

DECO '26

April 13-15

Pittsburgh, PA

Your Bridge to the Future of Decorating

Whether you are decorating glass, ceramics, plastic, or stainless, Deco '26 in Pittsburgh is your gateway to the tools and technologies shaping the future of the industry. From AI and autonomous transportation to digital printing and next-generation logistics, innovation is transforming every facet of the decorating business.

Join industry leaders and innovators at Deco '26 to explore cutting-edge advancements through targeted technical sessions, insightful business presentations, and an exposition featuring the latest in products and technology. Don't just keep up, cross the bridge to the future of innovation ahead of the crowd.

Featured Speakers:



Tuesday, April 14

Dan Simkins, Co-Founder, ATiD

Dan is co-founder of ATiD, an artificial intelligence (AI) consulting firm that helps businesses seamlessly adopt the latest AI technologies, integrating AI driven solutions to enhance operations, optimize processes, and empower teams. Dan will discuss ways in which AI can and will transform your business to compete in today's rapidly changing environment.

ATiD

Wednesday, April 15

Heinz History Center

The Heinz History Center, named for (Henry) John Heinz III who served as a US Senator from 1977 until his death in 1991, will give a keynote presentation on the history of

Pittsburgh, including the area's significance as a major producer of glass products.



Headquarters Hotel

Sheraton Station Square

300 W. Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 261-2000

Book Your Room:

Visit: bit.ly/room4deco26 or call (412) 261-2000

Deco '26 rate: \$199 per night Rate good through March 12th or until room block sells out.

Welcome Reception

Monday, April 13th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Deco '26—where leaders in the decorating industry create and innovate!

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Tuesday, April 14th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Dan Simkins, co-founder, ATiD

Harnessing AI for Productivity and Profit Gains

Dan will introduce strategies for harnessing the power of artificial intelligence (AI) throughout the production, sales, and delivery processes. Learn how AI can streamline your business and increase your profit by increasing the productivity of your top performers.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Dale Bobula, Midwest Transatlantic Lines, Inc.

Untangling the Web of Transportation and Logistics

The global logistics landscape is more complicated than ever with constantly changing tariff structures, shipping rules, and rate structures for freight. Dale will help attendees untangle the complex web of variables complicating today's import and freight environments.

11:15 a.m. – Noon

Legislative/Policy Update

Bring yourself up to speed on the latest regulatory, legislative, and policy issues.

Speaker(s) to be announced

Noon:

Lunch in Exhibit Hall

Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Reception in Exhibit Hall

Sponsorships Available:

Enhance your company's profile at Deco '26 by sponsoring a networking event. Sponsorships are available for coffee breaks, breakfast, lunch, and receptions.



Gift Card Drawing

Visit the exhibit hall and drop your business card in the box at the SGCDpro booth for a chance to win a gift card to one of the many Easton establishments.

Interested in exhibiting? Spaces still remain.

Contact Myra Warne at 740-588-9882 or info@sgcd.org

Exhibit hall open: Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch served in exhibit hall at 12:00 p.m.

Reception at 3:30 p.m.

Post Deco Exhibitors:

Applied Surface Technologies

Decal Solutions

DeCoSystem

Fermac

Fusion Ceramics Inc.

Isimat

Koenig & Bauer Kammann

Largent Sales Group, LLC

Marabu North America

Maryland China

Miller Process Coating

NBC Meshtec

Noble Metal Services

Preciosa

RUCO USA (div. of INX)

Schilling, Inc.

Strutz International

Sun Chemical

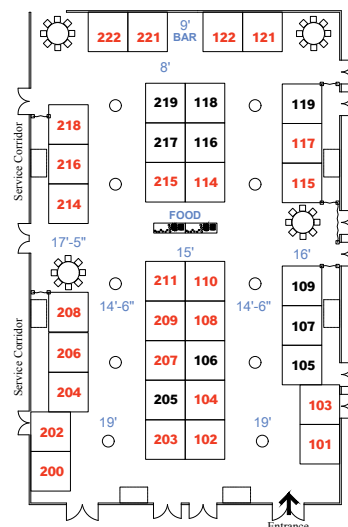


SGCDpro Corporate Members in italics.

