

# Definitions of Cultural Art Terms

- Appliqué:** this is a needlework/embroidery technique used to create a picture by stitching layers of various materials on a fabric background.
- Bleached:** Creating designs in cloth by spraying, painting or tying the fabric and exposing to bleach.
- Block Printing:** Printing of a pattern or design on paper, fabric or other material using a cut or engraved block. This is not stamping.
- Ceramics:** The art of making objects of clay and similar materials which are then treated by firing.
- Decoupage:** The art or technique of decorating an object with cut-outs of paper, plastic, fabric or other materials over which varnish or lacquer is applied.
- Fixed:** To treat artwork with a chemical so as to keep it from fading or smudging. Art fixatives can be purchased or something as simple as hair spray can be used.
- Journalled:** A written record of what happened. When a scrapbook or photo album is journalled, the written record should be in your own handwriting.
- Matted:** Using matte board to form a border around a picture.
- Media or Medium:** The process by which the artist creates his work. For example: oil, water color, tempera, pen & ink.
- Memory Book:** A scrapbook containing pictures, brochures and journaling to record memories of activities, people or events.
- Metal Enameling:** Artwork created by decoration a metal object with a design using enamel paint.
- Mounted:** To place or arrange an object on a support to create an appropriate display.
- Nature Craft:** Creating a design or object using natural materials: moss, leaves, bark, etc.
- Original:** Something that has never been done before; not copied; must be new. This is one area we have had a problem with: original cartoon character. This would be one which the artist created himself, not copied or redrawn from an existing cartoon.
- Plastercraft:** Artwork created by painting a piece made from Plaster of Paris (note: this is different from ceramic artwork).

**Stencil:** A sheet of paper, metal or other material with a pattern or inscription cut out of it, so that when laid flat, the pattern can be transferred to the surface below by means of a special brush with color.

**Stained Glass:** Glass which is stained throughout its substance, then cut into patterns, leaded and cemented together.

**String Art:** The use of string and small nails on art board or wood to create a picture or design.

**Textiles:** Woven fabric or cloth. "Any other media, not previously listed" under this unit should involve artwork using a textile.

**Tie Dye:** A method of dyeing designs on cloth by tightly tying bunches of it with thread so that only the part not tied up will be dyed.