

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY ARTIST GUILD

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1.

- 1). The name of this organization shall be "Marshall Country Art Guild".
- 2). All printed stationary and official papers shall carry the full title "Marshall County Art Guild" and/or aliases "Marshall County Art Guild & Gallery", "Marshall County Art Guild Gallery & Studio", "Marshall County Artist Guild".

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1) To promote friendship and create good will among its members and potential members.
- 2) To strive to be better informed in the profession of art and assist in the growth and improvement in the Marshall County area.
- 3) To stimulate art appreciation in the county and in the personal and professional growth of its members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
- 4) To inform the membership of current trends in the art community.
- 5) Our mission is to promote and support the visual arts and arts education through public programs, scholarships and original art exhibitions.
- 6) Marshall County Art Guild is a membership association which strives to support the arts with:
 - Encouragement to artists through collaboration and interaction
 - Educational opportunities, workshops, lectures and discussion groups
 - Annual scholarship to a local high school graduate entering college with an arts major.
 - An art facility where members can come to network and broaden their creative experiences, take art classes and workshops. Along with open studio time on Tues. and Thurs.
 - A Gallery where the community can appreciate the visual arts through exhibits and community projects
 - Engagement for member artists to provide their expertise, works, volunteer time and personal donations to support the Guild and other area nonprofits.

Article II. Membership

Section 1

- 1) Active membership shall be composed of professionals, amateurs, hobbyists, and others interested in promoting art.
- 2) Must be enrolled in the 1st grade or older.

- 3) Membership is open to all persons, without regard to race, religion, sex, age, or national origin.
- 4) Contributing patrons may be members by paying the regular membership dues or other levels of support.

Article III. Dues

Section 1.

1) Membership dues shall be as follows:

Artist/ Individual	\$35
Students (up to 18 years)	\$15
Senior (65+)	\$25
Art Educators	\$30
Family (2 + Members living in the same household regardless of age)	\$60
Supporter	\$125

Benefits of membership at all levels:

- Opportunity to participate in Members, Students & Faculty exhibitions
- Free entry fee for "Art's a Poppin" juried exhibition
- Advance notice and e-newsletter updates for all upcoming events
- Special Members rates for adult, children and teen art classes

Artist/Individual level additional benefit:

- Provide us with a hyperlink to your fine art website and we'll add your website to our Artist Members Gallery page. Direct curators and art patrons to your website through ours!
- Display art in Gallery on our website
- Display art in our Gallery on 2nd floor.

Other Levels of Support

Patron: All of the above + 1 free open studio life drawing	\$150-249
Benefactor: All of the above + 1 free one-day workshop (up to a \$65 value)	\$250-499
Sustaining: All of the above + an acknowledgement on our website	\$500-749
Sponsor: All of the above	\$750+

+ your name on a 'Sponsor Plaque' in the
Art Guild Gallery

Membership is to be paid annually no later than March 1st for the year, January 1st thru December 31st. We will run a membership drive every October in which dues will be good from Oct. of current year thru Dec. of the following year to correspond with our annual juried art show. Membership is available to both artists and those wishing to provide support for the guild and its mission.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1.

- 1) The regular officers of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Publicity, and Gallery Manager to be elected by the active membership.
- 2) The Executive Board shall consist of the regular Officers and 3 past Presidents at large, which rotate each year.
- 3) A single slate of candidates shall be presented by the nominating committee at the February meeting. At the same time members shall be advised the President shall call for nominations from the floor at that meeting. The new officers shall be installed at the close of the regular meeting in February to assume their duties at that time.
- 4) To be eligible to hold office, one must be in good standing, active member and dues paid up.
- 5) All officers of the Guild are elected for a one-year term, except the office of the Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years and no less than two years to assure that All financial transactions are handled properly.
- 6) In the event that the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Gallery Manager or Publicity Chairman becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a successor to fill such a vacancy. Such officers shall serve until officers are elected. In the event the office of President- Elect should become vacant a special election following the procedure of general election will be held.

Article V. Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall;

- 1) Preside at all meetings (regular and Executive Board).
- 2) Appoint the chairmen of the nominating committees.
- 3) Shall serve as an ex-officio member of any committees with the exception of the nominating committee.
- 4) Continue to serve as member of the Executive Board for a period of one year immediately following Presidency.

Section 2. The Vice President shall;

- 1) Succeed to the Presidency the year following his/her election to office.
- 2) Assistant the President and preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
- 3) Serve as a member of the Executive board.
- 4) Serve as Program Chairperson and confer with the President in selecting his/her own program committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall;

- 1) Keep minutes of all Regular and Executive Board meetings, and read minutes at such respective

meetings.

- 2) Keep records and communicates.
- 3) Serve as a member of the Executive board.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall;

- 1) Collect all dues and issue membership cards.
- 2) Pay all bills
- 3) Keep records and report all finances to the Guild
- 4) Notify delinquent members of membership dues.
- 5) Serve as a member of the Executive board.

Section 5. The Co-Treasurer shall;

- 1) Help Treasurer with her responsibilities.
- 2) Take care of monies from Fundraiser, Art Shows & Sales, and Art Classes.
- 3) Serve as a member of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The Gallery Manager shall;

- 1) Take care of all aspects and responsibilities concerning the Gallery and Studio.
- 2) Serve as a member of the Executive board.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1.

1) Conduct of meetings shall follow the order of Parliamentary law, and shall be governed by Robert's Revised Rules of Order.

Section 2.

1) Special meeting of the Guild or a change in or place shall be announced by the President after arranged by the Secretary.

Article VII. Duties of the Committee Chairperson

Section 1. The Publicity Chairman shall:

- 1) Serve notices of meetings and activities to the local newspapers, etc.
- 2) Serve as a member of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

Article VIII. Constitution and By- Laws

Section 1.

1) The Constitution and By-Laws can be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the Guild, by 2/3 vote, provided the change is submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Article IX. Benevolence

Section 1.

- 1) If a member or their spouse dies, a memorial of \$25.00 will be sent to a charity designated by the family. Cards will be sent at the loss of any other immediate family member.
- 2) Cards will be sent to members who are in the hospital.

Article X. Dissolution

Section 1.

- 1) In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the guild will be turned over to those deemed deserving by those officers and members who make up the guild at the time of dissolution.
- 2) Those deemed deserving would be based on the same exempt status of the Guild.
- 3) The exemption would be as described in section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding Sections of any exclusive public purpose.