



**Thank you for applying to be a guest with
Hampshire Artists Co-operative (HAC)**
<http://www.hampshireartistscooperative.co.uk>

Introduction

The Hampshire Artists Co-operative is an artist led exhibiting group. The artists' work is in a mixture of media including watercolour, oils, acrylic, mixed media, collage, charcoal and line drawing and various types of print making techniques.

Three dimensional work is also well represented, including ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, glass and textiles.

Formed in 2007, the group was set up to bring together artists and craftspeople in Hampshire. Originally occupying The Selborne Gallery the group now exhibits primarily in venues across the region, presenting on average 3 exciting, high quality mixed shows on a regular basis.

The variety of work shown at the art exhibitions in Hampshire means that there is always something fresh and new to see in a range of prices to suit all budgets.

Applying to be a guest and becoming a member

An invitation to exhibit with the group would initially be as a guest artist. A completed application should be submitted along with images of the work envisaged to be exhibited with the group. The current members of HAC will review all submissions and will feedback to the member in charge of guest applications who will notify the applicant of the result. Suitability to exhibit with the group will depend on the type of work and whether it fits in with and is not too similar to members' art.

Guests are invited to exhibit with the group at specific shows and are expected to help with the setting up, manning etc.

When applying to be a guest please submit the following:

- Name
- Address
- E-mail
- Short artist's statement plus examples of your work (we recommend 3-5 images)
- Website link
- Sample Price List

(The application will be shared amongst the co-operative members but will not be passed on to any third parties.)

These are to be e-mailed to Lucille Scott (info@hampshireartistscooperative.co.uk)

Notifications of decisions are sent via email, usually within 2 months of submission depending on timing with general meetings and exhibitions.

If you enjoyed your experience as a guest and the membership invite you to become a member a contract will be issued with more details re conditions of being a member.

The cost of exhibiting as a guest and membership:

- Guests pay a one off fee of £150 for the exhibition they are invited to take part in. Guests are limited to one exhibition with the co-operative every 3 years.
- Some venues charge artists commission on sales, this is in addition to the guest artists fee. HAC always tries to get commission reduced as far as possible.

Once an applicant has exhibited as a guest and if they are interested in joining the Hampshire Artists Cooperative, the group will meet to discuss inviting the applicant to become a member. If the group are united in making the guest a member then the applicant will be notified via email. If selected, the email notification will contain further instructions and effective day of membership.

Eligibility to become a Member

Artists or crafts persons residing in Hampshire and surrounding areas (generally on the border of Hampshire) are eligible to apply for membership. In addition, we display the works of other, non-member guest artists, in combination with member artists. We do this to enhance the groups recognition and to allow member artists to exhibit alongside other established/emerging artists and network. All the artwork must be original, recent, handmade, and different from other works in the exhibit.

How the group works

This nomadic gallery is a member/cooperative exhibition group. Every member artist is involved in the running of the exhibitions from finding venues, running exhibitions, finding guest artists, marketing, hanging, painting, replenishing the exhibition, dusting, cleaning, etc. What makes the exhibitions look amazingly attractive and most of all, successful, is the hard work, attention to detail, creativity, teamwork and resilience of **every** member. Active participation by **all members** is essential to the sustainability of the co-operative. Members are responsible for supplying work for every exhibition, manning and taking down the exhibitions in a safe and orderly manner.

Exhibition Details

We aim to run 3 exhibitions every year, the locations vary from one year to the next as we learn about new venues. Venues we have used in the past include Hinton Ampner (National Trust), The Oxmarket (Chichester), Sir Harold Hilliers Gardens (Romsey) and Stockbridge Town Hall.

Membership is £360.00pa September 2019 – August 2020, reviewable each year. Payment can be for the year or monthly at £30 per month paid on the 1st of the month. This covers the general running of the group and costs for 3 exhibitions per year but not commission charged on sales.