



## Metropolitan Richmond Artists Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in MRAA. A brief statement of the purpose of the association and instructions for application for membership follow.

#### *Statement of Membership:*

MRAA is a non-profit social/professional association. Its purpose is to promote the creation of all forms of the visual arts and to encourage information sharing through MRAA sponsored workshops, programs, lectures and exhibitions. There are monthly meetings, programs and exhibits throughout the year, including at least one annual juried show. Other benefits include a monthly newsletter, and social events (e.g. Christmas party and Potluck). Meetings are held the second Saturday of the month, September through May, usually at Crossroads Gallery, 2016 Staples Mill Road. Annual dues are payable in September.

Candidates for exhibiting membership apply to the Membership Chairperson and submit to the Membership Committee at least five (5) examples of work in each medium designated in their applications for membership. All examples of two-dimensional work should be properly framed and should be completed within the last three years. Applicants for membership are juried and notified of the decision of the Membership Committee within thirty (30) days following the receipt of the written application, and within a week of jurying.

New members are received at the first scheduled MRAA meeting following notification of acceptance. (Note: Members are eligible to show their work through MRAA sponsored shows only in media which has been juried and accepted for membership. These categories include oils/acrylics, watercolors, mixed media, pastels, photography, drawing media, sculpture.)

#### *Following are the steps required for membership in the current year:*

**Exhibiting Membership:** Complete the attached application form and return it to the Membership Chairperson at the address below. Deliver your work to be juried. The Membership Chairperson will notify you of the time and place. Please be sure your work is clearly marked with your name and medium. Within a week, you will receive a letter informing you of the decision of the jury. If your work is not accepted at this time, you may resubmit at another time or become an Associate Member until you are ready to resubmit your work. (See Associate Membership below.) This can be coordinated with the Membership Chairperson. If your work is accepted, the letter will advise you of the next meeting date and of membership dues. Upon acceptance, each new member must pay an initiation fee of \$25 plus the annual membership dues of \$40 to MRAA. The best way to get to know other members and to enjoy the association is to participate actively.

**Associate Membership:** The purpose of this category is to encourage artists who are not yet ready to exhibit their work to get involved with the local artist community.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. Associate members pay annual dues of \$30, but no initiation fee, since their work is not juried in and they do not exhibit in MRAA shows. Associate members enjoy most of the benefits of exhibiting MRAA members. They may attend meetings, all social activities and receive the newsletter and other announcements. They may serve on committees, but not hold office or vote on MRAA issues. When ready to exhibit their art, associate members would be welcome to submit work to be juried as outlined in the Exhibiting Membership category. Upon acceptance as an Exhibiting Member, a \$25 initiation fee would be due, along with the subsequent annual membership dues of \$40.

Please complete the attached application form and return it to the Membership Chairperson at the address below.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. I would be happy to discuss any of this with you on the phone or through email.

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