

Application/Renewal for Annual Artist Membership



Term: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

DUE December 31, 2021

OVERVIEW

The Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc. (AGC) was founded in 1996 by a group of artists who recognized the need to support and encourage the development of the visual arts in Charlestown. Since 2002, the AGC has occupied and run the StoveFactory Studios and Gallery. The AGC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization supported by its members, donors, and grants funding. Our mission is to showcase artists' work and to promote high quality cultural programming for the local community. We are run by a volunteer Board of Directors. We also form subcommittees for special tasks and activities. The AGC is 100% volunteer-driven.

OUR LOCATION

Located at 523 Medford Street in Charlestown, the **StoveFactory Studios and Gallery** are considered the home of the AGC. The 950-square foot **StoveFactory Gallery** allows us to hold and host shows, events, and activities within a creative space. The gallery exhibits and programs sponsored by the AGC are open to the public and free of charge. The **StoveFactory Studios** are rented as private workspaces by individual artists and artisans of diverse disciplines and media. Twenty-four art studio spaces are in the building, eight of which are subletted by the AGC. Our annual StoveFactory Open Studios event is planned and hosted by the AGC. In addition to our brick-and-mortar presence, the AGC has an online presence through our website and social media platforms to reflect and promote our current offerings.

AGC MEMBERSHIP

Members range from art students, to part-time artists, to emerging artists, to professional established artists. Artists and artisans of various media are all welcome and eligible to apply for membership, including but not limited to traditional studio fine arts (painting, sculpture), other 2-D fine art (photography, printmaking), media arts (animation, projection, etc.), and artisanry (jewelry, ceramics, wood, metal, etc.). There is no juried review process at this time; all those who are dedicated to creating, showing, selling, and otherwise sharing their artwork and contributing to the mission of the AGC are welcome. Artist Members do not have to be Charlestown residents.

ADVANTAGES OF ARTIST MEMBERSHIP:

- Listing your name and artwork on our AGC website's member webpage. This helps to both market your work and to show your involvement when you apply for grants, residencies, fellowships, teaching positions, etc.
- Periodic e-newsletters for members only
- Promotion of your work through AGC social media accounts
- Proposal for a solo show in the StoveFactory Gallery once every two years, or proposal to curate a group show once every two years
- Reduced fee for Open Studios events (for tenants in StoveFactory Studios)
- Reduced fee to submit artwork in non-juried and juried group shows in the StoveFactory Gallery
- Reduced fee for Art in the Park artist/artisan vendor booth (our annual fall event)
- Members may spearhead new ideas to add value to the community (i.e., small group critiques, workshops, meet-ups, etc.)

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Join or form a subcommittee as a volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours per year (subcommittees include Gallery, Fundraising, Membership, Communications, etc.).
- Attend the Annual Members' Meeting of the AGC each fall

ANNUAL DUES

Renewal cycles begin each fall on September 1 and end on August 31st. The annual dues for Artist Members is \$120; \$30 for college students 18 and over with a valid student ID. Annual dues are non-refundable. Payments are due as of September 1, 2021, with a deadline of December 31, 2021. A September Discount for early payment is available (see below).

HOW WE RUN

AGC Members are part of the Board of Directors and/or choose subcommittees to serve with. The Board of Directors, elected by AGC Members, serves a two-year term without compensation. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance and manages the business and organizational affairs of the AGC. The Board can include members of the community as well as donors/supporters. Board elections are held at our Annual Members' meeting of the AGC each fall, at which AGC members can vote.

Type of Membership: NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Date of Application _____

CHECK OFF:

Artist Membership \$120. _____

*Optional September Discount for Early Payment due by September 30: \$90 _____ *

Student Membership \$30. _____

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Phone:

4. Email:

5. Briefly describe the media in which you work: (painting, photography, digital, etc.)

NEW artist applicants:

Please send us ONE email, attaching the following 3 requests to:

contact@artistsgroupofcharlestown.com

- 1. Images:** five to seven images that best represent your most current artwork. Your files need to be 5 MB or less.
- 2. Artist's Statement:** Describe your creative process, education, background, and your personal artistic goals. Include a list of exhibits if you have shown in the past. If you have a website of your artwork and/or relevant social media handles, please include those as well.
- 3. Statement of Intent:** The AGC is 100% volunteer run; we all contribute something to help the organization. Tell us more about yourself and how you may add value to the AGC. Mention any professional skills you bring to the table (Board service, bookkeeping, graphic

design, organizing, event planning, etc.). Please be prepared to contribute at least 10 volunteer hours a year to the AGC.

ALL NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS: Please make your dues payment in one of two ways, below. If you are a student, provide a copy of your valid Student ID (copy or photo is fine).

FULLY DIGITAL SUBMISSION:

Please submit this form and the above required materials to:

contact@artistsgroupofcharlestown.com

Payment via PayPal on our website under "Membership/Join"

www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com

PAPER & DIGITAL SUBMISSION:

Please send us the email above, as requested.

Send this form and a check to:

Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc.

P.O. Box 290164

Charlestown, MA 02129

DUE no later than DECEMBER 31, 2021

If you have any further questions, please email the AGC at contact@artistsgroupofcharlestown.com, or call our StoveFactory line at 617-241-0130.