

Guild Bylaws

Article I: Name

The name of the organization is Plaza Art Guild.

Article II: Purpose

The Guild has organized primarily to establish a viable method of exhibition and selling the members' artwork in the downtown Plaza Art Gallery in Paris, Texas, developed by Dr. and Mrs. William deG. Hayden and through the continuing generosity of the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.

Article III: Members

Four classifications of members shall comprise the Guild:

REGULAR MEMBERS who are participating and displaying their works. These members may hold elective office and vote. They may be a resident of Lamar County or nearby counties. These members may vote and hold office, but they must: Work in the gallery the equivalent of one day a month, attend meetings and vote, attend events, be available for providing refreshments for events, and serve on committees.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS who live outside Lamar County, but cannot comply with the above requirements for Regular membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS who are displaying their works, but are non voting, non dues paying members with Lamar County connections whose quality of work is recognized. This category is currently closed, but could be reconsidered in the future upon a majority vote of the membership.

EMERITUS MEMBERS who are longstanding members who request to continue art displaying privileges without having to pay dues or work in the Gallery. These memberships will be decided on a case-by-case basis by a vote of the membership.

Article IV: Officers

There is to be a chairperson, co-chair, recording secretary and treasurer. Officers are to be elected at the Guild's end-of-the-year meeting.

Article V: Meetings

An Annual meeting of the guild will be held at the end of the year to elect new officers. Meetings of the guild will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Monthly meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, or on an "as needed" basis.

Article VI: Finances

Regular Guild members will be assessed a ten dollar (\$10) a month fee to help finance the business of the gallery. The assessment may be paid monthly or quarterly. Associate members will be assessed a thirty-five dollar (\$35) a month fee. A Guild member over 3 months in arrears will lose his or her privilege to exhibit until back fees are paid in full.

Article VII: Changing the Bylaws

The bylaws may be changed by a 75% majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting or a special called meeting. If the bylaws are amended, a copy of the revised bylaws will be given each Guild member.

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