

Please Note:

The Board of Directors considers all applications for membership and reserve the right to reject a new application. The primary activity of the Cooperative is producing and exhibiting artwork. A Portfolio in A4/A3 hard copy or CD or Email of at least 6 most recent images of artwork needs to be delivered to the Gallery along with the completed application form. It is important that these images are well presented enabling the panel to access them.

NB: Email images need to be **NO LARGER** than 72 dpi @ 450 pixels. Please do not send images straight from the camera as they are usually for print not web. Original artworks will not be required as a presentation portfolio. The response time from the applicant to join and pay applicable joining fees, upon approval is ten (10) days. After such time elapses, the applicant would be reviewed as a new applicant.

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Curious Art Information to Consider before submitting an Application**Work Commitment:**

- To work within a Co-Operative Structure requires a commitment of time and energy.
- To be able and willing to work to themed exhibitions /support coop initiatives/opening nights.
- To be able to contribute new work for the exhibitions and deliver work within deadlines set by the Gallery

Financial Commitment:

To be able to meet the weekly current commitment of the Cooperative and support the personal cost of artists materials in order to produce new artwork.

Cooperative Definition

1. A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.
2. Curious Art is suited to persons who are willing to work within the Co- Operative as part of a team where long- term goals of professional development, producing and exhibiting art forms are the primary and principal activity, are the focus. Maximizing profits does not drive a Co-Operative structure. Therefore unrealistic, unrealized sales expectations may frustrate or disappoint someone who is simply looking to place their work in a Gallery, hoping for a quick sale. By contrast, Curious Art members unselfishly promote and support the Co-Operative viewing it as a vehicle for promoting all of the member's artists.

Why Join Curious Art?

In the winter of 2000 a small group of artists formed the idea for an art movement, after struggling to find exhibition space. Their desire was to secure permanent space for artists whose passion for art had no limits. Sometimes the task or project is bigger than the resources of the individual but well within reach of a group. Curious Art Cooperative was formed out of such a need and shared vision by the founding member artists. The Co-Operative business structure emphasizes co-operation and adherence to the values and principles to achieve mutual aspirations rather than a philosophy of maximizing profits.

What are the Benefits?

The art movement ...Curious Art is like being a part of an 'art family'. Positive and constructive feedback is encouraged.

Professional development ...Regular exhibitions provide an ideal growth environment for professional development. Curious Art has assisted artists to get back into art, develop the confidence to grow artistically and to market and exhibit their work in other areas including, The Tweed River Regional Gallery, inner city Brisbane Galleries, Sydney and the Gold Coast Corporate Art Centre to mention a few.

Studio space...Co-Operative facilities allow for artists to use the Gallery as an extension of their own studio whenever they are rostered on for Co-Op duty. Certain limitations apply. Marketing Power is far more extensive, progressive and cost effective from a co-operative than the individual artist could normally achieve.

Questionnaire for Potential Members

Why choose Curious Art as an art group to be part of? What would be your expectations from exhibiting at Curious Art Gallery?

Commitment: (To help assess ability to work in Gallery)

What are your current time commitments? Include work, family etc. Can you commit to voluntary work as required by the Cooperative? On average 1 day per week.

What have been your past commitments, e.g. secular work, volunteerwork?

How much artwork did you create in the past year?

Financial:

Are you in a position to meet the weekly an annual financial commitments?

Understanding of the Co-operative Culture:

What can you bring to the Co-operative, e.g. skills, interests? (Please refer to the definition of the Co-operative)

Training:

For training purposes, have you had any retail experience? If yes, please describe.

The Co-operative principles

- Co-operatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.
- Co-operatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary co-operatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and co-operatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.
- Co-operatives are autonomous; self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their co-operative autonomy.
- Co-operatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their co-operatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of co-operation.

- Co-operatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the co-operative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

By Laws of Curious Art Cooperative Ltd

1. Non-members, inactive and past members wishing to exhibit in the Gallery shall be reviewed by the Board of Directions and notify all current members of such proposals. A meeting will be convened where a majority vote (75%) will be required to accept the proposal. Commissions and rental fees will be variable and decided upon at the special meeting.
2. If a member falls into arrears with weekly rent payments, the Board shall review each case seeking to assist the member to meet their obligations. Inactive membership may result neither when a member cannot meet the weekly payments and as such has no voting or exhibition rights until such time as they repay all outstanding fees and can meet the current weekly fees.
3. Sobriety is expected at all times when working at the Cooperative. During opening exhibition events the responsible offering of alcoholic beverages to persons of legal age is enforced. The Board can exercise the right not to offer any person/s alcoholic beverages. The emphasis of the Gallery during opening events **is on the art not the party**. A smoke free zone of any substance operates within the Cooperative building and adherence to any State and Federal Governmental Laws is applicable.
4. New members shall be required to remain active members for 12 consecutive months before they are offered a solo exhibition. Exhibition schedules are discussed and decided upon at the Cooperative's AGM held 5 months after the close of a financial year.
5. Variation of the rules of the Cooperative may vary from time to time with the approval of the Registry of Cooperatives NSW.
6. Members leaving the Cooperative are required to give one (1) months written or verbal notice to one of the Directors. They are required to fulfill any outstanding financial or work commitments prior to leaving. To rejoin the Cooperative is dependent upon leaving the Cooperative in good standing, financially or otherwise and will be reviewed by the Board.
7. Members are to vacate the premises by 7.30pm d.s.t. on any rostered day or a day when they wish to work after hours. Respect for our neighbours upstairs is paramount.