

The Old Depot Gallery

Standards Committee Guidelines

The Old Depot Gallery serves as a regional outlet for Western North Carolina artists and crafts persons and is dedicated to the preservation of the rich heritage of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Old ideas mingle with fresh concepts and we continue to expand and grow. New Artists are always welcome.

Criteria

Materials:

- **The use of natural materials is strongly encouraged. A 20% guideline is used for manufactured parts in any construction. Items made primarily from purchased materials such as clay, Glass, etc., will be judged from the standpoint of design, workmanship, and uniqueness.**
- **Kit work, glitter, inappropriate frames, studies or incomplete work, and very large items will not be accepted.**
- **Work in different medium by the same artist must be juried separately.**

Design:

- **All items must be original and creative. The underlying principles of good design—balance, unity, variety, rhythm, and form should be evident. An appreciation of color theory is also basic.**
- **In a few instances, such as quilting and needlework, standard patterns may be the springboard for creative interpretation. In these cases, The Committee will view the pieces with an eye toward technical ability, design principles, and individual embellishment.**

Technical Proficiency:

Each medium requires certain skills. In general, finished work should appear polished and professional. All work must be complete and ready for display upon acceptance. The following points will apply:

1. **Functional pieces must meet safety standards for their intended use. The works "Decorative Use Only" must be clearly visible on items that appear utilitarian but are meant only for display.**
2. **Children's toys should be non-toxic and free from parts that could be accidentally ingested. Fabric used in children's clothing must meet national fire and safety standards.**
3. **Lead free and food safe glazes must be used on pottery. Oven proof and dishwasher safe items should be marked.**

- 4. All food items must meet the standards set by the Buncombe County Board of Health and Safety. Date and ingredients should be listed. Paraffin seals are unacceptable. The home provider certificate is required.**
- 5. Wooden items must be properly constructed, sanded and finished.**
- 6. Clothing must be sized and have fabric content and care instructions included.**
- 7. Limited edition prints should be signed and numbered in pencil. Copies of original art work should be labeled as such. All work must be hard backed and protected.**

Marketability:

- An item may meet all of the guidelines and still not fit the philosophy of The Old Depot Gallery. It should be remembered that The Gallery is intended for traditional rather than very contemporary works.**
- Prices should be set by the artist. However, The Committee may recommend changes based on current sales and market value of similar items. Items are to be shown for sale exclusively at The Old Depot Gallery within Black Mountain City limits.**

Submission:

- Work is accepted between 10 AM and 4 PM on Tuesday through Friday of each week. All items should be tagged and ready for display and with paperwork complete.**
- The jury meets the fourth Thursday of each month to evaluate pieces. Accepted items will be shown for a period of one year after which they must be removed by the crafter. Unclaimed items will become the property of The Gallery after one notice. Rejected work will be accompanied by reasons and possible suggestions for improvement.**

Consignment Agreement:

- Please! read consignment agreement carefully before signing!!**
- The Gallery values each artist's work and pledges to handle all items with great care. However, the organization regrets it cannot be liable for accidental damage or loss. The Gallery is staffed by volunteers and they may not be able to answer your questions. In event of further questions, The Gallery Manager may be contacted. Thank you for your interest!**

Jury Application Form

Name _____

Address _____ NC, _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

List items and prices presented to Jury.

A description of your craft process (attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Received by _____