

ART GALLERY RULES

I. GALLERY EXHIBITS/CRITERIA FEES

A. Each member may display no more than eight (8) items at one time. All gallery rules on the following pages must be observed. The number of items allowed each member is subject to change by the Board if the gallery becomes overcrowded.

B. Exhibit Options/Restrictions:

1) Framed works and/or hanging crafts: Only two (2) hanging works may be 22" or larger **OR** only one (1) may be up to 70" and six (6) may be less than 22", note cards, or portfolio, that is:

- (a) Less than 22" – 6 items
- (b) Between 22" and 50" – 2 items **OR**
- (c) Between 50" and 70" – only 1 item
- (d) 5"x7" is the MAXIMUM size easel-back frame allowed

The maximum size for portfolio items is a full sheet of watercolor paper, matted.

NOTE: Size refers to **height + width** of **outside** of frame. To calculate

the total inches, add the measurement of one side of the frame width) to the other side of the frame (length). For example: an 11" x 17" frame is $11" + 17" = 28"$.

2) Specific Criteria for two (2)-dimensional work:

- a) All reproductions (except for note cards), including hand-colored reproductions of pen/ink drawings of the artist's work by means of a photo mechanical (synonymous with photographic lithography) process, must be identified on the back, i.e. on the mounting/backing board. The term reproduction should be clearly indicated. The line titled "Medium" on the exhibit card **MUST** also state

“Reproduction.” Do not use the term “giclee.” Customers do not recognize this as a print process. A giclee is a reproduction for our purposes of sale. The term “print” is reserved for the printmaking category: relief/intaglio, screen, and lithograph. Both limited and open editions are allowed. Monoprints are also accepted. The term “print” will be indicated on the back of each piece. Each member is limited to exhibiting no more than four (4) copies of the same reproduction simultaneously in the gallery regardless of size or presentation, i.e. a different mat, framed or unframed. Only one (1) of the four (4) may be framed. Members are required to furnish documentation from the printer or producer on all “new” reproductions which have not been previously exhibited in the gallery. Artists must also verify the use of archival paper and inks. Each reproduction title requires the above mentioned documentation and is to be submitted to Gallery Operations.

b) To insure that photography continues to be an art medium accepted by the gallery, the following standards must be met.

1) Negatives/slides must be printed on conventional photographic paper by means of standard photographic chemicals available at a photo supply outlet (such products as Kodak, Ilford, Fuji, or Agfa, etc.)

2) Photos must be mounted on a mounting board. Cardboard is not acceptable.

3) Photos must be matted and shrink wrapped or in clear poly bags; or matted and framed; or protected with photo spray or texturizing material and then framed.

4) Loose photos may not be sold.

5) Only matted, framed prints require glass.

6) Print quality must be maintained, i.e. dust spotted, color balanced, proper B/W contrast, and proper density.

c) Mixed Media may be done only in the medium for which the member was primarily accepted. Mixed media is defined as two or more media

used in one painting/drawing, such as acrylic and pastel, or any other combination from a painting category only.

d) Collage is defined as a form of art that consists of pasting or gluing of other materials to a surface. The use of plain, unadorned papers may be integrated within a water medium painting. This technique will be allowed within the watercolor category ONLY without need to jury. Artists approved in other painting media who wish to collage, as well as watercolorists wishing to use materials other than paper, MUST JURY AND BE APPROVED IN THE COLLAGE CATEGORY.

3) Crafts:

a) Jewelry: No more than eight (8) pieces of jewelry by one artist on display at any one time. This includes sets. Example: A set of earrings, bracelet and necklace will count as three (3) pieces even if presented as an ensemble. Jewelry is to be in good condition and ready to sell. No business cards on jewelry. Place business cards in business card file at the desk. Jewelry must have a specially folded exhibit card/tag and firmly attached with elastic cord, which is provided by the gallery. All items are to be displayed on black velvet displays provided. No personal displays are allowed.

b) Pottery: No more than two (2) items may exceed 18" in diameter. The remaining six (6) items must be smaller. Pottery must be checked for chips and cracks before displaying for sale. Any pottery, if intended to be hung in the gallery, must be adequately secured to its respective hanging device appropriate to the item.

c) Sculpture: Sculpture may be displayed in two venues, indoor and outdoor; the 8 (eight) items per artist still apply. All sculptures must be free of sharp or excessively pointed edges and made to stand freely and securely without additional support. All 3-dimensional sculpture, if intended to be hung in the gallery, must be adequately secured to its respective hanging device appropriate to the item. **Indoor criteria:** No more than two (2) items may exceed 12" in width 24" in height. The remaining six (6) must be smaller for all indoor gallery displays.

Outdoor criteria: Sculptures may not be more than 3' across and not exceed 8' in height and **must be shipped by the artist.**

d) Woodwork: No more than two (2) items may exceed 18” in diameter or 12” in width and no more than 24” in height. The remaining six (6) must be smaller. Any item, if intended to be hung in the gallery, must be adequately secured to its respective hanging device appropriate to the item.

II. PRESENTATION OF DISPLAYS

A. Framed pieces to be hung must be securely, suitably and properly framed with picture hanging wire.

B. The finish of the reverse side must conform to generally accepted display standards.

C. Any exhibit secured in any frame with tape will NOT be displayed.

D. Sawtooth hangers are not acceptable. Item will be removed from display.

E. All work in a portfolio must be matted, backed with clean, unprinted material and protectively shrink wrapped or placed in clear, poly bags.

