store until you can clean them.
- Consider how many and the size of samples you will be completing and taking home. Make sure you have a large enough suitcase or bring a collapsed shipping box and leave it flat. You can fit 10 to 72 boards inside, then tape around all edges for mailing.
- Bring address labels to slap on every mailing list you encounter at the expo. These are also good for identifying your sample boards.
- No matter how hot it is outside, the AC is always uneven ... bring a sweatshirt or sweater that you can throw over work clothes.

### INSTRUCTORS MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ALL instructors will receive their packets, assignments, hotel regulations, instructions, accolades and applause. Be certain to attend to meet all the other instructors. We realize time is limited, but this meeting is vital to a successful convention. We very much appreciate your attendance.

### NEW MEMBERS/NEW ATTENDEE ORIENTATION

MONDAY, JULY 20, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

If this is your first time attending an IDAL convention, please join us for an orientation session. The convention week is packed full of activities and it can be overwhelming at times. This is an opportunity to meet others new to convention, meet the IDAL Board and ask questions.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (WELCOME RECEPTION FOLLOWS)

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

The Annual General Meeting kicks off convention fun and learning. Attend the meeting to learn more about our organization; from financial health, new directions for IDAL and just who are our board of directors? To top off the meeting we have the lovely Helen Morris as our speaker (see page 6).

### EXPO GRAND OPENING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES AND THEIR GUESTS ONLY: Be the first to eye the books, tools, new products and ideas you want to take home with you. The Grand Opening is the perfect venue to meet and network with the IDAL exhibitors and business associates. This is an exclusive special preview with shopping benefits for registered convention attendees and their guests. It is also a terrific opportunity to meet artists/designers and watch fabulous artisans demonstrate their unique skills.

### EXPO HOURS

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### EXPO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (\$10 ADMISSION)

Registered convention attendees are admitted to the expo with a name badge. Please note that there will be no exceptions; a name badge will be required for admittance.

### DEMONSTRATIONS

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY DURING EXPO HOURS

Many exhibitors will share their expertise through ongoing demonstrations. Presentations will emphasize new products and innovative techniques for both stenciling and faux finishing. Be sure to check at the registration desk to see the demonstration schedule.

### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Chapter Presidents: join together from across the nation to share your ideas and receive important IDAL updates from national board members. Food, facts and fun! To attend this event, you must RSVP to Amy Ketteran, chapters@decorativeartisans.org.

### EXHIBITORS' OPEN FORUM

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

An open forum discussion from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM.

All 2009 exhibitors and IDAL business partners are welcome to attend!

### AWARDS RECEPTION AND BANQUET

SATURDAY, JULY 25

RECEPTION • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

BANQUET • 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Attend the Awards Banquet to close out your convention experience. Meet up with friends at the Reception beforehand, to see that we all clean up pretty well and share a drink. The evening will include awards and recognition for Emeritus members, membership drive winners and big ticket auction items. After a grand buffet dinner, we will finish off the night with dancing.