

Artisans' Guild of Camas

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The Artisans' Guild of Camas (AGC) was established in January of 2022 for all artists, artisans and supports of art in the City of Camas who wish to enrich their artistic experiences. AGC is an unincorporated association or "club".

Mission Statement

AGC is dedicated to inspiring enthusiasm for the visual arts and craft through educational and exhibition opportunities.

Objectives

- **To encourage artisans to display art at planned events in Camas**
- **To partner with Camas merchants and businesses to display and sell art**
- **To participate in community events that encourage the arts in Camas and the surrounding area**
- **To explore visual art and craft techniques via class instruction and demonstration**
- **To promote open studio events for member artists and artisans**

Officers

The Board consists of a President or Co-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Events Chair, Art Show Chair and Marketing Chair. The Board should meet to once a month to effectively manage AGC and may meet in person or via video conferencing.

Duties

President or Co-President: Conduct meetings. Coordinate activities with Committees including art shows. Act as liaison with Downtown Camas Association, the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. Sets and distributes Board and General Membership meeting agendas.

Secretary: Takes minutes at meetings. Distributes minutes in a timely manner to all members prior to the following meeting by email.

Treasurer: Manages AGC bank account. Gives a treasurer's report at each meeting. Collects any "website gallery" payments. Approves expenditures up to \$200, with anything over \$200 being approved by a majority of the Board.

Membership/Community Outreach Committee: Receives membership forms and maintains an email contact list of all members. Provides and maintains a membership list to be provided to all members. Is the primary contact for new or potential members. Also assists in establishing

partnerships with government, nonprofit and business organizations, such as other art associations, Downtown Camas Association, etc.

Events Committee: Arranges or provides a program at most AGC meetings, such as demos, art talks, critique groups, workshops, and activities at community events.

Art Show Committee: Seeks out opportunities to show art and organizes and sets up the shows.

Marketing Committee: Responsible for marketing AGC online or in print, including blog post writing, social media, website content, photos, press releases, etc.

Terms, Elections and Procedures

- Board member terms are one year, beginning ____ 1; members may serve more than one term.
- A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President or Co-Presidents in ____ and nominations announced at the next AGC meeting.
- Voting takes place in the _____ meeting. At that meeting, nominations may be made from the floor. If there are multiple nominations for any position, voting will be by secret ballot.
- Board decisions are passed with a simple majority of elected board members. If a quorum cannot be present at the board meeting, the vote may be handled by email with a majority vote required to pass on the item. The Secretary will keep a record of Board meeting and decision and any email decisions.
- Decisions made at AGC meetings are by a simple majority of those in attendance, unless attendance is less than 50, which would require a 2/3 majority of those attending.

Activities

Major activities include the AGC Annual Art Show and Sale, and other activities to be determined.

Art Shows

Classes

Art Match (concept of member partnerships with local businesses)

Benefits of Membership

- The opportunity to meet and socialize with other artisans at monthly meetings
- Introduction to other art forms
- Share knowledge or art and marketing of art
- Classes, demonstrations and education of various forms or art and craft
- Information provided on regional art shows
- The opportunity to partner with local businesses to display art

Responsibilities of Membership

- AGC members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings
- AGC members are encouraged to work on committees, volunteer as officers and work at shows
- There are no membership dues for the first year of membership. Fees may be assessed to members if they wish to sell their art on the AGC website. Membership dues may be considered at a later date to support the website and other activities.