

River Art Group, Inc.
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Dear Prospective Member,

On 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 \$30 initially and 25% commission on sales are unparalleled.

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 our members including the daily operation of the gallery. We have no paid staff. We all must do our part. Be sure to review the 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 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 orientation will be announced at a later date.

Due to increased 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 must travel some distance to meet their obligations of working in the gallery, exhibiting their work, and paying a parking fee. These members find it costly, 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.

1. You will attend an orientation prior to exhibiting in the gallery.
2. You will learn all positions in the gallery, including handling money and opening and closing of the register at the gallery.

Expectations of all gallery members are as follows:

1. You will comply with the by-laws of the River Art Group, Inc.
2. You will exhibit a minimum of six (6) different, original works each year.
3. You will work a minimum of one day (10 hours) per month for with a minimum of 100 hours per year. You will have an assigned day each month, i.e. 3rd Tuesday, 1st Saturday, etc.
4. You may learn all positions in the gallery, including handling money and opening and closing of the register in the gallery.

5. You will maintain the quality for which you were accepted for the duration of your membership.

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. Quarterly reviews of hours worked, quality of work, etc. will be conducted and if you are not in compliance with the requirements you may not be allowed to exhibit your work in the Gallery until you are in compliance.

Do yourself a BIG favor and be sure to read the Gallery Rules. 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) NO EXCEPTIONS
- Sculpture may not exceed 15 pounds
- If the work is supposed to be framed, it must be presented to the judges in this manner.
- Work done with an instructor's assistance are not acceptable.

Be specific as to the medium you are entering into the jury (watercolor, charcoal, acrylic, sculpture, etc) and note such in the spaces provided on the application form. 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. 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 \$30, first year's dues for the balance of the calendar year 2010. Please use two separate checks. If you are not accepted, the check for the dues portion will be returned to you.

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

Our next jury is Saturday, September 11, 2010, drop off artwork from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Lion's Field Community Center, 2809 Broadway at Mulberry. There is ample parking. You (or your designee) may collect your art between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Work NOT picked up will be brought to our gallery on Tuesday, September 14th. A \$5 per day storage fee will be assessed for each day work is

left at the Gallery through September 21st. 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 830/608-0244 or 830/624-6210.

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,

Cindy Silvers Carter
Membership Director