

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Aegis Gallery of Fine Art is a vibrant community of artists of all mediums. Our storefront showcases a kaleidoscope of unique art and handmade gifts. We are a true co-op in every sense of the word, and share all the expenses and responsibilities required in running the business. Aegis Gallery was established in 1993. We welcome applicants of diverse identities and experiences to join. Acceptance into Aegis Gallery indicates that the members are committed to actively participating in and contributing to our gallery.

The success of the Gallery depends on each member's participation and engagement with commitment, enthusiasm, vision, partnership, teamwork, communication skills, and some computer skills. (etc.) The sharing of tasks makes it easier for each artist to enjoy a successful exhibit and to make the best work possible. Please apply only if this level of participation appeals to you. The applicant must be 21 years of age.

Gallery staffing hours are shared by our members and are scheduled. The hours are typically as noted below. Also, we are usually closed the last week of the year, but this may vary each year.

Jan - March: Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm, Thursday - Sunday 10 am - 6 pm
April - Dec: Wednesday 11 am - 7 pm, Thursday - Sunday 11 am - 7 pm

APPLICATION PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete, sign and submit the application
- Initial screening interview with Membership Coordinator (Evelyn Miller)
- Interview with one or more Officers of the Gallery
- After interviews are completed, the membership coordinator will advise next steps
- Successful completion of the jurying process (see: Jurying Requirements needed at time of Jurying)
- Approval by majority vote by the membership
- Payment of dues

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Our members exhibit original artwork in a variety of styles. Mediums include: oils, watercolors, acrylics, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, glass, felt art, jewelry, and photography. Aegis Gallery assesses a 25% commission on all sales made at the gallery. A 10% commission on sales made outside, resulting from gallery contact, will be assessed one time per customer.

- Dues \$85.00 per month
- Staffing is 8 hours per month or paying a substitute when you cannot staff. • Attending monthly meetings on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- Aegis is a co-op art gallery, and as such, members are co-owners. We all share in running the gallery, which includes staffing time, paying dues on time, serving on committees and helping with and attending receptions as we support and showcase our artists.
- New members are expected to commit to an initial one-year membership. Many of our members have been vibrant members for many years.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- You may sign up for and have a one person show in our front room once a year. This includes publicity and a reception
- Participate in group shows, when they occur
- Always have work on display (physically in the gallery and also in our online store)
- Have contact and support from fellow artists sharing the enthusiasm of our artist community
- Engage with customers as you staff
- Display business cards, show your work on our website/social media

Jurying is done by all members and takes place at our monthly meeting on the last Monday of each month. There is a limit of jurying two artists per meeting. Contact Evelyn Miller, Membership Chair evelynmiller855@gmail.com or Aegisgallerycoop@gmail.com for more information or to apply

JURYING REQUIREMENTS NEEDED AT TIME OF JURYING

- Bring Five pieces in one medium each individually priced, framed and ready to hang; or ready for display with gallery approved pedestals.
- Completed application.
- A recent resume, past exhibits, bio, artists' statement or printed examples of their work.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/JURYING

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Medium _____

I am submitting five pieces on one medium for jurying. I am also including an up-to-date resume. All work is framed and ready to hang or ready for display with Gallery pedestals. All work is individually priced and titled.

Gallery hours are shared by all members & are currently scheduled in advance in usually 4 hour increments

Aegis is a co-op art gallery, and as such, members are co-owners. We all share in running the gallery, which includes one medium for jurying. All work is framed and ready to hand, or ready for display with gallery approved pedestals. All work is individually priced. I am also including an up-to-date resume.

I agree to the conditions of membership and the conditions stated below:

I understand that the gallery is not financially responsible for accidental damage to individual artwork. I understand that the gallery does not carry theft insurance, but does carry insurance for personal liability and major loss due to fire and resultant water damage.

I agree to an entry fee of \$170 which covers my first and last months' dues, and to monthly dues of \$85 subject to change as necessary. Aegis Gallery will assess a 25% commission on all sales made at the gallery. A 10% commission on all sales due to gallery contact will be assessed-one time per customer.

I agree to attend monthly meetings, to perform monthly gallery staffing duties, and to serve on committees.

I agree to follow all policies and procedures of Aegis Gallery. If I wish to leave the gallery, I will give a written 60 days notice to the gallery president.

Signed _____ Date _____

***Attachment 1 - additional information
(to be completed and submitted with application)***

- If you work full time, you are still expected to fulfill staffing hours. Please let the membership committee know if you can only work weekends or can work during the week.
- Do you currently promote your work? If so, what mediums do you use (online, Open Studios, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, etc).
- Do you currently have an ongoing customer base / following?
- Are you or have you been in any other galleries? If so, please provide additional details.

AEgis Gallery Use Only

Date_____ Fee Paid_____

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