

**BACKSTREET GALLERY Cooperative
Membership Application**

(Please use additional pages as needed)

1421 Bay Street, Florence, OR 97439 – (541) 997-8980 – www.backstreetgallery.org

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Art Background

What primary mediums do you want to display in the Gallery (No more than 3, please).

Current Backstreet members that know you _____

Why do you want to join Backstreet Gallery Cooperative?

Working and Non-Working memberships are available: Which type is for you? **First review page 2 regarding membership types, display space, fees, duties, etc.**

Working Member _____ or Non-Working Member _____

Please include at least 8 to 10 photographs of your artwork with this application. Mail or deliver to Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street, Florence, OR 97439 Attn: Membership Chair - **Or** - send a photo of your application and 8-10 images (jpeg) to Jane Rincon, janerincon2@gmail.com.

I have read the Membership Information sheet provided to me with the application.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Information on Membership in Backstreet Gallery Cooperative

Backstreet Gallery Cooperative was incorporated in 2005 with Oregon's Secretary of State. Since then, we have been doing business as a fee-based membership cooperative and are in compliance with State of Oregon statutes and Secretary of State rules. Our Restated By-Laws are available to all members.

Two types of membership are available: Working Member and Non-Working Member

A. Working Members: You have full ownership in the business.

1. Pay quarterly fees for guaranteed display space. Space sizes are Half, Full **or combinations thereof.** Fees are \$210/quarter for Full space and \$105/quarter for Half space and are paid when due: January 1, March 15, June 15, September 15.
2. Display Chair determines available space for new Working Members.
3. Backstreet charges a commission of 12% on each Working Member's sales. Commissions and sales for all Members, Working and Non-Working, may occasionally be reset if deemed necessary by a 2/3 vote of Working Members.
4. Working Members share the responsibility of clerking so all shifts are filled.
5. Working Members oversee the business functions of the cooperative and have comprehensive voting privileges as described in our By-Laws. Attendance at business meetings held the first Tuesday of the month, is required. This is when Working Members are kept informed of all Gallery business and activities. Working Members vote and have final say in most decisions of the business.
6. Working Members may serve on the Board of Directors and must participate on two committees. Our committees ensure smooth function of the business.
7. **Emails are required:** Must read and respond to emails concerning our business.
8. Working Members must live within 25 miles of the Gallery. After fulfilling a one-year commitment as a Working Member, a Working Member desiring to become a Non-Working Member must reapply and follow the current application process to become a Non-Working Member.

B. Non-Working Members:

1. Must live within 75 miles of Backstreet Gallery Cooperative and offer unique art, not currently displayed by Backstreet's Working Members.
2. Pay annual fees for display of art **without** guaranteed space size. Fees are \$125.00 per year to be paid by January 15.
3. Display Chair determines how much space is available to Non-Working Members.
4. Backstreet charges a commission of 40% on each Non-Working Member's sales.
5. Non-Working Members do not clerk nor serve on any business function.
6. Non-Working Members do not have voting privileges.

Information on Membership in Backstreet Gallery Cooperative, continued

B. Non-Working Members, continued:

7. For a Non-Working Member to **return** to Working Member status, they must be medically and physically able to perform all duties of Working Membership and follow the current application process.

Insurance: Gallery insurance covers visitors to the Gallery. It does **not** cover members' artwork. You are encouraged to purchase your own insurance as you see fit.