



## Application for Artist Membership 2011-2012

### BACKGROUND

The Artists' Group of Charlestown, (AGC), was founded in 1997 by a group of artists who recognized the need to support and encourage the development of the visual arts in Charlestown. Since then, the AGC has consistently advocated the visual arts by promoting a dialogue between the community and artist members, through exhibitions, lectures, events and other arts-related activities.

### MISSION

- To provide an atmosphere for developing and maintaining interest in the visual and related arts.
- To promote the visual and related arts through educational programs and sponsored events in the Charlestown community.
- To provide scholarships and grants to local students and artists with interests in pursuing the visual and related arts.

### ARTIST MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- An opportunity to participate in group exhibitions, which include: the Annual Spring Show, Charlestown Open Studios Weekend, Art in the Park, and other planned events.
- Listing on the AGC website, [www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com](http://www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com)
- A biennial solo show in the StoveFactory Gallery is required.
- An opportunity to participate in special community programs such as conducting art classes for neighborhood children, lecture series, and planning and participating in art-related workshops.
- Use of AGC credit card system for art sales during shows and exhibits.

### MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Active participation in AGC activities is required including Gallery sitting and helping with AGC events, shows lectures and other activities
- Attending the Annual Meeting of the AGC in September/October
- Contributing to the success of the AGC non-profit mission, including our planned events and overall growth.
- The StoveFactory Gallery will be used by each artist member for their individual or group show within 2 years of membership.

### ANNUAL DUES

Accepted AGC Artist Member	\$70.00 and renewable each year during September
Student Membership (18 years or older)	\$35.00 and renewable each year during September.

### ELIGIBILITY & REVIEW PROCESS

AGC is seeking individuals who are actively working in two- and three-dimensional visual arts. In reviewing each application, the Committee shall consider originality, strength of the artist's vision, professional attitude and presentation, consistency in the quality of the artist's work, and commitment of the artist.

The Artist Membership will meet to review applications in September and March, or more frequently if needed. You will be notified by mail (either USPS or electronic) of our decision.

### WHO IS INVOLVED

AGC Artists' Membership is open to all artists, by application and acceptance, who are dedicated to creating, showing, selling their work and contributing to the on-going mission of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc..

The AGC is also composed of Supporting Members who provide support and resources for the AGC's non-profit goals. The Board of Directors is elected by the Artist Members and is made up of community or supporting members and artists members who serve a two-year term without compensation. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance and manages the business and organizational affairs of the AGC.

If you would like to be considered for membership, please complete the information below:



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You may use the form below or provide a document, which includes the following:

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Membership: Artist \_\_\_\_\_ Student Artist \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contact #'s: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (work/studio) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

4. E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Type of artist:  painter,  sculptor,  photographer,  printmaker,  other

\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

6. Media: Describe the medium in which you concentrate: (i.e., painting, print making, sculpture, etc.)

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7. Slides, photographs or CD of five individual artworks you have created with information attached and *Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like to have your slides returned.*

8. Include an **Artist's Statement** in which you describe your creative process, education, background, personal artistic goals, and most significant artistic accomplishment to date.

9. Include a short statement stating ideas for your contributing time to the AGC in its development and concept(s) for a solo or group show at the StoveFactory Gallery. All AGC members may have one 10 day exhibit every 24 months.

10. A check or money order must accompany your application, in the amount of \$20.00 payable to the *Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc.* **This is a non-refundable application processing fee**, which will be deducted from your membership dues upon acceptance.

Please send your completed application to:

**Artists' Group of Charlestown, Inc**

Attn: Membership Committee

PO Box 290164

Charlestown, MA 02129

If you have further questions, please call the AGC at 617-241-0130.