

THE ARTIST LOFT *Gallery*

367 Anderson
Coos Bay, OR 97420

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ART
MEDIUM _____

EXPERIENCE, CREDITS AND EXHIBITS

MEMBER

- Monthly Dues \$40
- Commission 25%
- Gallery Sitting and help with events 12 to 15 hours per month

EXHIBITOR or GUEST ARTIST

- Commission 50 %
- No monthly dues or work requirements

The gallery is a co-op and members are expected to participate in a variety of ways to help ensure success for all.

Below, you may include any thoughts you feel you would like us to know.

Membership requires Gallery sitting 3 to 4 shift per month, as well as active participation in the gallery. You will be trained before you are expected to sit at the Gallery alone. Shifts for Gallery Sitting are approximately 4 hours.

Membership is based on an interview and jury process approval.

You can mail this application to -

**Artist Loft Gallery
ATTN: President
367 Anderson Ave.
Coos Bay, OR 97420.**

ARTIST'S
SIGNATURE _____

Thank you for your interest in the Artist Loft Gallery

The Co-op, A Treasure For Artists

My personal experience.

I entered the commercial side of art in 1980 and began to look for galleries to show my work. It soon became apparent that those galleries required a large portion of my earnings. If I raised my price to cover their percentage it put the pieces beyond the price range of potential customers. For several years my art business was sustained through commissions until I moved to a new town and met other art and craft people who had no outlet for their work. So we started a Co-op that ran successfully for several years. That experience underlines how Co-ops, run by artists for our own benefit, also benefits customers who want to own affordable original art by known and upcoming artists.

Operating a Co-op requires the dedication and cooperation of many members. First we need an elected Board of Directors, having a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Along with these talented people every member can give guidance and advice in the running of the business. Success requires the filling of many duties both large and small. Schedules to work by, items to purchase, arranging of the gallery, decorating the windows, managing the internet, keeping the building clean and attractive by plastering and painting walls and most important is clerking.

Please understand that this Co-op is OUR business, and requires the insight, innovation, and involvement of every member to maintain a high standard of presentation that OUR customers expect.

There is so very much experience and ability among our membership that can benefit us all, even some small at home type jobs such as scheduling and label making is helpful for everyone.

Please look for ways you can contribute. Most important of all is to mark your calendar to attend the general meetings where you can share your ideas and suggestions as the Co-op seeks to move forward.