

Waverly Street Gallery

Membership Prospectus

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Waverly Street Gallery is a co-operative of approximately 24 local artists who exhibit their work at a gallery space at 4600 East West Highway in Bethesda. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 am to 6 pm.

Shows are scheduled for one month's duration with all members given display space each month. The December show is exclusively for the partners, that is, there is no featured artist during this show. The gallery is closed in August. For the remaining months, a featured artist(s), juried by the Exhibition Committee, is given prime space in the gallery. The featured artist's work is displayed in the Waverly Street and side alley windows. A partner may be a featured artist after two years membership in the gallery, however we are limited to five member shows per calendar year.

Members pay a 20% commission on work sold during an all-partners show (December) and when showing as a featured artist. Otherwise, there is a 10% commission charged to a member. Each member pays a set, monthly fee (dues) that covers gallery expenses.

A prospective partner must be a working artist able to play an active role in helping to manage and operate an art gallery. To become a member, an individual must submit at least five pieces of current work along with a resume and supporting materials (slides, etc.) to be juried by the gallery members. We also encourage prospective members to attend a gallery opening to afford the opportunity to meet the current partners with whom they will be working. Notification of the results of the jurying will be made within a week of the vote.

Gallery members are expected to:

- Regularly produce new work (shows are set each month and members are generally expected to have new work)
- Gallery sit approximately once per month, perform daily tasks and do the work of the gallery while sitting
- Pay monthly dues on time
- Participate as a member of a committee (finance, membership, exhibitions, or marketing)
- Take responsibility for at least one gallery job that requires outside time (e.g. recording secretary, treasurer, prepare show labels, historian, schedule maintenance, etc.)
- Attend monthly general membership meetings
- Assist in setting up shows (once every four months)
- Curate shows on a rotating basis
- Attend openings, help with refreshments, sales, and cleanup
- Introduce other artists to the gallery for consideration as featured artists or member artists
- Give a one year commitment to the gallery
- Give a one month notification if resigning and continue with responsibilities for that period.

Jurying of prospective members is done when there are openings. Please call Stefanie Taylor (301-657-8297) to find out when the next jurying will take place.

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