



Main Street Gallery Membership

***The gallery is currently running a special promotion for new artists: two months of free membership with a one-year commitment ***

Thank you for your interest in joining our cooperative Main Street Gallery. We are a harmonious group of painters, photographers, ceramists, jewelry and furniture artists who work together to spotlight our art in Cambridge, MD's vibrant downtown Arts and Entertainment District. Our mission is to show the best in regional, contemporary art, and are always looking for high quality artwork and artists to add to our gallery.

To promote our art we hold well-attended gallery openings for every new show on Second Saturday each month, featuring a member of our gallery or regional guest artist. In addition, we hold three special parties per year, one in the spring, summer, and winter. All shows and parties are well advertised.

The gallery is not privately owned but a co-op. The gallery would not function without all of our members helping out by taking on some of the responsibilities of running the gallery. Everything from cleaning to bookkeeping is done by the members. We do not have any employees.

Membership Requirements

- Pay monthly dues of \$40 (paid quarterly)
- Pay a commission of 20% of sales
- Vote on most gallery matters
- Serve on a committee (openings will be discussed with you)
- Work (gallery "sit") in the gallery 2x per month (usually 4-5 hours each shift)
- Work during 3 Second Saturday receptions per year

Members have about 6 linear feet of wall space for 2-D artwork, or approximately 6 linear feet for 3-D artwork. The gallery's Exhibition Committee, for impressive impact, artfully hangs our exhibits. Our current exhibits change every two months and the artists' work is rotated around the gallery. All artwork is juried in

Membership Application

If you are a fine artist or craftsman, you are eligible to apply for membership to Main Street Gallery. Prospective new members are required to submit an application along with photographs of their art and pay a \$10 application fee. Your website featuring current artwork may be substituted for photographs. We ask that you be the sole creator of your work and that the work be original and recent. Check the Guidelines at www.MainStGallery.org for a complete list of requirements.

Some of the criteria used by our jurors when reviewing artwork are:

- Mastery of media
- Presentation
- Originality

The membership application form must be fully completed. You may submit the form electronically, but you must also submit a signed hard copy, along with a required \$10 application fee, by check or money order, made out to Main Street Gallery and mailed to the gallery.

Applicants will be notified by email when their application is received and ready for consideration. 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.

Main Street Gallery Membership Application Form

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Website _____

Artistic Media _____

Display requirements: Wall space _____ Floor Space _____ Shelf _____

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

1. Tell us about yourself. 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 before? When and where?
3. Can you commit to work (sit) the required number of hours per month and work at 3 Second Saturday receptions per year?
4. We hold monthly membership meetings usually on a weekend morning. Are you willing to attend most of the gallery meetings?
5. Are you willing to commit to the quarterly membership fee?
6. Are you willing to commit to at least one year of membership (two free months are offered at the end of one year)?

7. Have you had gallery or business experience? Please explain where and when.

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

9. 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.

To complete this application you must submit the following:

1. Scan and email the form to the director of the gallery and also mail a signed hard copy.

Laura Hofherr
Hof525@hotmail.com

and

Laura Hofherr
221 Princeton Lane
Bel Air, MD 21014

2. Include 5 (titled, with medium and size) high quality images of your work mailed or emailed to the director. Photographs posted on your website may be substituted.
3. \$10 non-refundable application fee (check or money order) made out to Main Street Gallery
4. Photo of your display (if applicable)

I have read and agree to follow all of the Guidelines located on MainStGallery.org

Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____