

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
to Walpole Artisans Cooperative

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Walpole Artisans.

Please review the attached instructions and information before completing this applications

Date: _____
Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Medium: _____
Website/FB/Social Media: _____

Brief description of your work and the materials and techniques that you use:

Price range of art works:

Current affiliations (galleries, museums, shows, art organizations, publications, on-line galleries):

Brief biography:

Working memberships with a reduced commission are sometimes available. Would you be interested in a working membership if available? Yes _____ No _____
Are you comfortable working on a computer? Yes _____ No _____
Retail Experience? _____

The application process is a three step process.
STEP 1: Leave your application at the Cooperative; or mail to: Walpole Artisans, P.O. Box 1084, Walpole, NH 03608; or email to: thewalpoleartisans@gmail.com.
STEP 2: Once you have been contacted by the Board, you will need to bring in at least five actual pieces of your craftwork or artwork. Digital replicas will not suffice.
STEP 3: Retrieve your work as soon the Jury Committee instructs you to do so as the shop will not be responsible for items left in the shop.

Walpole Artisans Cooperative

The Walpole Artisans is a not-for-profit organization that supports local artists and craftsmen by providing opportunities and space to display and sell quality handmade art and that engages the community in the artistic process with special events and educational opportunities.

The Jurying Process

Only jury-accepted members of the Walpole Artisans can exhibit at the Cooperative. All members are required to support the work of the organization, including joining a committee, attending meetings, and/or becoming a board member.

Applicants must submit **at least five physical examples** of their current best works to be reviewed by the Jury Committee. **Digital images will not suffice.** Applicants must also submit a list of those items being reviewed, including titles and prices. The jurying process is where recommendation for acceptance or denial is made; so applicants should pay careful attention to the selection and presentation of their works.

At least three members of the Jury Committee will assess the work using the following criteria:

Technical skill: craftsmanship, mastery of the medium, attention to detail, and quality of materials

Originality: creativity, uniqueness and a distinctive style

Presentation: demonstration of a coherent body of work with appropriate merchandising and display materials

The jury's recommendations then go to the Board of Directors who make the final acceptance or denial. Coop membership can be denied because of but not limited to: space in the store; similar mediums and/or techniques already in the store; or marketability.

Details of Artisan Membership

All applicants, accepted or denied, will receive a letter from the Jury Committee regarding membership.

If you are accepted and decide to join, there is a one-time fee of \$100.00 to join the Walpole Artisans. This fee is refundable for up to six months if you decide to leave the co-op.

Sales in the Cooperative are on consignment. A percentage of the sale price, which is based on the individual member's monthly in-store work commitment, is retained by the Cooperative: 15% for two days' work per month; 25% for one day per month; 40% if you choose not to work in the shop.

All credit card sales are subject to banking fees. 3% is charged to the artisan and the co-op pays the remaining 3% to cover the full cost of the credit card fees.

There is a monthly fee of \$35.00 to participate in the store. This fee is set by the Board of Directors and is subject to change. There is also a fee to participate in the annual Artisan Tour event should the artisan decide to take part in that event. All fees and dues must be paid in a timely manner.

Again, thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing your work.

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