

C'VILLE ARTS
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
www.cvillearts.org

C'ville Arts is a retail gallery on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall cooperatively run by Transient Crafters, Inc., a group of Virginia artisans. We jury new members regularly. Check our website for jury dates and deadlines, additional information, and an application. If you are interested in membership, submit a completed application with at least 5 samples (see below). The application and samples must be received one week prior to the jurying session. There is a \$20 non-refundable application fee that must accompany your submission.

Please note that at this time, jewelry, photography and fiber are highly competitive.

Decisions about new members are made by a vote of our current working members. We look for the highest quality, distinctive product. Criteria for acceptance includes, but is not limited to:

- Legal resident of Virginia, residing in the state at least half of each year;
- Whether it essentially duplicates the work of an existing member;
- The quality of the work and its presentation;
- Whether we think it will sell to our customer base, including prices;
- Whether we have room for the product line;
- Working members are expected to be able to work effectively with the public.

On samples

Please submit at least 5 physical samples of your work for consideration. We prefer that you submit no more than 2 distinct types of work, and include at least 2 or 3 items that represent each type of work you want to sell. If applicable, include some samples packaged for sale. If you plan to sell some of your work framed, please include a framed sample. If you plan to sell prints, include at least one original. If possible, please also submit digital photographs of your work to megwest@earthlink.net. These digital photographs, however, are not a substitute for the required physical samples.

You are required to retrieve your samples within 30 days after the meeting at which we jury (see application form).

Membership Categories

Working Members

Provisional Membership: All new working members enter on a provisional 6-month contract as Percentage-Based Members (see below.) They have all of the work and payment requirements listed, but do not have voting rights. Following the probationary period, they become full members.

Dues-Paying Membership: Members pay a one-time buy-in of \$200. Monthly dues are set by the voting membership and are approximately \$100/month. Members receive 85% of their actual sales, with 5% going toward the administrator's payment and 10% toward credit card fees, packaging and other operating costs. Members work in the shop 10 - 16 hours per month, depending on the season and the number of members. In addition, they do one extra duty for the cooperative, which averages 2 hours per month. Full voting rights.

Percentage-Based Membership: There is a \$100 per year fee. These members receive 70% of their actual sales, with 30% retained by the cooperative toward cooperative overhead and administrative fees. The work requirements for this category are the same as above. If the Member decides to switch to Dues-Paying Membership, the membership fees already paid are applied toward the buy-in. Full voting rights.

Associate Membership features a month-to-month contract that is cancelable by either party with 30 days' notice. Members do not work in the shop or have voting rights. They pay a \$10 per month membership fee and receive 60% of their actual sales, with 40% retained toward cooperative overhead and administrative fees. They are also required to submit a \$100 deposit that will be refunded when the member leaves if they have met all contractual agreements.

More questions?

Additional questions? Call Meg West, our New Member Coordinator at (434) 823-5507. We want to support and encourage artists and crafters in our community and can help you determine whether C'ville Arts would be a good fit for your business.

Thank you for your interest in C'ville Arts.

_____ \$20 Application Fee Received

Transient Crafters, Inc. dba

C'ville Arts

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Application for Membership

Please complete this form and submit it at the store or mail it to the cooperative along with **at least 5 samples of your work and your \$20 application fee.** Please put prices on each sample submitted. Call the store with any questions about the jurying process.

Name:

Business Name:

Mailing Address (including city and zip code):

Phone: _____ E-mail:

Please give a brief description of your work (including price range):

I am interested in the following membership category:

Working Member

Associate Member

I hereby agree to pick up my work, or make arrangements for it to be retrieved, within 30 days after the meeting at which my work is considered. If I do not retrieve my work during the 30 day period, it becomes the property of Transient Crafters dba C'ville Arts to dispose of as they see fit.

Signed: _____

Date:
