



Dear Potential Artist Member,

Thank you for your interest in becoming an artist member of the Artists Association of Nantucket. Founded in 1945 by artists and art patrons, the organization's primary goal was to educate and support island artists. 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.

Each year, AAN accepts new artists and welcomes them into the organization. AAN's two hundred and thirty artist members receive valuable benefits, including over a dozen opportunities to exhibit work in the Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery, the highest commission on sales given on the island, free workshops taught by members, artist demonstrations series, and many other ways to connect with professional and emerging artists.

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

1. 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 the AAN office for review of your situation before submitting your application.

2. You must be ready to show your art in a professional gallery and your work must exhibit a level of skill, vision, and presentation representative of a professional artist. The work, which is submitted in support of your membership application, needs to be appropriately framed or presented in a professional manner. (Please see the full description of "Exhibition Ready" in the application.)

3. 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 support the non-profit organization.

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 to assisting at gallery receptions.

Again, thank you for your interest and we welcome your involvement in AAN.

AAN Artists Review Committee

ARTIST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

The mission and tradition of the AAN involves both fostering the careers of established Nantucket artists and discovering and mentoring emerging artists. Accordingly, the Artist Review Committee looks at applicants' potential as well as their skill and competence. Each candidate's work is considered individually. As a reminder, if you are accepted by the Artist Review Committee, you must pay dues to activate your membership.

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 2018, applications will be reviewed on the following dates:

Sunday, May 20
Sunday, June 3

Sunday, August 26
Sunday, September 9

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

Please deliver your application and artwork on the Thursday afternoon prior to the date of your scheduled review to the Visual Arts Center, 24 Amelia Drive, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please plan to pick up your artwork the following Monday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you have questions, please call 508-228-0722.

Criteria for Review

The applicant's work should demonstrate originality, cohesiveness, a unique perspective or voice, and show evidence of thoughtful choice.

The work submitted should demonstrate skill with the medium and be of a consistent quality.

The work should be presented in a polished, professional manner, and be ready to be displayed. (Please see the full description of "Exhibition Ready" in the application.)

All submissions must be signed and dated.

The applicant is expected to show his/her strongest pieces.

Photography applicants must demonstrate expertise in technical quality and composition.

Jewelry submitted for review should contain unique and/or handcrafted features.

Membership Categories

Applicants must choose to apply for a specific category.

Two-dimensional art: oil, watercolor, print-making, drawing, mixed media, acrylics *

Three-dimensional art: sculpture of any material, mobiles, assemblage, ceramics *

Photography

Fiber Arts

Jewelry

* Please indicate preferred mediums on application.

If you work in more than one category, you must submit separate, complete applications and artwork for each.

Application

To assist the Review Committee in their evaluation, please fill in the following application, which includes questions to determine your art-related teaching experience, art education, gallery affiliations, exhibitions and awards, associations, memberships, and community involvement.

Applicants may also include a letter of recommendation, an artist statement, and materials that you feel will assist the committee with the review.

Junior Artist (under 21 years of age) applications are encouraged, and may be given leeway on some requirements by the jury. If you have questions, please call the AAN office.

Submit five exhibition-ready original pieces of work and, as context and background, include at least three printed images or photographs of additional work in the category you wish to exhibit. Originals and reproductions should be identified with artist name, title, size, and category. If you are unable to print images, please contact us for help.

Exhibition-ready as defined in our Gallery Guidelines:

- All framed artwork should be in a form suitable for gallery hanging. Frames should be in excellent condition and should have hanging wire or other common means like a toothed mounting bar for hanging the work.
- Unframed canvases with 1 1/4" to 2" sides, also known as gallery-wrap style, are acceptable when the sides show no staples and are clean white or cleanly painted. Works thinner than 1 1/4" must be framed.
- Board surfaces (3/4" or more) with wooden sides of any thickness also need to show clean wood or painted sides.
- Photographs printed on metal may also be exhibited with a solid backing system and wire

As a part of your application, the Review Committee requests that you write a brief (short paragraph) artist statement. It is critical that you are able to express your vision as an artist.

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

Please submit your annual dues of \$200 (Junior Artists must pay \$50), a signed artist agreement, a current biography for the Gallery, a completed W-9 form, an artist volunteer card, and other membership materials delivered to you with the letter.

ARTIST APPLICATION

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

May 20 June 3 August 26 September 9

Name: _____

Membership: Artists Junior Artists (under 21 years of age)

Category: _____

Preferred Mediums: _____

Mailing Address:

(summer) _____

(winter) _____

Phone numbers:

Email: _____

Are you a past artist member of AAN? Yes No

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

Please list any other affiliations with AAN:

Art Education:

Gallery Affiliations:

Recent Exhibitions:

Recent Awards:

Art-related Teaching Experiences:

Artist Statement: (Consider answering the following questions: What inspires you? What does your art signify? What is your process? What makes it unique? What does it mean to you?)

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 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.

Signature

Print Name

Date