



# Avant Palette Custom Fauxs Wins ASID Design Excellence Award

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"Beautiful Work" Honored in Best Wall Treatment Category

/EINPresswire.com/ SAN DIEGO, December 11, 2012—Avant Palette ([www.avant-palette.com](http://www.avant-palette.com)), the San Diego's premier wall finishing company, announced today that the San Diego chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) has honored it with one of six awards presented as part of the inaugural Design Excellence Awards. Margarette Johannes, Avant Palette's principal, is thrilled to be the recipient of the award for Best Wall Treatment.

"It's wonderful to see the art of faux finishing modernized and current, with new techniques blending into stunning pieces," she said. "I'm honored to be a part of a business that transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary."

Johannes purposely chose to enter a project that entailed the use of many mediums, rather than just one. She also wanted to be sure that her submission exemplified modern-day design: decorative plaster with a hint of traditional (paint, silver leaf and faux glaze).

"Her work is beautiful. We're thrilled she won so we can help expose Avant Palette to more people in San Diego," said Lynn Wyndham Morris, Allied ASID, Director of Communications for the San Diego ASID chapter. "This was a pilot year for these awards, which were created to recognize and reward outstanding execution of design by our members and encourage and inspire new ideas and techniques."

About [Avant Palette - Custom Faux Finishing, Venetian Plastering, & Murals] Since 1995, Avant Palette has been creating extraordinary [faux finishes](#) and specialized textures for professional interior designers and discriminating home and business owners. Principal Margarette Johannes, a Midwest native, began private art classes as a young child, focusing on human portraiture and color combination. While studying in Norway as a teenager, she was inspired by Europe's castles, chalets, and churches, including simulated marbles and woods of Versailles. She traveled extensively to study well-known artists as well as various techniques, some of which are 300 years old.

Margarette returned to the U.S. to complete her bachelor of fine arts, summa cum laude, at the University of California, San Diego.. She perfected her talents under renowned Italian artist, Italo Scanga, and studied all levels of painting, drawing, life drawing, and textures in addition to sculpture, metal fabrication, performance art, western and non-western art history, film, graphic art, and museum/gallery exhibition.

Margarette is delighted to make her years of research, study and experience available to clients who wish to add beauty and refinement to their personal lives and work places.

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