



Artisans Guild – Eastern Shore of Virginia

Application for Juried Member Status

The Artisans Guild feels that the standards statement adopted by the American Craft Council reflects its thoughts on the work of its juried members:

“Whether produced in quantity or as an individual piece, the ideal work reflects excellence. The work should be well-conceived, expertly executed without technical faults, and reflect the unique design, skill and vision of the American craftsman.”

Guidelines for acceptance to juried member status:

- Must be a member of the Artisans Guild before applying for juried status
- Must be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and produce work here at least 6 months out of the year
- Objects may be either functional or decorative
- Both contemporary designs and traditional reproductions will be considered
- Collaborative work of up to 3 artisans will be considered

The Guild adheres to the following American Craft Council standards

- The media to be juried includes basketry, ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, plastics, wood and stone
- Ineligible work: painting, photography, graphics, items assembled from kits or commercially available patterns, embellished objects, food, candy, dried flowers
- Also Eligible: Work not specifically included in the media above, work in an unlisted media or which transcends the usual limitations in creativity or workmanship, will also be considered.
- There is no fee for the jury process.

Process:

Each of the five committee members will jury and score the work individually.

Submissions will be graded using a standard 1 to 5 system with no "3". In other words, a score of 1, 2, 4 or 5 will be assigned to each body of work. Jurors cannot cast an ambiguous vote of 3 points.

Each juror will fill out a grading form. Total combined points will determine which artists are granted juried status.

A score of 18 is required for juried member status.

At the July Board meeting the Standards Committee Chairman will deliver a written report of the jury's actions to the Board and propose acceptance of the applicants who received the required points.

By August 1, all applicants will receive written notice of the results of the jurying process.

A juried artisan will retain exhibitor status permanently so long as dues are current, and standards are maintained.

A juried artisan will retain exhibitor status FOR LIFE, AND MAY EXHIBIT AT GUILD EVENTS AS LONG AS ACC STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED. DUES MUST BE PAID FOR THE EVENT YEAR.

For more information regarding the jurying process and schedule for 2010, contact Dan Bowen before May 1, 2010 at dan@weirwoodstation.com