

Plaza Art Guild Application for Membership

Note to applicants: Members of the Plaza Art Guild, a cooperative of professional artists, are privileged to exhibit, promote and sell their work at the Plaza Art Gallery through the generosity of the Hayden Museum and the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce. To apply for membership in the Guild, fill out the requested information below. Leave it, with a minimum of three original examples of your work along with a portfolio or album of your work if available, at the Gallery during open hours. The guild will review your application and artwork during the next monthly meeting. You will be notified as soon as possible. You will be responsible for picking up artwork after that time. Be sure to read the **RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES** attached. Acceptance depends not only on your professional experience and quality of work but also on the complementary compatibility of your work with that of the other members. The gallery receives 25% commission on each sale, except during July sale of 20% off.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (BUS) _____ (CELL) _____

College/University (If applicable) _____ When _____ Degree _____

Where is your art sold? _____ Description of Art Work _____

Teachers/Workshops _____ Art Affiliations _____

Professional experience and/or awards	Year	Place

Note: Please continue on back if more space is needed

Dues are \$10.00 per month for a Regular Membership for residents of Lamar County and nearby counties and requires working one day a month at the gallery, providing one piece of art monthly, attending meetings regularly and voting, attending events, providing refreshments for events, and serving on committees.

Dues are \$35.00 per month for an Associate Membership for artists who live outside Lamar County and are unable to comply with the Regular Membership requirements above, but who can provide one piece of art monthly.

Applicant: I understand that if accepted for membership to the Plaza Art Guild, I pledge to abide by the Bylaws and Policies set forth by the members.

Signature _____ Date _____

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PLAZA ART GUILD RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. We have two active levels of membership: Regular and Associate. All members are required to support through monthly dues, services, and participation to the successful operation and continued success of the Plaza Art Guild.

a. Regular memberships are for residents of Lamar County and nearby counties. Regular Members must: Work at the gallery the equivalent of one day monthly, come to meetings regularly and vote, attend events and provide refreshments when assigned, submit a piece of art monthly, and serve on committees. Dues are \$10 per month.

b. Associate memberships are for those residents beyond Lamar County that cannot comply with the requirements for Regular Membership. They will pay \$35 dues monthly, and submit a piece of art monthly. They are not required to work monthly days in the gallery.

c. Dues must be paid by the first of each month or in advance. Membership may be forfeited if dues are over 3 months in arrears and arrangements are not made to correct it.

d. For Regular Members, attendance at meetings is expected so that plans, policies, and activities can be made for galas, sales, special events, election of officers, etc. A meeting is the primary means of group communication and camaraderie.

e. New work will be displayed on the lower level with an objective of each artist presenting one new piece of work each month for display downstairs. Depending on space available, work may remain downstairs for more than one month. Previously hung work on the lower level will be moved to the upstairs level of the Gallery. Older work upstairs should be removed as new work is brought in with some consideration given as to whether there is a need to fill space upstairs for a complete display.

f. Artists are responsible for posting prices on their own work. The Gallery on all sales will deduct a twenty-five percent commission from the posted price, and the posted price less the commission will subsequently be paid to the artist. The Gallery will add appropriate sales tax to the posted price and be responsible for paying this tax to the state.

g. All members will be expected to help with committee assignments as needed. Traditionally, committees have included Publicity, Hospitality, Exhibition Installation, New Member Search, Website, Calendar, Electronic Media Advertising, Volunteer, and Membership. Jury of new artist's work is typically done by the membership present at a given meeting.

2. the Gallery does not carry insurance for the work, but all possible care is taken to keep the work and the premises secure along with very careful handling. After work is moved upstairs, **ARTISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE** for handling and hanging their own work in the upstairs area. However, if there is a need to re-arrange work after a sale or if work is left sitting on the floor, others can and may hang the work but are exempt from any liability in doing so.

3. Regular members are expected to sign up for and work at least one day a month for keeping the Gallery open Monday through Saturday, but may vary with need.

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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