



Dear Potential Artist Member,

On behalf of everyone at the AAN, thank you for your interest in becoming an artist member. AAN was founded in 1945 by artists and art patrons to support, educate, and maintain the visual arts community on Nantucket. Today the mission of AAN is to foster the visual arts on Nantucket. By promoting, supporting and encouraging the work of Nantucket artists, providing educational programs in the arts, and preserving the legacy of Nantucket artists, we create a vibrant arts community.

Artist candidates must meet the following criteria for consideration for AAN membership:

1. To be considered for artist membership, you are required to be a resident of Nantucket and live on the island for a minimum of three months each year.

Residency must be proven at the time of application by providing copies of:

- A) A valid driver's license showing a Nantucket address, or
- B) Three consecutive months of at least two different utility billing statements (electric, phone, gas, oil, etc.) with the applicant's name and a Nantucket address.

If you cannot satisfy either of the above proof of residency requirements, but feel that you meet the requirement of being a Nantucket resident, please contact Lucy Cobb at the AAN office for review of your situation before submitting your application.

While the AAN has had non-resident affiliate artist members in the past, because of limited gallery space, the AAN Board of Directors has suspended that membership category.

2. As an artist member, you must be ready to show your art in a professional gallery. Your work should exhibit a level of skill, vision, and presentation representative of a professional artist or craftsman. The work, which is submitted in support of your membership application, needs to be appropriately framed or presented in a professional manner. If your application is rejected on the basis of professional presentation, the Review Committee may ask you to re-apply after one year with new work.

3. As a non-profit organization, AAN relies on the financial support of its artist members, patrons, and friends in the Nantucket community. In addition to the payment of annual dues, artist members are required to donate one piece of art a year to an AAN fund-raising event. The proceeds from the sale of your art at an event will go entirely to AAN.

4. AAN requires each artist member to donate ten hours of volunteer work per year. Volunteer opportunities exist year-round and include everything from helping with fund-raising events and mailings to assisting at opening receptions at the gallery.

Again, thank you for your interest and we welcome your involvement in AAN. Please complete the attached application and submit it with the necessary supporting materials as outlined in the application.

The AAN Review Committee

ARTIST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for taking the time to apply for AAN artist membership. The following application explains how to complete the review process.

The role of the Artists Association of Nantucket's Joyce and Seward Johnson Gallery is to represent the diverse talent of the island's resident artists. The Review Committee considers each candidate's work individually. Due to the expanding number of artist members and our limited exhibition space, it has become increasingly competitive to gain acceptance.

If you are not accepted the first time you apply, do not be discouraged. The Committee will include an explanation of their decision in your response letter. We hope that the letter will help you understand how the Committee came to its decision, and if you are not accepted, how to re-apply.

In 2011, applications will be reviewed on the following dates:

Sunday, May 1
Sunday, June 5

Sunday, September 11
Sunday, October 2

Please e-mail us at info@nantucketarts.org to schedule a specific review date. We will get back to you shortly with a confirmation.

Please deliver your application and artwork on the Friday afternoon prior to the date of your scheduled review to the AAN Workshop: One Gardner Perry Lane, between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please plan to pick up your artwork the next day between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you have questions, please call 508-228-0722. You will be notified of the Review Committee's decision by mail within two weeks of the review date.

How to apply for artist membership:

Criteria for Review:

The applicant's work should demonstrate originality and the intent to pursue a personal vision. The body of work presented for review should be cohesive and show evidence of thoughtful choice. The work submitted should demonstrate a high level of facility with the medium. The work should be presented in a polished and professional manner.

Application Must Include:

Submit a complete artist application with proof of residency as defined in the cover letter.

Submit three (3) "exhibition ready" original pieces of work and at least five (5) slides or photographs of additional work in the medium you wish to exhibit. Originals should be professionally presented and reproductions labeled with artist name, title, size, and medium.

If you work in more than one medium, you must submit separate, complete applications and artwork for each medium. The Review Committee strongly suggests applying at separate review dates for each medium.

To assist the Review Committee in their evaluation, please submit at least one additional page, which includes in detail the following information: art education, gallery affiliations, exhibitions, awards, associations, memberships, art-related teaching experience, an artist statement. Please feel free to also

include any other information that you feel will assist the committee with their review of your work.

The Review Committee will respond to your application by mail within two weeks of the review date. If accepted, you will be eligible to show your work in the next scheduled AAN exhibition or event.

Upon acceptance, we ask that you submit your annual dues of \$200, a signed artist agreement, a current biography for the Gallery, a completed W-9 form and an artist volunteer card and other membership materials delivered to you with the letter.

ARTIST INFORMATION

Please complete this form and leave it with your work for review.

I am submitting my work for review on:(please circle)

May 1

June 5

September 11

October 12

NAME: _____

MEMBERSHIP: ARTIST JUNIOR ARTIST (under 21 years of age)

MEDIUM: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

(summer) _____

(winter) _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL: _____

Artist Member Agreement

I am a resident of Nantucket. If accepted as an Artist Member, I will commit to being an active member of AAN and work to help the organization achieve its mission of fostering the visual arts on Nantucket, thereby making the island a vibrant arts community. I will donate one piece of artwork and 10 hours of volunteer time to AAN each year. I will deliver (and pick up) my artwork in person to the Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery for exhibition. I will work to promote the organization and my fellow artist members.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Name

Date