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**Dear Gilding Students**,

Greetings! And thank you for registering for your upcoming gold leaf gilding class! I appreciate you joining us and I look very much forward to working with you. Gilding is a beautiful artform and one that is not necessarily easy to learn. Different gilders have different approaches and information about this medieval practice can be not only mysterious but often confusing.

My hope is to help clarify many of the issues that can come up in the various methods of gilding, to help guide you with options, provide you with gilding recipes that you can trust, and help answer many of your questions.

**Setting Up Your Gilding Studio**

For students who are just now creating their own gilding studio there will be other various supplies and materials you will need over time. The Gilded Planet website shows the major tools and materials while the materials lists available for Download will summarize what you will need and will also include such items as bowls, jars, miscellaneous brushes, etc.

**\*\*All Downloadable Materials Lists, Recipes, and Links to kits may be found at gildingstudio.com on the Navigation page: Materials, Recipes, Kits.**

The **Class Materials Lists and Recipes include the following:**:

1. **Gilding Recipes**: Gesso & Clay Bole for Water Gilding, Gelatin Size for Glass Gilding, etc.

2. **Tools and Materials** for the Class(es) you are attending. These include a review of the tools and materials required for each method of gilding with recommended model numbers if you are purchasing through Gilded Planet. If you are purchasing items through your local gilding supplier try to find tools and materials that are similar to those I recommend.

3. **Zoom Link** to enter the Online Class is sent to each student a few days before each class session. About 5 minutes before classtime click the link in your email and you will be taken to your class where you will be able to wait until I enter you in. This is a safety precaution to make sure only registered students are in the classroom. If the link does not work automatically then copy and paste the link in your browser. Another option is to enter your app, click **join a meeting,** and manually enter the Meeting ID and Password shown in your email.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the class, tools, or materials. There are times where international shipments may be prohibitive or certain materials may not be able to be shipped during certain seasons so we may need to seek other avenues to help meet your needs.

All classes will be recorded so that they can be made available for registered students in the event a class is missed or simply for future review during the Quarter in which you take your class. (As an example, if your class is in September, 2021 then you will be able to access your recorded classes through December, 2021).

Thank you again for attending the Gilding class and I look forward to ‘seeing’ you soon!

All the best,
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