



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming an artist member of the Artists Association of Nantucket. AAN's mission is to foster the visual arts on Nantucket through exhibition, education, and preservation. Together we have been creating a vibrant arts community since 1945.

AAN welcomes new artists to our two hundred and fifty plus artist membership through three application reviews each year. Along with the annual Artist Membership dues of \$250, we also offer a \$50 Junior Artist Membership for artists under 25 years of age or younger. Accepted artist members are invited to show their work at the many rotating exhibitions at the Cecelia Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery on Washington Street, the Big Gallery on Straight Wharf, and online. All artist members receive a 65% commission on all sales, and a 10% discount on all classes and workshops. Artist members are also invited to attend our fundraisers and receptions throughout the year and enjoy connecting to fellow artists, patrons, and collectors.

**Artist Membership Requirements:**

1. Three or more months of residency on Nantucket.  
Proof of Residency may be verified at the time of application with either a copy of your Nantucket Driver's license, or copies of three consecutive months of two different utility bills which include your name and Nantucket address.

*(If you qualify as a Nantucket resident, but cannot verify residency in these ways, please contact [review@nantucketarts.org](mailto:review@nantucketarts.org) before submitting your application.)*

2. Prompt payment of annual artist member dues.
3. An annual donation of your artwork to benefit AAN as a non-profit organization.  
*Junior artists (age 25 or younger) are exempt from this requirement.*
4. Exhibited artwork is professionally in all gallery shows.  
*See "Exhibition Ready" guidelines listed in application form.*

We look forward to reviewing your application. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions and concerns by email [review@nantucketarts.org](mailto:review@nantucketarts.org).

Sincerely,  
AAN Artist Review Committee

## ARTIST MEMBER APPLICATION 2023

All reviews take place on Sundays at the Visual Arts Center located at 24 Amelia Drive, Nantucket, MA.

### REVIEW PROCESS:

**DATES:** May 21, June 4, and September 10

1. Email [review@nantucketarts.org](mailto:review@nantucketarts.org) to schedule the date you would like to submit your application and artwork for review. Confirmation will be sent via email.
2. **Drop off your application and artwork on the Thursday or Friday prior to your review date** and be prepared to pick up your work the following Monday. *The AAN is open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.*
3. **Review decisions** will be notified via email within 14 business days.
4. **Decisions include the Committee's feedback.** If you are not accepted, the Committee's goal will be to help you understand their decision and re-apply with more success.
5. **Letters of Acceptance** include an artist agreement, W-9 form, and other required membership materials.  
Fill out, sign, and return with membership dues to AAN Membership at 24 Amelia Drive, Nantucket, MA 02554. *Dues are payable with cash, check, or credit card. Your membership is not active until your dues are fully paid.*

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

**CATEGORY:** (choose one)

**Two-dimensional Art:** oil, watercolor, printmaking, drawing, mixed media, acrylics, pastel etc.

**Three-dimensional Art:** sculpture of any materials, ceramics, wood, assemblage, mobiles, etc.

**Photography:** presented on papers, metal, or other surfaces.

**Fiber Arts:** textile, quilting, weaving, clothing, basketry, etc.

**Jewelry:** should include a handmade/handcrafted element.

To apply for more than one category at this or a separate review and be able to exhibit in a range of media, artists must submit separate applications for each category.

*Artists accepted in multi-categories will pay one membership fee.*

## **SUBMITTING ARTWORK:**

Submit 5 of your strongest artworks and small portfolio which presents a cohesive series that exemplifies your style and could be exhibited as a group.

Artwork will be evaluated in terms of skill in medium, consistent quality, and demonstration of a compelling and original perspective and thoughtful choice.

All application paperwork must be signed and dated.

Present 2 of your 5 artworks in a professional “Exhibition Ready” manner:

- All artwork must be labeled in back or below with artist’s name, title, and dimensions.
- 3D artwork must stand or rest in a stable position or submitted with a base.
- Frames must be in excellent condition, equipped with hanging wire or sawtooth bar.
- Unframed gallery-wrapped canvases must have clean white or painted edges.
  - Sides must be 1 ¼ – 2 or more inches deep.
  - Works thinner than 1 ¼ inches should be framed.
- Photographs printed on metal must have a solid backing and ready to hang.

### **Application Checklist**

\_\_\_\_ Approved Review Date

\_\_\_\_ Proof of residency

\_\_\_\_ Filled out application form

\_\_\_\_ 5 Artworks (2 of which are Exhibition Ready) and Small Portfolio (photos or print outs)

\_\_\_\_ Optional letter of recommendation.

**ARTIST APPLICATION**

**I am submitting my work for 2023 review on:** (please circle)

**May 21**

**June 4**

**September 10**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a past artist member of AAN?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Are you already an artist member of AAN in another Category?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Membership:**  Artist  Junior Artist (25 years of age or younger)

**Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Mediums:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** (If year-round, please specify)

Summer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Winter: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number** Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is anyone in your family an artist member of the AAN?**

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**Please list any other affiliations with AAN:**

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**Art Education:**

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**Gallery Affiliations:**

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**Recent Exhibitions:**

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**Recent Awards:**

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**Art-related Teaching Experience:**

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**Artist Statement:** (Consider answering the following questions: What inspires you? What does your art signify? What is your process? How does your work reflect your individuality? What does it mean to you?) You can attach a longer statement. *This is not an artist bio, but you may want to include how your art relates to your life.*

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**Artist Member Agreement**

I am a resident of Nantucket. If accepted as an Artist Member, I will pay annual dues and commit to being an active member of AAN and work to help the organization achieve its mission of fostering the visual arts on Nantucket. I will donate one piece of artwork to an annual AAN fundraiser each year. I will deliver and pick up my artwork in person and on time to the Cecelia Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery and other gallery spaces for exhibition. I will work to promote the organization and my fellow artist members.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date