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YUKON ARTISTS @ WORK Cooperative Inc.

Membership Information and Application

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An artist - run gallery working as a cooperative with Yukon artists working for Yukon artists.

ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE

MISSION STATEMENT

Bring together established professional Yukon artists in promoting and showcasing their works in a supportive environment, artists for artists; and in turn, form a stronger voice collectively to enhance cultural growth in the Yukon in promotion, information and education.

MANDATE

Cooperation:

- to operate cooperatively as a group, the artist-run gallery
- to bring artists together to share, to learn, to experiment and to support each other
- to contribute a positive attitude towards the atmosphere of the gallery and to the Yukon culture
- to maintain ownership of an organization owned and shared by the members
- to maintain participative management and decision making.

Artists' Promotion:

1. to provide a gallery space for the members
2. to make and exhibit art work
3. to conduct art workshops
4. to support and promote Yukon artists both locally and "outside"
5. to promote artistic experimentation, learning, exchange of ideas skills etc.

Business Opportunity:

- to facilitate the selling of artwork by Yukon artists without a high commission rate
- to provide awareness of the business of art

BY-LAWS

By-laws of the cooperative are the rules, which govern it. The by-laws prescribed in the regulations of the Cooperative Associations Act shall be the by-laws of Yukon Artists @ Work (YA@W). Changes made by special resolution must be filed and approved by the registrar before they become effective.

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

DEFINITION

The Canada Council for the Arts defines a professional artist as:

- someone who has specialized training in his or her artistic field (not necessarily in academic institutions).
- who is recognized as such by his or her peers (artists working in the same artistic tradition).
- who is committed to devoting more time to the artistic activity, if financially feasible, and who has a history of public presentation.

THE ARTIST AND PROFESSIONALISM

As in any other relationship, the way one acts effects the way one is treated. It is important in a professional partnership that members act professionally. Members are encouraged to honour their commitments such as arriving on time for appointments, delivering the work as promised and documenting individual inventory etc. If your concept changes or develops as the work progresses, keep the gallery informed and up to date. Accord each artist the same respect you would like to have paid to your work. (An adaptation from CARFAC Saskatchewan Visual Arts Handbook)

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER

In the early stages of the formation of YA@W, there was considerable discussion about the kind of cooperative effort the founding members envisioned. New members have not had the opportunity to be a part of these discussions and may not understand how integral they are to the spirit and success of the cooperative.

As a member of YA@W, it is essential to realize that this is your gallery and to take ownership of it. It is essential to put the well being and success of this group of creative people on your priority list. Being a part of YA@W is a privilege. It is also a big commitment. There are many jobs to do and many ways to contribute.

Here are some suggestions for how to view your role in YA@W:

- Don't wait for a suggestion, see what needs to be done or ask.
- Be prepared to put your best work in the gallery, to give it and the cooperative an opportunity to be successful.

- Consider doing a workshop or demonstration.
- Sign up for special events.
- Share your ideas and vision with the group.
- If you have anything that you want to donate to the group effort besides time, don't be shy.

ART IS THE SOUL OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND A
SUCCESSFUL CREATIVE PROJECT IS ONE
WITH A SOUL

The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts!

What do you want people to say about our gallery? Are we not only creative but generous and supportive, reaching out to be a positive force in the community?

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER AT LARGE

Members living further than 2 hours out of Whitehorse have the following option instead of the full shift commitment for the year (usually 12-18 shifts):

- Fulfill commitment to do 50% of the annual shifts.
- In addition, pay \$105 quarterly fee and 35% commission.

SHOWING MEMBERS

- Must submit an application and be juried in.
- Must be a Member and in good standing (dues paid).
- Must pay \$100.00 registration and a \$90/quarterly fee.
- Fulfill commitment towards volunteer hours.
- May be elected to the Board of Directors.
- Pay 25% commission on gallery sales.

PAYMENT OF FEES

The quarterly fee of \$90 is due the first of each quarter (January, April, July, Oct). The fee covers gallery expenses. Payment must be recorded in the "membership fees" receipt book at the gallery. (not the sales receipt book).

Acceptable Method of Payment for Quarterly Fees:

- By cheque
- By cash (with a note of who to credit) and leave it in the cashbox.
- By MC/Visa or debit machine at the gallery
- The one-time-only \$100 payment is a non-refundable registration fee.
- The Treasurer will answer other questions.

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Whitehorse, YT
Y1A 5S7
hours: Summer 12-5 daily (May-Sept)
Winter 12-5 Friday-Sunday.
web: www.yaaw.com
phone: 867-393-4848

Membership Committee contact - Lara Melnik
phone: 867-667-6116
e-mail: lara@laramelnik.com

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address if different from Above: _____

(Daytime) _____ Phone: (best time is) _____

(Evening) _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website _____

Date of Application: _____

New Member

Renewal of Membership

Cooperative Membership one-time NON REFUNDABLE (\$100) included.

Quarterly Fees Up to Date (\$90 per quarter) included.

Describe briefly your Art: _____

will your work be available year round for the gallery? yes / no

Have you marketed your work before? yes / no

Do you require assistance with pricing? yes / no

I live further than 2 hours from Whitehorse

I am also interested in volunteering in the following areas:

Communication (newsletter or web)

Advertising

Marketing

Openings and shows

Gallery exhibits

Special events planning

Workshops or demonstrations

Labour: renovating, painting, maintenance

Board member

Agreements (please initial each)

I agree, as a member, to meet my volunteer commitment in the gallery of one - two shifts per month (12-18 during the year).

I agree, as a member living further than 2 hours from Whitehorse, to meet my volunteer commitment in the gallery shifts, pay \$105/quarterly and a 35% commission in lieu of the full shift commitment.

I also agree to do my part for special events and to be a volunteer in doing committee work where possible.

I agree to provide photos and information for the www.yaaw.com

I agree to allow my work to be represented in electronic / printed promotional materials. These materials bearing my image / images of my work may continue to be publicly distributed even if my membership ends in the cooperative.

I agree to abide by the by-laws, procedures, rules and regulations of Yukon Artists @ Work Cooperative Inc.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please include:

1. a curriculum vitae.
2. a one page biography with a portrait.
3. slides or photos of your art work (min. 10 max 20). Please do not send original work.
4. Short statement of why you are interested in joining YA@W