

History of Dyes Through the Centuries

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Professor Queensborough Community College (retired) **Thursday, April 10th, 2025, 6:00 PM** St. John's University, St. Albert Hall Sciarra room and online (Zoom)

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Abstract: Ever since the early stages of human civilization the addition of color was involved in defining status and embellishment. The first dyes after charcoal, were isolated from natural sources, such as vegetables, fruit, shells and animals. The development of both inorganic and organic chemistry has exponentially increased the variation of both natural and artificial dyes. A survey of the history of dyes through the centuries starting from several millennia BC up to today will be presented in a date sequence and will be correlated to the various dynasties and cultures. A series of related books and sources will also be available.

Biography: Paris Svoronos earned his PhD in Organic Chemistry at Georgetown (1979) and has served as a full-time faculty at CUNY Queensborough Community College (CUNY-QCC) for over 40 years (1981-2021). He was the first Chemist to be selected as Professor of the Year by the CASE/Carnegie Foundation (2003) and the only community college faculty to be presented the James Flack Norris Award by the ACS-NE section (2021). He has served Long Island Subsection of the American Chemical Society (LI-ACS) as its Chair (2002), Secretary and current Director-at-Large. He was selected as the ACS-NY Section Chair (2015), Community College first Professor of the Year (2019) and alternate counselor. He is an ACS fellow (2018), as well as a recipient of the Stanley Israel Award for advancing diversity in the chemical sciences (2018), and the Ann Nalley Regional Award for volunteer service (2016). He has served MARM as co-General Chair (2008, QCC) and co-Program Chair (2016, Mount St. Vincent) as well as an ACS-General Chemistry Test Committee member (2018-2021).

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