

Diamond Painters Guild International (DPGI)

New Chapter Guide

**Building Community, Sharing Creativity, and
Inspiring Others**



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Introduction to DPGI

Welcome to the Diamond Painters Guild International (DPGI)! We are a global community dedicated to fostering creativity, connection, and support for diamond painters of all levels. Our mission is to provide a welcoming space for enthusiasts to share their passion, learn new techniques, and inspire one another.

By starting a DPGI Chapter, you are helping to grow our network of diamond painters and provide local opportunities for engagement, education, and fun. This handbook will serve as your guide to successfully launching and leading your chapter.



Benefits of Starting a New DPGI Chapter

Starting a Diamond Painters Guild International (DPGI) Chapter brings exciting opportunities to connect, inspire, and grow within the diamond painting community. Here are 10 key benefits of launching your own chapter:

1. Official DPGI Chapter Charter

✓ Receive an official charter recognizing your chapter as part of the global DPGI network.

2. Leadership & Mentorship Opportunities

✓ Develop leadership skills by organizing events, workshops, and community initiatives.

3. Exclusive Access to DPGI Resources

✓ Get training materials, event planning guides, and promotional templates to help your chapter succeed.

4. Networking & Community Building

✓ Connect with fellow diamond painters, chapter leaders, and industry professionals.

5. Participation in Community Service & Outreach

✓ Engage in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and community centers to introduce and promote diamond painting.

6. Fundraising & Sponsorship Opportunities

✓ Gain access to DPGI-approved fundraising strategies (raffles, Happy/Sad Dollars, sponsorships).

7. Chapter Representation & Recognition

✓ Be featured on the DPGI website, social media, and global member network.

✓ Get access to exclusive DPGI recognition programs and awards.

8. Invitations to DPGI Conferences & Special Events

✓ Attend regional and international diamond painting conventions.

✓ Gain priority access to training sessions, networking events, and virtual meetups.

9. Social Media & Marketing Support

✓ Receive guidance on growing your chapter's online presence.

✓ Use DPGI-approved branding, logos, and promotional materials to attract members.

10. Opportunities for Growth & Expansion

✓ Expand your reach by hosting bigger events and collaborating with other chapters.

✓ Lay the foundation for future leadership roles within DPGI.

Ready to Start Your Own DPGI Chapter?

If you're passionate about building a local diamond painting community, we'd love to help you get started! Apply for your official DPGI Chapter Charter today and unlock these amazing benefits.

📌 Apply Now:
www.DPGuildInt.org

📌 Have Questions?
Contact us at
DPGuildInt@gmail.com

💎 Let's grow the DPGI community—one diamond at a time!

Starting a New Chapter

Steps to Launch Your Chapter

Eligibility Requirements

To start a DPGI Chapter, you must:

- ✓ Be a passionate and active member of the diamond painting community.
- ✓ Be committed to upholding DPGI's mission and values.
- ✓ Have at least 3 founding members to help establish the chapter.
- ✓ Be willing to organize events and engage with local diamond painters.

1. **Submit an Application** – Fill out the DPGI New Chapter Interest Form and submit it for approval.

2. **Meet with DPGI Leadership** – A short virtual meeting will be scheduled to discuss expectations and answer questions.

3. **Recruit Members** – Start spreading the word and inviting local diamond painters to join your chapter.

4. **Plan Your First Event** – Organize an informal meetup, virtual gathering, or introductory workshop.

5. **Get Officially Recognized** – Once you have an active membership base, your chapter will be listed on the DPGI website, provided an official logo, Chapter Charter, and social media platforms.



Chapter Leadership Roles & Responsibilities

Each chapter should have a leadership team to ensure smooth operations. The basic suggested leadership roles include:

Chapter

President

- ◆ Oversees all chapter activities.
- ◆ Ensures alignment with DPGI's mission and policies.
- ◆ Serves as the main point of contact with DPGI leadership.

Vice President

- ◆ Assists the President in planning events and managing chapter operations.
- ◆ Supports community engagement and outreach.

Secretary/ Treasurer

(May be dual position or separate)

- ◆ Manages finances, fundraising efforts, and budget tracking
- ◆ Ensures transparency in financial matters
- ◆ Records minutes of meetings.

Membership Coordinator

- ◆ Recruits and welcomes new members
- ◆ Manages member engagement and communication
- ◆ Event Coordinator
 - ◆ Plans and executes chapter events, workshops, and meetups.
 - ◆ Coordinates event logistics and schedules.

This format of Chapter Leadership is just a basic idea. Depending on Chapter membership size, activeness of members, additional positions may be put in place to support the chapter and its activities.

All Chapter Officers will be required to participate in DPGI Chapter Officer Training to include Chapter Financial Training.

Membership & Community Engagement

Who can Join?

Membership is open to anyone interested in diamond painting, from beginners to experts. DPGI welcomes members of all backgrounds and skill levels.

How to Grow Your Chapter

- ✔ Promote on social media and local community boards.
- ✔ Collaborate with craft stores and online groups.
- ✔ Organize fun and interactive activities & events.
- ✔ Engage members through regular communication.

