

CALL FOR ARTISTS



The Wiregrass Art Gallery in Thomasville, Georgia is accepting applications for membership.

If you are an artist seeking a high-traffic venue to exhibit your work, Wiregrass offers you an opportunity to become part of a community of artists.

This packet provides information on the application process and requirements for joining the Gallery.

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Wiregrassartcoop.org

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Thank you for your interest in joining Wiregrass Art Gallery!

The Wiregrass Art Gallery is an artist cooperative located in Thomasville, Georgia. The mission of our co-op is to provide artists a high-profile exhibition space in downtown Thomasville and actively promote artists' work. The Gallery accomplishes this by assembling a core network of artists who share the expenses, responsibilities and benefits of running a gallery.

Our gallery features fine art and fine craftwork and has over 1,900 square feet of exhibition space. Our artists are from Thomasville, Tallahassee, Valdosta, Monticello, Quincy, and other surrounding communities.

Thomasville is actively moving forward in developing and supporting the arts. City officials, local businesses and the Thomasville Center for the Arts are all investing a great deal of effort into transforming Thomasville into a "small art town." The Wiregrass Art Gallery is an integral part in this development. There has never been a better time to be part of Wiregrass Art Gallery.

The gallery is composed of a group of artists whose spirit, energy, imagination, and goals will move the gallery forward. It is a dynamic organization that actively participates in a variety of Thomasville events such as Sip and Shop, sidewalk sales, Thomasville Rose Festival, and Victorian Christmas.

What the Gallery does for you:

- Provides exhibition space to display your work in a high profile location in downtown Thomasville
- Staffs the gallery by member artists to promote artwork to gallery visitors
- Displays work in the gallery window as featured artist of the month
- Exhibits a sample of your work and a bio on the gallery website providing additional visibility to patrons of the arts
- Provides an opportunity for you to be a Spotlight Artist of the Month on the gallery website
- Participates in local events and sponsors activities to promote the gallery and its members
- Offers a designated room for members to conduct workshops and classes

What you do for the Gallery:

- Set up your initial display with the assistance of Gallery Manager
- Refresh your display at least every 4 months with new work
- Participate in a Gallery committee
- Help staff the Gallery a minimum of 6 hours per month

Work of artists applying to join the gallery is juried by a committee. Work is judged based on originality, quality of work, and appropriateness for the Thomasville community.

Included in this packet is information for application. You will find an artist information form, fees and commission schedule, a Release and Hold Harmless form and an Artist Responsibilities Acknowledgement form. In addition to filling out these forms, you will need to submit 5-6 photos of your artwork and a "head shot" in jpeg format or a Microsoft Word document. It would be helpful in promoting you and your artwork to have a photo of you creating your artwork. The application may be submitted via email or mailed to the gallery with ATTN: Membership Chair. Artists accepted into the Gallery will be notified by the Membership Committee Chair and then contacted by the Gallery Manager to set up a mutually agreed upon time to set up your initial display and receive preliminary orientation. Detailed orientation and training with an experienced member on gallery opening, working the front desk, and closing will also be scheduled.

Wiregrass Gallery Cooperative Fees and Commissions

Fees: Annual membership fees are \$125, due no later than January 15th each year (non-refundable). Dues after the start of the year are prorated for the first year.

Commissions: The commission on sales by members is calculated based on the number of hours per month that the member works. The table below displays hours worked and commission on sales:

Hours Worked	% Commission
12+	20%
9-11	25%
6-8	30%

Gallery Committees: Co-op members are expected to participate in one of the following committees.

Gallery Management
 Finance
 Website/Social Media

Membership
 Events and Promotions

Space Rental:

	Space Description	Monthly Space Rental	Subtotal
	Gallery Wall Single Shelves, approx. 9" high	\$7.00	
	Floor/Wall Fixture/Display, 2'x4'x5'	\$35.00	
	Floor/Wall Fixture/Display, larger than 2'x4'x5'	\$40.00	
	Wall Space	\$1.25 per square foot	
	Wall Shelves at Rear of Gallery, approx. 9x12 shelves 60" wide	\$55.00	
	SMALL Pedestals, Totems, and Print Bins (up to 250 square inches footprint)	\$6.00	
	MEDIUM Pedestals, Totems, and Print Bins (up to 350 square inches footprint)	\$10.00	
	LARGE Pedestals, Totems, and Print Bins (above 350 square inches footprint)	\$15.00	
	TOTAL SPACE RENTAL FEE		
Minimum Rental Fee is \$25.00 per month			

 Artist (print)

 Artist Signature

 Date



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ARTIST INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____ WEBSITE: _____

The information below will be used to promote your work:

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

ARTIST STATEMENT: (Philosophy, what drew you to create your particular art-form, belief about the significance of you work, etc.)

NARRATIVE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE RELATED TO YOUR ARTWORK:

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITS:



**FULL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS
AGREEMENT**

I, _____ (print artist name), understand that as a member of the Wiregrass Artists Cooperative, I am fully responsible for carrying property insurance for all personal property, including artwork, belonging to me, that has been left in, on, or about the Wiregrass Gallery premises.

Further, I shall hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Wiregrass Artists Cooperative, its officers, and members, from any claims, costs or actions of any kind arising out of any property damage, theft or loss of any artwork displayed or any personal property of any kind left in, on or about the Wiregrass Gallery premises.

Further, I understand that this agreement extends to any prior approved loan of my work by the Wiregrass Artists Cooperative for display in the Thomasville community.

Signature of Artist

Date

SEND 5-6 PHOTOS OF ART WORK, THE ARTIST INFORMATION PAGE AND A SIGNED FULL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT TO: hlindajo@hotmail.com



**Artist Responsibilities
Acknowledgement**

I, _____ (print artist name), understand that as a cooperative business member of the Wiregrass Artists Cooperative, I acknowledge the following responsibilities and agree to comply with the gallery's expectations:

- Work a minimum of 6 hours per month at the gallery. This can be 2 half days or one full day. Hours can also be accrued staffing the Sip and Shop held in Thomasville, the sidewalk sales, Victorian Christmas, and other special events held in Thomasville where the gallery is opened additional hours, as well as serving on the co-op Board.
- Set up art display and refresh display at least every 4 months.
- Ensure that membership fees and space rental are paid on a timely basis
- Participate in a gallery committee: Gallery Management, Finance, Membership, Events and Promotions, and Website/Social Media

Signature of Artist

Date