

Jury Information for Applicants

The mission of the WV Highlands Artisans Group is to develop appreciation for the arts in the community by providing a space for local artists to develop their work, as well as provide educational services to Tucker County. Our gallery, located in downtown Davis, promotes the creation and sale of work by artists from our geographical area, supports tourism, educates the community, and provides professional opportunities for artists.

The WV Highlands Artisan Gallery is located at 487 William Avenue, Davis WV 26260.

Part One: Images, Written Application and \$15.00 Application Fee

Please send 4 to 6 digital images that accurately represent your work for the members to review along with your application and application fee.

Part Two: Media Objects

Part two is to evaluate mastery of skills and craftsmanship, design and composition within the designated media category. The physical works submitted for part two should be the best representation of your current work (within the last two years).

Jury Policy

The Standards of Handmade and Quality as Recognized by the WV Highlands Artisans Group:

1. An object must be handmade by the applicant
2. An object must exhibit excellence in craftsmanship
3. An object must exhibit excellence in design
4. Durability of the object must be appropriate to the item.
5. An object must be original in design (no plagiarism by the applicant), or be an historical reproduction with appropriate documentation.
6. An object must be produced within WV Highlands Artisans Group's geographical area.
7. An object must have obvious integrity (no misrepresentation).
8. Handmade objects are designated as handmade when made by the applicant, or under the direction of the applicant (artist designer), using hand tools (such as a wood lathe or potter's wheel).

Acceptable Standards for Producing Multiples

Multiple production items must meet all of the following guidelines:

1. The original design or original adaptation of traditional design is made by the applicant.
2. Multiple production techniques must require skills to be executed and performed by the applicant craftsperson or under his or her supervision.
3. Objects must have a significant handmade integral component done by applicant or under his or her supervision.
4. The aesthetic and/or artistic value of the object must be based substantially on its handmade component.
5. Misrepresentation of materials is prohibited
 - a. Labeling: If there is a difference between an objects perceived and actual medium, it must be so labeled.
 - b. Category: If an object in the design medium category is different from the juried category, the work must be submitted to the Jury Committee in the proper medium designation.

If an applicant feels his or her multiple production technique is worthy of the Co-op's inclusion, but is not included in the designated media categories listing, he or she may present a narrative to the Jury Committee for review.

Jury Application Part 1

This form must be completed by the applicant and submitted with images when mailed to the address below. Each artisan should send unaltered images of a minimum of four (4), but not more than six (6) items for the jurors to review. Multiple images of each piece are encouraged.

Name: _____

Name of Business:

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers(s): _____

Email Address: _____

I certify that the objects submitted are original pieces crafted by myself.

Signature

Date _____

I am enclosing my \$15.00 application fee; check made payable to WV Highlands Artisans Group. This fee is non-refundable.

Item or Title, Size,
Technique / Materials:

Corresponding
Image Number

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Please return this form, along with Part One application and the \$15 application fee to:
WV Highlands Artisans Group
Attn: Jury Committee
PO Box 639
Davis West Virginia

History/Experience/Technique (attach additional sheets):

Describe any process/technique/collaboration/material used that makes your work unique or that may not be obvious to the viewer (attach additional sheets):

Media Designation:

- Wood
- Leather
- Photography
- Glass (hot & cold)
- Paper
- Body Products
- Pottery
- Mixed Media
- Jewelry*
- Metal
- Book/Historical/Musical
- Sculpture
- Fine Art (2D/Painting/Printmaking)
- Baskets
- Textiles/Quilts/Weaving

*If applicant's work includes objects made with precious metals (gold, silver, etc.), the applicant should apply in the media designation "Jewelry". If the applicant's work includes jewelry-type pieces and other objects within a given media designation, the applicant should apply in the appropriate media designation (rather than "Jewelry".)

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