F. Cardboard is not an acceptable backing material for originals.

G. All 3-dimensional sculpture must be adequately secured to its respective hanging device appropriate to the item.

H. Pottery and other breakable items must be checked for chips and cracks before displayed for sale..

I. Jewelry must have a specially folded exhibit card/tag and firmly attached with elastic cord, which is provided by the gallery.

III. MONTHLY EXHIBIT FEES

A. All items priced \$20 or less is \$1.00 per item, per month

B. All items over \$20 are \$2.00 per item, per month

C. Outdoor sculpture is \$5.00 per item, per month

D. Members required to pay the exhibit fee may replace a sold item for free for the remainder of the original item's display period. A new artist card must be made out for item's replacement and must reflect the original item's due date. New or replacement item(s) are to be added to the existing exhibit file receipt.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. All work displayed in the River Art Group Gallery must be produced by the member. For members who joined prior to 2009, only the type of art or craft for which the member was juried, as defined in the Media Legend, may be exhibited. For members who join on/after 2009, their approved categories follow their name in the directory section of the yearbook.

B. Copies of published photographs or other artist's work and photographs of the artist's own work are unacceptable, except those members who are photographers. Nudes, obscene, sexually suggestive, and subject matter considered in poor taste will not be displayed. **Copyright laws will be strictly enforced.**

C. Feathers, real or synthetic, are not allowed in the gallery.

D. All work must be for sale.

E. No work may be sold for less than ten dollars (\$10.00). Price limit includes all gallery, porch and/or yard sales, and sales by demonstrators. All items must be priced in whole dollar amounts only.

F. The River Art Group, Inc. will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage to any work displayed in the gallery, porch or yard area.

G. Refer to policy & procedures manual for guidelines on all gallery transactions such as telephone sales, shipping, etc.

H. No photographing or video taping in the gallery without permission of the artist or Gallery Operations Chair.

I. No personal property or extra artwork may be stored at the gallery.

V. EXHIBIT CARDS

1. An exhibit card must be completed, legibly written, and attached to each hanging item on the lower left corner.

2. Exhibit cards for portfolio items must be placed on the front in the upper left corner with clear tape. An exception is allowed if, in doing so, the card obscures the painting. In which case, it should be placed on the back upper left corner.

C. Any item that has an incomplete, missing, an improperly attached card is subject to removal from display.

D. Members may display an item for up to three (3) consecutive months; however, these items may be displayed again after a one month interval.

VI. FEES

A. All exhibit fees will be prepaid. No refunds.

B. Items sold during their display period may be replaced free.

C. If an item is renewed and a fee paid, then a new receipt must be made.

D. All regular hosts/hostesses, board members, and 5th day artists may exhibit FREE.

E. Effective January 2001, all life members, members with 800 hours or 8 years on the Board of Directors or a combination thereof may exhibit FREE. They may bring items at any time and may replace items FREE. There must be a current record of displayed items.

F. Substitutes, hanging committees, and cleaning crews may display items for one (1) month brought in on the day they work only. They are entitled to free replacements. All others pay a fee according to the fee criteria.

G. The River Art Group, Inc. will retain a twenty percent (25%) commission on all gallery sales.

H. Members will receive the balance of the sales price, less the commission. Artists are paid by the 15th of the month following the sale.

I. ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

J. To determine exhibit fee charge per item see III. MONTHLY EXHIBIT FEES.

K. Any item left for more than 60 days in “Overdue” will be deemed abandoned and will become the property of the River Art Group, Inc.

VII. PORCH AND YARD EXHIBITS AND DEMOS

A. All outdoor space MUST BE SHARED. Cooperation is the key to a successful outdoor exhibit.

B. Hosts/hostesses may bring extra items for exhibit or sale on their workday but must remove them at the end of the day. These extra items must be the same medium/media for which the artist was juried. Exhibit cards should be made only if an item is sold and should be marked as “Host/Hostess Exhibit”. All work must conform to gallery rules.

C. Hosts/hostesses may display their extra work on the porch and/or in the yard.

D. Members may demonstrate their art medium either on the porch or in the yard of the gallery. ALL demonstrations must be scheduled with the Gallery Staffing Chair. The purpose is to attract visitors to the Gallery through outdoor demonstrations of the process of creating art.

E. Demonstrating artists should use the side of the porch which does not have the bench.

1. Demonstrators’ sales MUST be processed through the gallery.
2. An exhibit card should be made at the time of sale and be marked “Demo”.
3. Demonstrators will be responsible for listing their names on the Daily Record Sheet in order to receive hours.

VIII. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

A. The Gallery Operations Chair or designated representative(s) shall inspect the gallery exhibits. Items with expired due dates will be removed from display.

B. Gallery hosts/hostesses, when on duty, may reject an item that is in violation of any gallery rule ONLY at the time it is first presented for exhibit.

C. The Membership Chair will monitor displayed work of all provisional members and may remove work in violation of provisional rules.

D. Only the Gallery Operations Chair may remove other items that do not conform to Gallery Exhibit Rules.

IX. EXHIBIT EXCLUSIONS

The River Art Group may not always be able to exhibit every item that a member produces. Items requiring excessive physical effort and/or complex disassembly and packaging may be recommended for exclusion from gallery exhibits. The Gallery Committee, consisting of the President or President's representative, Gallery Operations, Gallery Staffing and the Membership Chair will make the decision.