



Artisans Association Membership 2026 Membership Application Form For New Members

Background:

The Artisans is an Association organized for the development of the artists, the marketing of their art and the enhancement of art appreciation in Brunswick County. The Artisans promotes the awareness of the arts in the community by providing retail opportunities for its members to bring their art to the buying public. Periodically throughout the year, The Artisans organizes and sponsors retail events, such as First Fridays in Southport at the Artisans Gallery on Howe and Holiday Boutique.

The Association holds three meetings per year; the annual meeting in January to elect officers and chairs of the standing committees, to receive various reports, and transact any other business. Other meetings are scheduled in May or June and October. Other special meetings may be scheduled as required.

The Association is governed by a Steering Committee comprised of the following officers: President, VP Communications, VPs Gallery and Retail, VP Artistic Integrity, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairs. The VP Community Art Appreciation and Education and the VP of Fundraising shall also sit on the Steering Committee as representatives of Stepping Up for Arts, our non-profit organization.

NAME: _____

CELL/HOME PHONE: _____

INDICATE WHICH IS PREFERRED

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

ARTIST/SKU CODE: _____

** A 3-letter Personal Code will be assigned to you by the Membership Chair that you will use to identify and price your artwork at sales events/gallery.

WEBSITE/INSTAGRAM: _____

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ART: _____

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

It is **mandatory** that each Artisan participate in a committee each year. A member participating in any sales event is also required to work shifts for that event. Please check all areas of interest (your choice will be accommodated as much as possible). Failure to participate may result in a membership suspension.

Please indicate FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD choices. Placement on the committees will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Committee chairs will ensure that all members participate.

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Indicate Choice	Committee Area
	Membership
	Artistic Integrity
	Gallery
	Finance
	Retail
	Publicity & Communications
	Community Outreach: SUFA events and Workshops
	Community Outreach: Grants and Scholarships
	Special Gallery Committee
	Communications/Marketing
	Training/Education
	Market Research

*** A detailed description of each committee's responsibilities follows.

Special Skills. Let us know if you have any of these (or other) special skills that will help us grow our organization.

Check		Check	
	Charity Work		Event Planning
	Grant Writing		Excel Spreadsheets
	Retail Merchandising		Finance/Accounting Experience
	Teaching/Conducting Workshops		QuickBooks Experience
	Website Maintenance		Square (Point of Sale) System

RETAIL PARTICIPATION:

(Please check your choice)

____ I want to be an Artisan Member ONLY (not in the Gallery) and I want to participate in the various Retail Events during the year.

____ Yes, I would like to be considered as a Gallery Member when space is available.
Annual membership fee is \$150.

Jury Requirement

Any work presented for sale has to be juried and approved by the Artistic Integrity Committee and the Steering Committee to be allowed in any of the Artisans' retail venues. The jury sessions happen the second Monday of each month. The Membership Chair will connect you with the Artistic Integrity Chair to help with the jury process. Once juried, you will be given your mentor's name, SKU coach name and various important information and dates. A member of the membership committee will contact you about ordering a name tag.

Exclusivity

The Artisans do not ask that any member be "exclusive" to our organization or Gallery. However, we DO ask that you do not use any of the terms/phrases for which the Artisans are known. For example, Artisans, Art on the Porch. These words/phrases describe and identify the activities of the Artisans organization where all work is juried. If these guidelines are not followed, the Steering Committee reserves the right to review the situation and may decide to suspend participation in Artisan events for up to six months for the offending artist(s).

Mentors:

____ I would like to be assigned a mentor. Mentors help answer generic questions that you might have – a mentor does not help in the production of the art form. For example, you might have questions about the retail events– “how it works, how many pieces, what do I bring, what should I expect?” We try to match mentors and mentees with similar art forms and new gallery members with gallery members.

You will find a wealth of information on the Artisans' website: artisansgalleryonhowe.com. Please take the time to explore information about jurying standards, the organization, Stepping Up for Arts (our non-profit organization).

DATE: _____ **SIGNED:** _____

2026 New Membership/Retail Agreement

AUTHORIZATION: I agree to allow “The Artisans” and “SUFA” (Stepping Up for Arts) to use my image and/or an image of my artwork for promotional purposes.

WAIVER: In **consideration** of the opportunity to show or sell my artwork at Artisan sponsored events, I hereby release anyone involved in the management, the organizations themselves and any members of “The Artisans” and “SUFA” from any liability for the loss or damage in the handling, selling or showing of my artwork.

GUARANTEE: All artwork that I submit to show or to sell at any Artisan sponsored event is my own original design; all copyrights have been respected and the art has been created solely by me.

RETAIL AGREEMENT:

Upon becoming a new member of the Artisans, by signing and submitting this 2025 New Membership Application Form, I will consent to and abide by the terms and requirements stated in the Artisans Event Participation Agreement, as specified on the Artisans website, for any retail events in which I will be a participating artisan for the 2025 calendar year.

DATE: _____ **SIGNED:** _____

Member Forms and Dues: Please mail or drop off a \$50 check payable to **“The Artisans”** and this completed Membership.

**** Couples please write separate checks for accounting purposes.*

Registration Form to:

Joe Steele
4399 Belfair Court SE
St. James, NC 28461

If you would like to make a donation to **“SUFA”** (Stepping Up for Arts), our 501c3 charitable arm, please write a separate check made out to SUFA and enclose with your membership form and dues and mail/deliver to Carolyn Gaziano. All donations will be used to fund art teacher grants and art student scholarships in Brunswick County. You will receive a receipt letter for your tax records. **Donations of any amount are very much appreciated.** Your contribution will designate you as an Artisan Patron and your name will be listed on The Artisans’ webpage.

Membership Chair Only:

Artisan dues

Check #	Amount	Date

SUFA donation

Check #	Amount	Date