

Main Street Gallery Membership Application

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Main Street Gallery (MSG). This application is for artists who may be interested in becoming members of our organization and show artwork in our gallery. Our gallery is owned and operated by the artists and craftspeople who show here.

If you've never been involved with an artist-run gallery before, please know that this type of business is a cooperative, and as impossible as that may sound, it does actually work. The trick is getting the right individuals involved who will do their parts in running the gallery.

The day to day business of the gallery is handled by various committees and a board of directors that take on everything from advertising to housekeeping. Active participation by all members on one or more committees is essential to the continued success of our gallery.

Membership in the MSG is a privilege and as such comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. This is a great place to sell your work, but members must never forget that they are the ones expected to keep the business running. Nobody else can do it for us. So, before you submit this application, read our guidelines and member agreement thoroughly so that you will know all the benefits and responsibilities of membership.

Application Form

New members are required to submit an application, to include samples of their art and be juried into gallery membership by a panel of five members, and the board of directors. If you are a fine artist or craftsman, you are eligible to apply for membership. We showcase the work of local artists who want to take an active role in the local arts community. We ask that you be the sole creator of your work and that the work be original and recent. Check the guidelines for a complete list of requirements.

This form must be fully completed. If you do not complete the entire form your application will not be considered for membership in the MSG. You may submit the form electronically, but must also submit a signed hard copy, along with the required \$10 application fee. If you submit most of your application items electronically, your application will not be finalized until the fee has been received.

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Name (print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E- mail _____

Website/Blog _____

Artistic Media _____

Check all that apply: Wall space _____ Floor Space _____ Shelf _____

What is the price range of your work? _____ What is the approx. size range of your work? _____

Tell us about yourself:

1. Do you have any formal or informal education or training in your medium? When and where?
2. Have you displayed your work in a gallery/show? When and where?
3. Can you commit to working the required number of hours per month in the gallery and at the designated number of Second Saturday receptions a year? (Ask for current requirements.)
4. Are you willing to attend at least 2 of 4 gallery meetings a year?
5. Are you willing to commit to a quarterly membership?
6. Have you had gallery or business experience? Please explain where and when.
7. You must work on one of the gallery committees. Which would you like to join? Please circle one you may be interested in joining: administrative, gallery, maintenance, events, membership, finance (see the guidelines for additional information).

In a few words, tell us about your work (your inspiration, process).

Do you have a special display case, pedestal, etc., that you need to use to display your artwork? If so, please describe it and include a photo of it on your artwork CD (see below).

To complete this application you must submit the following:

Send ten (titled, with medium and size) images of your work submitted either on a CD, submitted electronically or posted on a website to:

theresamcfadden00@gmail.com

If you are sending in a CD, label it with your name using felt pen. Do not use a paper label.

Here are *some* of the criteria used by our jurors when reviewing artwork:

Mastery of media

Presentation

Originality

All applicants will be notified by email when their application is received and ready for consideration. If incomplete, the applicant will be given six months to complete it before the application will be destroyed.

Applicants will also be notified by email once the application has been considered. Following the jury process, accepted members will be added to the waiting list (if all gallery space has been allocated) or taken through the steps of having their work introduced into the gallery. Applicants who are not accepted may re-apply after six months and up to three years later. Applications will be held on file for that time by request.

Application Checklist:

- Completed and signed application; may be submitted via email
- \$10.00 non-refundable application fee (check or money order only)
- Ten high quality digital images of your work on a CD, submitted via email or located on a website
- Photo of your display if applicable (shelving, pedestal, display case)
- SASE if you want your CD returned

Send your submission to: Membership Chairperson:

Theresa McFadden

208 Belvedere Ave.

Cambridge, MD 21613, or electronically to theresamcfadden00@gmail.com.

Signature_____Date_____

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