

GREENWICH PRINTMAKERS GALLERY

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CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Dear Printmaker

Thank you for your interest in the Greenwich Printmakers Association. The GPA is a co-operative, open to practising printmakers living in the London area, particularly South East London. The only exception to this is for long standing members who have moved away.

The GPA has been run as a successful co-operative gallery for over 40 years. Our selection procedures are defined both by a candidate's artistic merit, and also by their suitability to the co operative ethos of the association. In order to ensure the continuing success of the association, it is essential that candidates understand what is expected of them.

There is a monthly membership fee paid by standing order (currently £30 a month). A commission of 35% is charged on work sold (no commission on frames) and members are paid directly into their accounts at the start of the month after the sale is made. The minimum retail price in the gallery is £50 for a print. The minimum backing card size for acetated work is A4.

The gallery is open 7 days a week from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm. Members must do a full day gallery sitting every 5 weeks. It is strongly recommended that members do their own sit, so that they can attend to duties which substitutes could not undertake, e.g. to check their stock. Having agreed to and been assigned a regular time in the week, members are responsible for their sittings and can be fined for any that are missed. Swaps can easily be done by members, and we have a google calendar to administer this.

Six exhibitions in the year are mounted in the gallery, and members must submit a minimum of 3 new framed prints a year for exhibitions. All work must be original handmade prints: etchings, lithographs, silkscreen, engravings, monotype, collagraph, photopolymer or relief prints (no digital, giclée prints or other reproductions are permissible). A rota of members in alphabetical order is responsible for hanging. Outside exhibitions require teams to hang and take down exhibitions.

In the spirit of a co-operative, members are assigned to teams to work with administration, outside exhibitions and publicity. New members must attend the bi-monthly committee meetings to gain an insight into the workings of the association. An Annual General Meeting is held in July which all members are expected to attend.

Your application

A fee of £20 is charged for new membership applications, paid on delivery to the gallery of a portfolio of 10 finished prints. Portfolios must be collected by the applicant, following notification of the election outcome. We usually elect members to fill the allotted spaces, along with several reserves who will be asked if they wish to join when a place becomes available.

New memberships are reviewed after a probationary year following which they become full members. They then become eligible for a Featured Artist show in the gallery in alphabetical rotation and are able to show on our stand at The Affordable Art Fair if desired.

All members are required to make a commitment to the GPA and to sign an indemnity agreement concerning the lease of the gallery. Four months' notice is required if a member wishes to leave the Association.

Any further queries should be direct to Diana Croft, Membership Secretary, dianacroft@yahoo.co.uk