

New South Wales / Queensland

How to acquire the Midas touch Join the Goldfinger Club

The Master Class

Have you ever dreamed of having the skills to apply gold and silver leaf to your furniture, frames, and artwork? Or embellish your cornices, columns, walls and ceilings with metal leaf? Work for yourself from home at your own pace? Master gilder Karl Eggert can make your dream come true—and you need no prior knowledge of gilding.

In the past, this ancient craft with all its secrets, has been passed from father to son. But in 1999, Karl Eggert, together with his wife Brigitte, founded a unique teaching establishment to make the wonderful craft of gilding available to anybody who wants to learn.

Learning in Germany from master gilders in framing, as well as in church restoration, Karl has a broad knowledge and more than 45 years experience in gilding. And this knowledge and experience is reflected in his teaching program at

the Art Gilding Academy. Class sizes are kept to a maximum of six students to ensure the best learning experience. You can learn every aspect of gilding in a two-week, fully certified Master Gilding class.

In the two-week Master Class, Karl teaches students skills similar to those taught in three-year apprenticeships. Gilding on plaster, timber, glass, metal and paper form part of the program. For framers and painters, the course can bring immediate benefits to your business, while many students come from the fields of art, craft and interior design. Students travel from all over the world to attend the Art Gilding Academy, making it a truly international academy.

On completion of the Master Class, the Academy offers a *Lifetime Membership in the Goldfinger Club*, with 20% discount on all gilding tools and materials as well as unlimited advice and support. We are there for you until you do not need us anymore. You will find this to be truly priceless.



Mobile Gilding Academy – tailored courses for small groups in Queensland

If you belong to an art school or a craft group and want to learn about art gilding but don't feel like travelling to our studio, we will come to you. This applies to local and interstate groups. To cover our costs, we need 6-10 students per class.

This is a skill that is easily acquired with the right tuition. Under our expert guidance learning art gilding is an enjoyable and most rewarding experience. Our students learn the craft by creating their own personal masterpiece.

We recently held a Saturday workshop for 11 students at the University of NSW's College of Fine Arts (COFA) with excellent results. The students and staff who attended were so enthusiastic that as a result four teachers have signed up for our weekend classes.

Art Gilding has brought the craft of gilding to Australia and through our classes are ensuring those skills and knowledge are being passed on to the next generation of enthusiasts. Gilding is not a dying craft but is alive and vibrant, and easily accessible to anyone wishing to acquire the knowledge.

Hobby workshop



The Master Class has been designed to save time and money while providing a tranquil and relaxed environment in which to learn. Because of Karl's unique knowledge and teaching ability, you will learn intensively but will never feel pressured.

Some of our students have retired from the work force and are looking to add to the quality of their life. The skills gained from learning the art of gilding provide them with the opportunity to enrich their lives. Being able to gild with gold and silver leaf gives students the opportunity to apply their new-found skills to enrich any number of objects such as icons, frames, sculptures or architectural ornamentation.

Weekend Classes

Sydney: Sat/Sun 10 am – 4 pm



Brigitte with gilding workshop project

Would you like to add skills and more profits to your business?

This class has been especially designed for people unable to attend week day classes and is held once a month.

We know how difficult it is for small business owners to find time during the week, so our intensive weekend class may suit you perfectly. The classes run from 10 am – 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday and participants are taught, step-by-step, gilding techniques that are applied to furniture, picture frames and mirrors, cornices and even walls.

Many past students have found that gilding adds another dimension to their business, which they have been able to capitalise on by adding a new profit centre and, moreover, it's fun!

The weekend class is very reasonably priced at \$795. This includes the project—an Egyptian plaque—all tuition and materials. In certain circumstances this fee could be claimed as a tax deduction.

Those able to benefit by acquiring this skill include artists, painters, framers, restorers and French polishers; in fact, anyone who wants to add new skills and a new source of profit to their business.

A DISCOVER GILDING WORKSHOP

(\$200), held on a Saturday 10 am to 2 pm, is the perfect answer for anybody who wants to learn gilding as a hobby.

In just four hours you can learn, step-by-step, how to apply gold size, Dutch metal leaf (faux gold), seal your project with several coats of shellac to make it durable, and then age the plaque to your taste. You will be very proud of your masterpiece and you can be assured that your family and friends will be impressed! On completion of the gilding workshop, most students cannot wait to start gilding objects around their home.

Welcome to the most beautiful classroom in the world



Picture yourself in this classroom

Can you put yourself into this picture? Imagine how peaceful it feels to be able to learn this beautiful craft with a small group of like-minded people. As you can see there is only room for six students.

Art Gilding is based in Sydney and today's readily available cheap fares create a 'golden' opportunity to combine a weekend away or holiday with learning the art of gilding. We can recommend quality accommodation close by from \$35 per night ■

For more information call Brigitte on 02 9663 3881
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Learn Gilding the Easy Way

Only 6 students per class
no prior knowledge necessary

DISCOVER GILDING

One-day hobby workshop
10 am – 2 pm

GOLDEN WEEKEND

Sat & Sun 10 am – 4 pm

MASTER GILDING CLASS

Professional course running full time
for two weeks. Certificate upon completion
Monday to Friday 10 am – 5 pm

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where you want and we will come to you

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