

Gallery Uptown Membership Application

Prospective Member

The Gallery Uptown is the oldest co-operative (member owned) art gallery in the State of Michigan. It was founded in 1975 to provide a place for its members to sell their art. The continued success of the gallery is due to three key principles: quality art, hard work, and sales.

Quality Art

Many of our members have earned awards for their art in juried competitions throughout the United States. All of our artists continue to improve their skills by studying art and attending workshops held locally and internationally by renowned artists.

Hard Work

The amount of work involved in running a business does not diminish because it is a co-operative (co-op). Each member is both a worker and an owner. The work is shared by all. Members must be prepared to commit at least 12 hours per month to the gallery. Members work at least one full day per month plus their committee or work assignment time.

Sales

The sale of art brings us success. All members must do their best to help customers find art that appeals to the customer and close the sale.

We take great pride in our successes both as a group and as individual members. We share a kindred spirit with all members in helping our customers and supporting our fellow artists. We are sure that our continued commitment to quality art, hard work, and sales will support us for many more years to come.

As a member your opportunities:

Exhibition space in a professional environment with enthusiastic artists promoting your work.

Referrals to customers interested in your style and content.

Professional relationships with members, guest artists, customers, other galleries, and more.

Offsite exhibition space through our Art Reach committee.

Information on upcoming competitions, workshops, businesses.

The gallery expects:

High quality art presented in a professional manner.

Work on time and as scheduled including desk, clean up, committee jobs, and work assignments.

Greet customers with a smile and professionalism.

Membership Requirements:

Initiation fee of \$100. used to develop a web page for the gallery website.

Dues of \$40. per month payable prior to the 1st day of each month.

Two months notice is required to withdraw from the gallery.

Commission of 25% is withheld from each sale. Work sold on commission, but obtained through the gallery are subject to 10% commission. Payments are made early in the month following the sale, for example, work sold in September will be paid (less the commission) to members in early October.

Members display their work at their own risk. Gallery Uptown is not responsible for loss, stolen, or damaged work.

Membership Termination

Membership may be withdrawn immediately if a member is convicted or pleads guilty to a felony., if a member confesses to a felony, or is convicted of a criminal act adversely affecting the gallery business as determined by the Gallery Uptown Board of Directors.

Our membership is currently full, so we review applicants only upon a member resignation. We encourage you to submit your application and we will hold your submission for future openings. Once we have an opening we review all applicants and select one for review before our Board of Directors. Upon this opportunity the artist then submits five completed and framed (if needed) works and appears before the board for an informal interview. If this first review is successful, then the work is juried by the entire membership to determine whether or not an invitation will be extended.

Application

Return the following information along with your vitae and five images of your work. Please submit images only in the media in which you are applying for membership. The images should include approximate size of original work and retail price.

Information needed: Applicant name, media for review, address, phone number, email, art awards, artist groups, current exhibitions, signature, and date.

Artist Name

Media for review

Address and phone number

email

Please attach current vitae including awards, training, art groups, exhibition.

Entries for consideration

#1. Title, size, media, price

#2. Title, size, media, price

#3. Title, size, media, price

#4. Title, size, media, price

#5. Title, size, media, price

Signature

Date

Send or deliver completed application to:

Marlan Cotner Director

Gallery Uptown Membership

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