DECO '26 Floorplan

Sheraton Station Square

**Pittsburgh, PA
EASTON GRAND BALLROOM**



Booths in red are not available.

All booths are:
10' deep x 10' wide

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting of Members

The annual meeting of members will be held to elect new officers and approve proposed bylaw changes. The meeting will be followed by the annual Frank S. Child Award, presented to David Stanton, Past-President (1998-99 and 2016-17).

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Heinz History Center

Three Rivers, Many Industries: The History of Pittsburgh

The Heinz History Center, named for (Henry) John Heinz III who served as a US Senator from 1977 until his death in 1991, will give a keynote presentation on the history of Pittsburgh, including the area's significance as a major producer of glass products.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Mike Lawn, Gen-in Inspection Systems

Cold-end Inspection

Mike will discuss cold-end inspection solutions, including maintenance and upgrades.

10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Carsten Eilers, Glasscoat International

Electrostatic Coating of Container Glass

Glasscoat will explain electrostatic coating of container glass taking attendees through the process including: pre-treatment, application, curing and firing, post coating and treatment, and automation.



"I thought the quality of vendors was fantastic. I represent the next generation of glass deco houses, so it's good to mix in with the old-school established industry . . . anytime I can interact with a glass-deco industry veteran I am very interested in taking advantage of that rare moment."

- Murray Shelton, Buccaneer, Inc.

First time attendee, Deco '24

Sponsors

Exhibitor Reception
Strutz International

Coffee Breaks
SDI Custom Decal

11:20 a.m. – Noon

Jake Sommerfeld, Grandstand

Maximizing your digital printing operation.

Jake will share tips and tricks from a decorator's perspective to operate successfully in the digital printing environment.

He will also discuss how to evaluate digital equipment to ensure your purchase best fits your operation and production needs.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch - Fountain View Room

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Emmanuel Vuong, ERMA Concept

Purification and Filtration for Automated Glass Decorating Systems

Emmanuel will discuss cabin purification systems and filtration of atmospheric dust and gas emissions. The following topics will be discussed: sizing, H2O/dry cabin booths, reducing electrostatic interference, types of paint and resins, particle size, filter retention capacity and change frequency, and emissions.

1:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Keith Ladd, Custom Deco

Dishwasher Durability: Testing for Success

Keith will provide an update on dishwasher testing for decorated glassware.

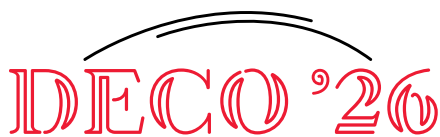
Additional Speakers to be Announced

plan now to attend:

DECO '27

April 27-29, 2027

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Downtown Columbus, OH



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Deco '26 Registration Form

Full Name _____ Name for Badge _____

Company _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

(cell phone optional: for updates during conference)

Email _____

Register by phone:

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email:

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Zanesville, OH 43702-2489

Conference Registration Fee:

☐ Glass or Ceramic Decorator* \$450

☐ Non-Exhibiting Vendor: _____ SGCDpro Member \$725
_____ Non-Member \$850

☐ Additional Exhibitor Badges \$150

(one full conference badge included with booth)

Questions?

Call 740-588-9882
or email info@sgcd.org

Complete meeting details
available at www.sgcd.org

Payment:

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Card Number _____ Expires _____

Signature _____

3% processing fee added for credit card payments.

**To qualify for decorator rate, the PRIMARY business of your company must be decorating. Non-exhibiting vendors and suppliers (including services) MUST pay vendor rate to attend.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be ABSOLUTELY NO selling by non-exhibiting vendors and/or suppliers (including services) at any Deco '26 function (INCLUDING RECEPTIONS AND MEALS). Non-exhibiting vendors are not allowed to display ANY samples or literature at any Deco '26 function. This includes sessions, registration area, exhibit hall and all meal functions. For exhibit information, call Myra Warne 740-588-9882.

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