



The Visual Arts Alliance, founded in 1981 by a group of artists in northwest Houston, Texas, is a non-profit, educational organization for serious practitioners of the visual arts and interested members of the general public.

At the VAA monthly meetings, guest speakers and workshops are presented to give a broader understanding of the many aspects of the art world. Not only are new techniques demonstrated but also an effort is made to help members with the business side of their craft. Information is also made available on how and where to enter competitive exhibitions held throughout the country.

Artist members also may present their works for aesthetic appraisal by fellow members and visitors. Non-artists, especially collectors, can gain insight into the characteristics of various art media (oils, acrylic, watercolor, clay, wood, etc.) and gain appreciation of the constraints that artists must work with in order to achieve their creations.

The Visual Arts Alliance encourages all artists, including non-members. Each year the group holds a well-publicized, national open juried exhibition where non-members as well as members are invited to compete. The Alliance also has an annual "members only" juried exhibition. The jurors of our exhibitions are accomplished members of the art community, for example: Museum Curators and internationally known artists. This and the awards provide encouragement for the artists.

To maximize self-reliance in funding, members pay organizational dues, participants in the member and open juried competitions pay entry fees, and the group receives a donation for all sales of works at Alliance exhibitions. Donations are also received from corporate and individual sponsors. In addition, the Alliance has a program of on-site corporate exhibits. This helps bring fine art into another area of public awareness and it provides members with alternate venues for their work.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES \$35 Please check one: new member renewing member

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