

The Portsmouth Arts Guild

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Major annual member exhibitions to show your work
- Many additional theme shows throughout the year
- *Guild Ink*: an informative newsletter of Guild activities, people, and opportunities
- Monthly lectures and demonstration programs
- Discounts on art supplies at participating area dealers
- Mentoring opportunities with fellow artists
- Resource directory of member artists
- Educational workshops and classes
- Group trips to special museum shows
- News and art links on the Guild website
- Opportunities to exchange ideas with artists and art supporters of all types, backgrounds and views.

HISTORY

The idea for a Portsmouth art association began with a fall 2002 breakfast with three artists - Eileen Shanley, Marilyn Moriarty and Kris Perkins - lamenting that Portsmouth artists had no place to show their work and help one another develop their talents. In short order, organizational meetings were convened, and The Portsmouth Arts Guild was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in January 2003. Its first show was held at The Portsmouth Abbey in March of that year, with regular exhibitions following at other Portsmouth locations, including the Roger Williams Conference Center, Aquidneck Place, the Town Hall, and the Portsmouth Free Public Library. A small summer arts festival was organized at Glen Farms in Portsmouth that first summer, which has since been repeated.

In 2006, the Guild forged a partnership with St. Paul's Episcopal Church to share space in its parish hall as a permanent gallery, classroom and meeting space. In March 2007, the Guild inaugurated its new location with a gala members' exhibition in The Portsmouth Arts Guild – Center for the Arts.

GUILD COMMITTEES

Arts Festival

Organize and produce an annual summer arts festival to showcase arts, crafts, jewelry, etc.

Exhibitions

Arrange for the exhibition space, hanging, and opening event of the Guild's regular annual exhibitions. Obtain jurors, prize judges and awards as needed.

Fund Raising

Conduct all Guild fund-raising activities, including establishing goals and the means to achieve them.

Member Programs

Arrange programs for Guild members, including, but not limited to, speakers or demonstrations at member meetings, group trips to museums, and social events.

Membership

Maintain up-to-date membership information on computer database management program, send welcome letter and orientation packet to new members, recruit new members, and maintain all membership records.

Performing Arts

Organize and produce programs in the performing arts—such as musical performances, poetry readings, story telling, etc.—as appropriate to space availability.

Publicity

Promote Guild events, news and exhibitions through the media; maintain scrapbook of news and publicity clippings.

Workshops & Classes

Develop and manage program of art workshops and classes for members and the community.

MEMBER INFORMATION

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Art medium or expertise: _____

May we share the above information in a printed Member Directory for other members? Yes No

I would be interested in giving a lecture or demonstration for members on: _____

Please include resumé or bio for our artists' gallery

Guild activities are not possible without your support. Please review the committees below - described to the Left - and indicate which one(s) you're willing to help or

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Membership dues:

\$40 per year, individual membership (\$20 after July 1)

\$55 per year, family membership (\$27.50 after July 1)

(If joining after Oct. 1, full dues apply through subsequent year.)

Make checks payable to:

The Portsmouth Arts Guild

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