

Appendix 3: Information Sheet for interested applicants

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Saugeen Artists Guild?



First, we want you to get to know us!

Our Vision: To establish an inclusive environment in the Saugeen Watershed community where people of all diversities can experience and value the arts.

Our Mission: The establishment and operation of the Saugeen Artists Guild for the purpose of:

- *inspiring, empowering and promoting established and emerging artists
- *increasing awareness, appreciation, involvement and support of the visual arts
- *offering mentorship and education

Our definition of Art: "Various branches of creative activity and skill concerned with the production of imaginative, original designs and ideas as applied to representations of the natural world or figments of the imagination."

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (7pm) in a downstairs classroom at the [St Matthews Lutheran Church](#), 356 9th St., Hanover. Zoom meetings will be available for distant members to attend either in person or virtually. Zoom meetings can sometimes be held in place of in-person meetings. The Saugeen Artists Guild has a maximum of 35 members and new applicants may apply throughout the year.

What is the membership fee?

The membership fee of \$85 covers items like; show fees, liability insurance, rental of our classroom at St. Matthew's, publicity, website fees, different computer expenses, etc.

What would I get out of belonging to the Guild?

Being a Guild member will give you opportunities to meet other artists and work with them, as well as to improve and sell your art. You will learn about retail and sales and gain recognition by joining group shows in different communities. You will have an online exposure through the website and the online store and even be entitled to a discount at the local art stores!

Second, we want to get to know you!

If you decide to apply, you will need to fill out the information on the membership form (on the website). We are interested in the kind of art you do, so we ask that you provide 3 samples of your work for acceptance by the Screening/Membership committee. Submissions can be originals, photos, or digital images and should meet at least 3 of the criteria below. The form and samples can be submitted at a meeting or emailed to the Saugeen Artist Guild Website: saugeenartists@gmail.com Don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

Criteria for Submissions:

1. **Originality:**
 - Creativity
 - Self-expression
2. **Overall Impression:**
 - Visually appealing and acceptable appearance
 - Good quality materials used

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3. Appropriateness:

- Subject matter is a good fit for shows, a retail store and online store

4. Motivation:

- Enthusiasm and Participation
- Willingness to grow

Members have responsibilities such as attending at least four meetings of the membership annually, sitting on at least one committee, and paying membership dues annually. Upon acceptance, you will sign a membership agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the Saugeen Artists Guild.

You are welcome to attend ONE meeting as a Guest artist, if you wish to know more about us, before sending your application. More information is available on our website at saugeenartistsguild.com. We look forward to meeting you!

The Saugeen Artists Executive and Board of Directors

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