



Application For Jurying

For the Jury Date of: _____

ARTISANS NORTHWEST
c/o Leena Joy
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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in Artisans Northwest of Thunder Bay. Over the years, Artisans Northwest has grown to be Thunder Bay's largest and oldest juried art and fine craft organization and is governed by a Constitution. Artisans Northwest provides a professional outlet for more than 80 artisans with one major show each year.

We are always looking for new members who create unique and quality work. Before membership is offered to you, a Selection Committee must jury your work to ensure that the work meets the standards of creativity, originality and workmanship. In some cases, even though your work is acceptable, we may have a number of artisans doing very similar work. If the category is considered full, we would not jury your work and would invite you to reapply in the future.

If your work is accepted, you will be offered membership into Artisans Northwest. We also require that you participate in our Artisans Northwest Art and Fine Craft Show, which is held annually in November at the Valhalla Inn. Once you have completed the Membership Application Form and paid your annual membership fee, your membership is then activated. Membership is renewed annually. Once you are a member, you do not have to have your products juried again unless you wish to submit work in a different medium, add new products that are substantially different from the current ones or you do not renew your membership and wish to reapply at a later date. Please take the time to review the attached information and do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing your products.

Yours truly,

Leena Joy
Selection Committee Chairperson
Artisans Northwest

Jurying Location: [see website for date and location](#)

Please bring 3-7 original works in your selected medium that you wish to have reviewed by the Selection Committee. These works should be brought to the Valhalla Inn at the drop off time. You should be prepared to arrange an attractive display for jury purposes. Please ensure that you have representative samples of the entire price range of your work.

If it is not possible for you to bring items in personally, please arrange to have a family member or friend bring and setup them up. If you live outside of Thunder Bay, you may send detailed photos, (JPEG please) to me at the address below. Please ensure that they are securely packaged. If you wish them to be insured it is your responsibility. Please also ensure that you enclose return postage. Thank you.

Drop Off Time: 6:30 p.m.

Pick Up Time: 8:30 p.m.

Information for the Prospective Member

For our purposes, medium* is defined as '*the mode of artistic expression*'. You must submit at least 3- 5 original works in your selected medium. High quality digital images are acceptable, but actual work is preferred. It is easier to judge quality and workmanship with an actual product. Images must include close-ups or you take the chance of their not being considered. We must be notified in advance if you are submitting images so that we can arrange to have the appropriate equipment available.

We also require some background information on you and your work. The enclosed Jury Application form must be filled out completely and sent with your jury application fee. Please send two checks, one for \$15.00 and the other for \$30.00. The first check is the non-refundable jury application fee. If your work is accepted, the cheque for \$30.00 pays for your membership for the year. If your work is not accepted, the cheque for \$30.00 will be returned to you.

Please note that:

- The work must be the result of an original idea, interpretation and design.
- Items assembled from kits are not acceptable.
- No products that are a direct copy from a pattern are allowed.
- No reselling of other people's products is allowed.
- Items using found objects are only acceptable when the found objects have been transformed with creativity and technical proficiency to form a new entity, and are acceptable to the Jury.
- Items made from commercial molds, patterns and findings are not acceptable unless
 - a) the original mold is the design and product of the craftsperson
 - b) the commercial mold, pattern, or finding is subordinate to the design and is acceptable to the Jury.
- All scented products must be individually wrapped, except for one sample of each.
- Any items that have not been accepted by the Selection Committee and are for sale at our show will have to be removed (unless that product is strictly for enhancement/display purposes only).
- Assistants involved in the creation/design of the product are also required to be juried and pay a separate membership fee.
- * you may be juried for only one medium per jury.

Artisans Northwest Membership Information

Once you become a member of Artisans Northwest, it is required that you participate in our Arts & Fine Craft Show, which is held at the Valhalla Inn in November. You will be provided with an application form and information regarding the show. You should be aware of the following information:

- The registration fee for an 8'X 10' space at the show is set annually. This fee is used to pay for expenses for the show. Most shows charge a registration fee such as this.
- You must collect Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) where applicable.
- Personal liability insurance is advised.
- It would be advisable to have a range of prices.
- Often it takes time to establish yourself in the Artisans community so do not be discouraged if your sales are not high at first. Sometimes this may take 5-7 years.
- Memberships are renewed at the AGM in February/March of each year.
- **PLEASE BE PREPARED TO COMPLETE YOUR SHOW REGISTRATION ON THE NIGHT OF THE JURY AND PAY YOUR FEE AT THAT TIME.**

Your membership goes to offset costs associated with Artisans Northwest. When you pay for a space at the Art & Fine Craft Show you receive:

- The opportunity to participate in the only juried show in Northwestern Ontario
- Exposure to a large audience that is looking for quality creations
- Extensive advertising
- Information sharing, resources and opportunities for other shows
- The opportunity to participate in a non-profit organization
- The opportunity to network with colleagues in the artistic community
- Year round contact with the public through the Artisans Northwest website and Social Media.



Jury Application Form

For the Jury Date of: _____

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Medium of Work Being Submitted: _____

NOTE: *Please be specific when answering all questions. Use both sides if necessary.*

1. Give a brief description of your art/craft and the medium used.
(PLEASE NOTE: No *commercially* made kits are allowed)

2. How did you become interested in your art/craft?

3. How long have you been doing it?

4. How did you learn to do this? (self taught, courses, books, etc.)

5. What other shows have you participated in and for how long?

6a. Are you solely responsible for the creation of your art or craft, or do you have assistants?

6b. If you have assistants, describe the part each person plays in developing/creating your craft or who makes what items.

7. Describe exactly the steps used in the process of creating your product(s). If you require more space, please use an extra sheet of paper.

7a. Do you use commercial patterns or prefab parts?

7b. Do you modify them or follow the pattern explicitly?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the completed Jury Application Form along with two (2) cheques (one for \$15 and one for \$30) both payable to Artisans Northwest to:

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Entry Deadline: Applications must be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to the jury date. Late applications will not be accepted. Please check the website www.artisansnorthwest.ca to see when the next juried date is.