

River Art Group, Inc.  
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Dear Prospective Member,

Oh behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the River Art Group, Inc. thank you for your interest in our organization. We are a member operated business.

Benefits of membership are many. Low annual dues of \$20 initially and 20% commission on sales are unparalleled. During Fiesta we participate in a three-day show on the Riverwalk for a nominal fee. The main event sponsored by River Art Group is the annual River Art Show and Competition held the first full weekend in October. Members receive a lower rates on booths. Were that not enough, we offer on-going exhibit of your work in our gallery.

Along with these benefits, however, come responsibility and commitment that **MUST** be met by our members. We are a self-supporting organization. All activities are directed and executed by the member including the daily operation of the gallery. We have no paid staff. We all must do our part. Enclosed in this packet is a listing of duties you will be expected to learn and perform in order to maintain our Group and gallery. In this manner we will be able to manage the gallery efficiently and it will benefit all members. If you are accepted as a member we will discuss these tasks at the Orientation which is required of all new provisional members. The date will be in your acceptance packet.

Due to increasing fuel costs and other economic factors, please consider all aspects of the commitment that is required for membership in River Art Group, Inc. Some members that must travel some distance to meet their obligations of working in the gallery and exhibiting their work are finding it costly and time consuming and not advantageous for their situation. Therefore, please consider the following expectations carefully.

If accepted as a member, you will be a **PROVISIONAL** member for 2 years. The expectations are as follows:

1. You must comply with the by-laws of the River Art Group, Inc.
2. You will attend an orientation prior to exhibiting in the gallery.
3. You will exhibit a minimum of six (6) different, original works each year.

4. You will donate a minimum of one day (10 hours) per month for 2 years with a minimum of eighty (80) hours per year. Total for the provisional 2 years is 160 hours.
5. You will learn all positions in the gallery, including handling money and opening and closing of the register and the gallery.
6. You will maintain the quality for which you were accepted.

A satisfactory rating at the end of each 12 month period will afford you active membership status at the end of the 2 year provisional term.

Do yourself a BIG favor and be sure to read the Gallery Rules (Attachment 1). They reflect our expectations regarding the presentation of artwork. Pay attention to the "Presentation of Displays" section. Attractively matted and framed watercolors, etc., go a long way to impress the judges if the art itself measures up. This does not mean expensive. In order that the judges have a reasonable basis on which to evaluate please observe these criteria:

- Bring 3 pieces for each medium/category – 3 media limit (9 pieces total)
- Framed work may not exceed 70 inches (width + height)
- Sculpture may not exceed 15 pounds
- If the work is supposed to be framed, it must be presented to the judges in this manner.
- Bring your favorite and best work.
- Work done with an instructor's assistance should not be brought.

Our "Media Legend" is Attachment #2. Each capital letter designation from this listing represents one category. NOTE: We do not regard Mixed Media as a category. One medium must dominate. It is that dominant medium that will be your category for judging.

Your application is Attachment #3. Use the capital letter(s) designations to list your medium(a) on the application. If you are entering only one medium, fill in only one blank space.

- Bring the completed application form with you to the jury.
- Bring the \$20 non-refundable application and registration fees
- Bring the \$20, first year's dues for the balance of the calendar year 2008. Please use two separate checks. If you are not accepted, the \$20 dues check will be returned.

***DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION, BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE JURY!!***

Our next jury is Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Field Community Center, Broadway and Mulberry. There is ample parking. You (or your designee) may collect your art between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Work NOT picked up will be brought to our gallery on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. A \$5 per day storage fee will be assessed from September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Work not picked up by that date becomes the property of the River Art Group.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the letter or its attachments, I can be reached at 830/792-6130 or 210/841-2172.

Again, thank you for your interest! If you decide that the River Art Group is right for you to showcase your work, we wish you all the success in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Barbara Haden  
Membership Chair

Attachments:

1. Gallery rules
2. Media legend
3. Application