

## **Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC (known as GAP) Membership Guidelines**

GAP is an artist cooperative built on the model of a collaboration of creative people working to elevate awareness of art in Palatka and the broader Putnam County Florida community. To that end, GAP seeks to maintain a high level of creative thought, presentation, inventiveness, and inclusion, and encourages all artists who share our vision to apply for membership.

**Applicants must be 18 with original work, and willing to follow the guidelines set forth by Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC.**

### **Annual Membership Dues**

#### **Volunteer Exhibiting Artist with committed gallery volunteer hours.**

\$75 (annually)

\$90 (bi-annually in two payments of \$45)

#### **Exhibiting Artist without gallery volunteer hours.**

\$150 (annually)

\$175 (bi-annually in two payments of \$87.50)

**New Memberships are offered to qualifying applicants every two months on the 1st of the month. [Please see our calendar online for more information.](#)**

Sponsoring Patrons – Donations of \$100 - \$500 (or in-kind)

Sustaining Patrons – Donations of \$500 - \$1,000 (or in-kind)

Legacy Patrons – Donations of \$1,000 and above (or in-kind)

**Patrons' names or businesses will be prominently displayed in the gallery and added to on a regular basis.**

### **Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC Membership Application Requirements**

Artists applying for GAP membership as volunteering or non-volunteering exhibiting artists will be asked to present an artist's statement describing their medium, creative philosophy, desired level of participation/membership, and a portfolio of their work, to be reviewed by the membership committee and select jury. Membership dues will be collected upon acceptance, and Volunteer Exhibiting Artists will select their gallery volunteer schedule for the first three months.

All applicants are required to fill out an Application Form online and be prepared to provide:

\*Contact Information.

\*The Artist's Statement.

\*Five Photo Samples of Your Work.

### **Volunteer Exhibiting Member Expectations (\$75 level)**

Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC is an artist-run cooperative, which relies on the collaborative spirit of its volunteer members. Therefore, GAP expects the following level of volunteer engagement to keep the wheels turning smoothly. Exhibiting Members agree to volunteer in the gallery a minimum of three 3.5-hour day shifts (11:00-6:00), or two 3.5-hour day shifts and one 2-hour evening shift (Friday and Saturday) per month. Attendance at gallery openings when exhibiting is strongly recommended, and participation in one committee project annually is encouraged.

### **Exhibiting Member Expectations (\$150 level)**

It is strongly recommended that Non-volunteering Exhibiting Members attend gallery openings which exhibit their work. Gallery openings are an important way for artists and the public to engage with one another, which is part of GAP's mission.

### **Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC Exhibit Submission/Application Fees**

GAP Members: Applications for scheduled and/or special Calls for Art include a \$15 fee for one piece of art submitted and a \$25 fee for up to three pieces of art submitted.

Non-members: Applications for scheduled and/or special Calls for Art include a flat \$35 fee for up to three pieces of art submitted.

All exhibit applications will be juried. Juries will consist of each exhibit's curator(s) and a panel of GAP artists and invited professionals, to be selected by the exhibit curator(s), based on the theme or focus of the show. This process will be assisted by the Exhibits Committee.

There is no guarantee that any or all pieces in an individual exhibit submission application will be accepted. Exhibit application fees are non-refundable, and exhibit submissions must include exhibit application fees to be considered.

### **Gathering Artists Of Putnam LLC Exhibit Requirements**

All exhibiting artists (members and non-members) are encouraged to be present for all gallery openings which include their work. This allows the public to get to know each artist and their work.

Any artist exhibiting work in the GAP gallery, or in a satellite GAP sponsored exhibit space will pay a 20% donation to Gathering Artists of Putnam for each piece of art sold in those spaces.\*

\* GAP member artists who sell work or are commissioned to do work which is not exhibited in a GAP sponsored event are not expected to pay a 20% GAP donation.

## **Monthly Featured Artist Opportunities And Requirements**

Members of GAP, have an opportunity to apply to be a featured artist of the month during our regular bi monthly shows (exclusive of the two Spring and Fall Member Shows).

Featured artists must meet the following criteria:

\*They must have a body of work to fill the required featured artist space.

\*They must provide copies of their Artist Statement.

\*They must provide GAP with clear images of their work at least 6 weeks prior for us to use in our PR and Marketing plan.

\*They must have cards or handouts available for visitors.

\*They must be present for the entire opening of the show for the month they are the featured artist.

### **Note:**

**If an application for GAP membership or a GAP exhibit is not accepted, reasons will be explained, and constructive recommendations will be offered to assist the artist in preparing for future applications.**