Hosting Events & Activities

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Events are a key part of any DPGI Chapter. Some event ideas include:

 **Diamond Painting Meetups** – Casual gatherings for members to paint together.

 **Technique Workshops** – Sessions on multi-placing, sealing, framing, etc.

 **Supply Swaps** – Members exchange unused supplies.

 **Virtual Hangouts** – Online sessions for members who can't meet in person.

 **Community Challenges** – Themed diamond painting competitions.

Sample Chapter Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Introductions (15 minutes)

- Greet members and newcomers
- Quick round of introductions (Name, favorite diamond painting project, fun fact)
- Brief overview of today's agenda

2. Chapter Updates & Announcements (15 minutes)

- Upcoming events & workshops.
- Community outreach or charity project updates.
- Member spotlights & achievements.
- Any chapter business or leadership updates.

3. Guest Speaker or Skill-Building Session (Optional – 20-30 minutes)

- [If applicable: Invite a speaker, demo a new technique, discuss framing/sealing tips, etc.].
- Q&A session.

4. Diamond Painting Work Session & Social Time (60-90 minutes)

 **Time to Paint!** – Bring your WIPs (Works in Progress) and enjoy a relaxed session of diamond painting together.

- Play soft background music or an audiobook (optional).
- Encourage members to share tips, techniques, and ask for advice.
- Provide a small table for supply swaps or giveaways (if applicable).

5. Show & Tell (15 minutes)

- Members share progress or completed works.
- Celebrate accomplishments and creativity.

6. Wrap-Up & Next Steps (10 minutes)

- Review upcoming events and reminders.
- Ask for feedback & suggestions for future meetings.
- Thank everyone for attending.

7. Optional: Social Time & Cleanup.

- Allow extra time for members to chat, exchange tips, or pack up their materials.

End of Meeting

Service Opportunities

Why Community Service Matters

One of DPGI's core values is giving back. Chapters are encouraged to introduce diamond painting to various community settings, helping others discover the therapeutic and creative benefits of the craft.

Community Outreach Opportunities

- ✓ Schools & After-School Programs – Partner with local schools to introduce students to diamond painting as a creative and calming activity.
- ✓ Nursing Homes & Senior Centers – Organize workshops for seniors to help with fine motor skills and relaxation.
- ✓ Libraries & Community Centers – Host public events where people can learn about diamond painting.
- ✓ Hospitals & Rehabilitation Centers – Provide diamond painting kits for patients undergoing long-term care.
- ✓ Charity & Fundraising Events – Donate finished pieces for auctions or create collaborative projects for community initiatives.

How to Get Started with Community Service

- ✓ Reach out to local organizations and offer an introductory workshop.
- ✓ Prepare a short presentation explaining the benefits of diamond painting.
- ✓ Provide starter kits to help new participants engage in the activity.
- ✓ Encourage members to donate completed projects for fundraising or community beautification efforts.

Code of Conduct & Inclusivity

DPGI's Core Values

- 💠 Inclusivity – Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level.
- 💠 Respect – Kindness and positive interactions are essential.
- 💠 Support – We uplift and encourage one another.
- 💠 Creativity – We celebrate artistic expression in all forms.

Unacceptable Behavior:

- 🚫 Harassment, bullying, or discrimination.
 - 🚫 Negative or offensive language.
 - 🚫 Spam, self-promotion, or soliciting without approval.
- Chapters must enforce these guidelines to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

Voluntary Membership Dues: Supporting DPGI's Mission

Voluntary Membership Dues are optional contributions that help sustain and grow the Diamond Painters Guild International (DPGI) while ensuring that membership remains free and accessible to all. These dues allow us to fund events, workshops, community outreach, and essential resources that benefit our members.

Financial Guidelines & Fundraising

Managing Chapter Finances

Chapters may collect **voluntary donations** to cover expenses (e.g., event supplies).

- Financial transparency is required, and all funds should be accounted for.
- DPGI does not require membership fees, but Voluntary membership Dues are strongly encouraged.
- ***All Chapter Officers will be required to attend Chapter Financial Training (CFT).***

Fundraising Ideas

Voluntary Membership Dues

- Raffles or giveaways
- Custom merchandise (t-shirts, stickers, etc.)
- Happy/Sad Dollars
- Local sponsorships from craft stores

Communication, Social Media Best Practices, Resources, & Frequently Asked Questions.

- ✓ Encourage chapters to maintain active social media pages.
- ✓ Promote events and DPGL-wide initiatives.
- ✓ Share success stories and community projects.
- ✓ Use official hashtags like #DPGL #DiamondPaintersGuild

Resources & Support

PGI provides:

- ✦ Event Planning Guides.
 - ✦ Templates for Flyers & Social Media Posts.
 - ✦ Leadership Training Sessions.
 - ✦ Mentorship from Established Chapters.
- For additional support, contact DPGuildInt@gmail.com.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Do I need experience to start a chapter?

A: No! Anyone passionate about diamond painting can start a chapter.

Q: How many events do we need to host?

A: We encourage **at least minimum** one meeting or event **every two months**, but chapters can be as active as they like.

Q: Can we collaborate with other crafting groups?

A: Absolutely! Collaboration strengthens community engagement.

Q: Is there a minimum number of members required?

A: Chapters should aim for at least 5-10 active members to start, but there is no strict requirement.

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