



Application for Artist Membership 2016-2017

BACKGROUND

The Artists' Group of Charlestown, (AGC), was founded in 1997 by a group of artists who recognized the need to support and encourage the development of the visual arts in Charlestown. For the last 20 years, the AGC has consistently advocated the visual arts by promoting a dialogue between the community and artist members, through exhibitions, lectures, events and other arts-related activities.

MISSION

- To offer artistic enrichment and provide an atmosphere for developing and maintaining interest in the visual and related arts to its members.
- To promote the visual and related arts through educational programs and sponsored events in the Charlestown community.
- To sponsor local students and young artists with interest in the visual and related arts.

ARTIST MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- An opportunity to participate in group exhibitions, which include: the Annual Spring Show, Charlestown Open Studios Weekend, Art in the Park, and other planned events.
- A digital promotion of the artists creations on the AGC website.
- An opportunity to have an artist dedicated page on the AGC website at www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com
- A solo show every 2 years for a 10 days duration in the StoveFactory Gallery.
- Participate in the AGC Advisory Board that will jury all entries in the association Group exhibitions.
- Participate in "Absinthe and paint" nights and other members only activities. Such as "model" or "still life" sessions.
- An opportunity to participate in special community programs such as conducting art classes for neighborhood children, lecture series, and planning and participating in art-related workshops.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Active participation in AGC activities is required including Advisory board sessions, Gallery sitting and helping with AGC events, shows lectures and other activities
- Attending the Annual Meeting of the AGC in September/October
- Contributing to the success of the AGC non-profit mission, including our planned events and overall growth.
- The StoveFactory Gallery will be used by each artist member for their individual or group show within 2 years of membership.

ANNUAL DUES

Accepted AGC Artist Member \$100.00 and renewable each year before December 31st
Student Membership (18 years or older) \$35.00 and renewable each year in September.

ELIGIBILITY & REVIEW PROCESS

AGC is seeking individuals who are actively working in two- and three-dimensional visual arts or jewelers. In reviewing each application, the Committee shall consider originality, strength of the artist's vision, professional attitude and presentation, consistency in the quality of the artist's work, and commitment of the artist. We also include Jeweler's within our membership.

The Artist Membership will meet to review applications in September and March, or more frequently if needed. You will be notified by mail (either USPS or electronic) of our decision.

WHO IS INVOLVED

AGC Artists' Membership is open to all artists, by application and acceptance, who are dedicated to creating, showing, selling their work and contributing to the on-going mission of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc..

The AGC is also composed of Supporting Members who provide support and resources for the AGC's non-profit goals. The Board of Directors is elected by the Artist Members and is made up of community or supporting members and artists members who serve a two-year term without compensation. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance and manages the business and organizational affairs of the AGC.

If you would like to be considered for membership, please complete the information below:

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You may use the form below or provide a document, which includes the following:

Renewal: Yes _____ No _____

Date of Application _____ Type of Membership: Artist _____ Student Artist _____

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Contact #'s: (H) _____ (work/studio) _____ (cell) _____

4. E-Mail:

5. Type of artist: painter, sculptor, photographer, printmaker, other

_____ (please specify)

6. Media: Describe the medium in which you concentrate: (i.e., painting, print making, sculpture, etc.)

7. Slides, photographs, CD, thumb drive or a link to your website, of five individual artworks you have created with information attached to this submission form about the works you want us to review.

8. Include an **Artist's Statement** in which you describe your creative process, education, background, personal artistic goals, and most significant artistic accomplishment to date.

9. Include a short statement stating ideas for your contributing time to the AGC in its development and concept(s) for a solo or group show at the StoveFactory Gallery. All AGC members may have one 10 day exhibit every 24 months.

10. A check or money order must accompany your application, in the amount of \$20.00 payable to the *Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc.* **This is a non-refundable application processing fee**, which will be deducted from your membership dues of \$100.00 upon acceptance.

Please send your completed application to:

Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc

Attn: Membership
Committee PO Box 290164
Charlestown, MA 02129

If you have further questions,
please call the AGC at 617-241-0130