

SUNSHINE COAST ARTISTS CO-OPERATIVE INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Any working artist may apply for membership so long as they are over the age of 16 years and residing primarily on the Sunshine Coast. Full membership is obtained by completing an application, being accepted by the membership, and paying the one-time-only, non-refundable \$200 joining fee.

How to Apply

Review the information on the co-op website at _____ . Contact the co-op President with any questions, and to request that your application be reviewed at the next available date for jurying of new applicant submissions (typically monthly). The President will receive your application package, present it to the executive, and advise you of the results in a timely fashion.

What to provide in your application package

- The completed application form from the website;
- A (physical, not digital) selection of 5-6 recent pieces of work, presented ready for sale;
- A completed jury submission sheet (template provided) with descriptions and prices of submitted work;
- A cv or artist's resume detailing your art education, show history and awards, if relevant, and artistic affiliations (society memberships), if any;
- An artist's statement expressing your artistic goals and intent;
- A brief statement explaining your experience with the business of art (your history of selling your work/ working in a gallery etc.) including relevant skills such as web development, merchandising, marketing, accounting, retail experience;
- A cheque for \$200 made out to the Sunshine Coast Artists' Co-operative (this cheque will be returned if your application is unsuccessful); this amount covers your joining fee and first year's membership *

Your Obligation

You will be advised of the results of your jurying by the President. If your application is successful, you will be invited to join the Co-op with the expectation that you will be an active member, contributing to the Co-op through the annual fee, participation on a minimum of one committee, attendance at the AGM, and participation in co-op events.

Our Obligation

The Sunshine Coast Artists' Co-operative exists for the following purposes: to provide its artists with

- venues and opportunities for showing and selling their work with 100% of sales being paid to the artists (no commission);
- public liability and limited contents insurance coverage at co-op events;
- a website representing and publicizing our members' work and our activities;
- training and upgrading of exhibition skills through participating in planning committees;
- a community of artists from whom one can learn, and to which an artist can contribute;

- exposure in the community via special events and connections with local businesses, organizations, and media;
- opportunities for personal growth and camaraderie through the fulfillment of various Co-op roles and activities.

*Note re date of joining and fees:

- members joining prior to Sept 1 of the year will have \$100 of their \$200 initial payment applied as the annual fee to the current year only; the annual fee for the subsequent year will be due by Jan 31 of the following year;
- members joining on or after Sept 1 of the year will have \$100 of their \$200 initial payment applied as the annual fee to the remainder of the joining year plus the subsequent year (no annual fee will be collected in the following January).