

FROM THE VALLEY ARTISANS' CO-OP INC.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I, _____, by signing at the bottom of this document, agree to become a member of the "From the Valley ARTISANS' Co-op Inc." (referred to as the Co-op), and to fulfill my obligations to the Co-op.

My obligations are as follows:

I Membership

I will:

1. Work co-operatively with other members to achieve the goals of the Co-op's Vision Statement (*see appendix C*)
2. Commit to at least twelve months of membership. (*see appendix A*)
3. Give at least six months written notice if I wish to resign from the Co-op.
4. Remove my work and resign when given four weeks written notice, if I fail to fulfil my obligations to the Co-op, without presenting a reason acceptable to the other members.

II Work

I will:

1. Abide by the policies and procedures of the Co-op.
2. Attend meetings of the membership.
3. Serve on the executive and/or other committees as needed. (*see appendix A*)
4. Work in the store for the number of shifts per month required according to the Co-op operating procedures, or provide other services to the Co-op in lieu of work, as approved by the members. (*see appendix A*)
5. Co-operate with the members on tasks or commitments as they become necessary for the successful operation of the Co-op.

III Financial

I will:

1. Pay a non-refundable membership fee of \$100, paid once per membership at the time of joining, by a single payment _____ or instalments of _____ per _____.
2. Pay a monthly display fee of _____ per unit of _____ square feet allotted to me. This monthly display fee is subject to change as agreed upon by majority vote.
3. Pay _____% of my monthly sales through the Co-op, back to the Co-op. This percentage is subject to change as agreed to by a majority vote.

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IV Body of Work – Inventory

I will:

1. Maintain a reasonable body of excellent quality original work for my allotted gallery display space.
(see appendix A)
2. Be responsible for the quality, condition, and material content of the work I provide that may involve government acts concerned with safety, legality, copyright, etc. *(see appendix A)*
3. Maintain an up-to-date inventory list of my stock numbers and prices at the store.

The body of work that I intend to sell through the Co-op store includes the following as categorized by the term(s) _____ and generically described below. *(subject to the approval of the members)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

I understand that other work I wish to sell at the store must be approved by the Jury Committee or members acting in that capacity before being placed in the store for sale.

Name: _____ Address: _____
Number of Display Units Requested: _____ Type of Units: wall table/shelf other: _____
Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____
Website: _____ Email: _____
Signed: _____ Date: _____
Witness: _____ Copy: _____ Member _____ Co-op

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MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT – APPENDIX A OBLIGATIONS

I Membership

1. Membership obligations include financial, work and inventory commitments.

II Work

2. Work outside the store may include the following: building display units and fixtures, moving displays to other communities, tending store flower beds, developing promotional literature, picking up or distributing supplies and pamphlets or any other work that contributes to the successful operation of the Co-op.
3. Such activities as described above (II-2.) must be approved by the membership before assuming that such activities would be acceptable in exchange for shift duty.

IV Body of Work – Inventory

1. *a.* Work must be of excellent quality – without technical errors in workmanship. Work must be original in design by the artisan, not made from a kit or merely assembled from pre-manufactured parts. Some manufactured parts such as hardware are acceptable, but the work must demonstrate original artistic design or craft.
1. *b.* A gallery atmosphere will be maintained by allowing individual pieces to be viewed in a complementary setting, without obstructions.
1. *c.* In addition to any other artist's work, each member must provide a reasonable body of his/her own excellent quality original work.
2. If any work falls under government-regulated categories such as “*The Upholstered and Stuffed Articles Act*” or “*The Hazardous Materials Act*” the member supplying this work will be responsible for meeting these regulations.
3. The member agrees to the regular rotation of display areas within the gallery, as carried out by the Display Committee. A reasonable effort will be made to accommodate special display requirements.

Membership Agreement – Appendix B
RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Each Member:

1. Carries one equal vote at general meetings.
2. Is provided with one or more display units, within the Co-op's retail store.
3. Is provided with a page on the Co-op website at www.valleyartisans.com and an email address.
4. May carry the work of family members or one other artist (*either or both subject to the approval of the Jury Committee*) within his/her display space subject to the provisions of Appendix A, Section IV (1c). Family members may be offered a webpage and an email address as above (3.), while other consigning artists may be shown on a page of associate artists.
5. In good standing (*see policy book, motion #1, March 18, 2003, amended April 2003, for definition*) qualifies for his/her share of a patronage return from a financial surplus at the end of the fiscal year, when such a surplus exists.
6. Is expected to contribute time and expertise towards the operation of the store.
7. May be elected to serve on the executive or various committees.

Membership Agreement – Appendix C

VISION STATEMENT

- To provide artists and craftspersons with creative and emotional support
- To help artists and accomplished craftspersons practice their craft
- To aid personal growth by encouraging the development of expertise
- To give individual craftspersons contact and input from the public
- To educate the public by exposing them to quality work exemplifying the mastery of a creative process
- To provide role models for aspiring artists in our community

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Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Website: _____ Email address: _____

I wish to apply for membership in the "From the Valley ARTISANS' Co-op Inc." I have read the Membership Agreement and I am aware of the obligations of membership. Along with this application, I am submitting _____ pieces (*three or more required*), as examples of the body of work I wish to sell through the Co-op. I understand that these examples will be reviewed by your members then returned to me intact, as soon as possible at which time I will be notified of my potential membership status.

The examples submitted for adjudication are described as follows:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Received by: _____ Requested number of display units: _____

Copy: Co-op _____ Applicant _____