

# **SALI CERTIFIED STENCILING ARTISAN GUIDELINES**

The SALI Certified Stenciling Artisan (CSA) is a new entry level opportunity within the Certification program. As with its counterpart, the Certified Stenciler (CS), the applicant's technical abilities; measuring, placement, as well as design and color coordination, are juried. However, the CSA program was created to allow the Certification candidate more artistic freedom in creating a unique design concept. The CSA level provides experienced stencilers with a chance to showcase their creativity as they undertake the challenge of having their skills judged through a structured SALI based program. Balancing innovation with the established guidelines, the CSA level of Certification reflects the growth and evolution of SALI without neglecting its stenciling roots.

There are four categories to the Certified Stenciling Artisan (CSA) which include walls, fabric, wood and stencil cutting. The applicant must pay the required fee and apply for all four categories to attain their CSA. Thus the candidate would do an entire room encompassing the categories of wall, wood and fabric. The candidate would incorporate the room's design style into the three categories, either utilizing manufactured stencils or by creating their own original design. In this category, the applicant is not required to stencil any specific designs provided by the Certification committee.

In the wall category, the applicant must stencil a border at any height on the wall and then pick from one other category, either free standing verticals, architectural verticals, all over wallpaper pattern or three spot motifs. In the fabric category, the applicant must stencil a coordinating design in such venues, but not limited to, pillows, curtains, floor cloths, throws, tablecloths, etc. In the wood category, the applicant must stencil a coordinating design in such venues, but not limited to, plaques, small pieces of furniture, trays, fireplace screens, etc. In the final category of stencil cutting, the applicant will be given a design and stencil cutting instructions to create a stencil. It is not necessary to "stencil" the cut design. Evaluation will be on how the stencil is cut and the registration marks the applicant utilizes.

If the applicant does not successfully meet any or all of the standards in each of the categories, he/she may re-submit in only those categories needed to achieve Certification in subsequent years. Contact the Certification Chairperson regarding the details on re-submission.