



CONNECTICUT PLEIN AIR PAINTERS SOCIETY

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GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR ELECTED ARTIST MEMBERSHIP

This level of membership is intended to recognize artists who demonstrate a high degree of professionalism in their work and who are committed to work together to promote plein air painting as a profession. We plan to organize special exhibition opportunities and programs to promote plein air painting and the professional recognition of our elected artist members. In return, we expect Elected Artist Members to invest their time and resources – above and beyond basic membership – to make these special opportunities and programs a reality.

APPLICANTS FOR ELECTED ARTIST MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Membership in CT Plein Air Painters Society for at least two years and dues paid in full for the current calendar year.

Accepted into at least two CPAPS Annual Membership Exhibitions.

Participated in at least two paintouts during the current calendar year.

Submit an Elected Artist Application form (pdf format**) including the name of the Elected Artist Sponsor.

Submit an artist's statement and resume (pdf format or Word document).

Submit digital images of (6) plein air paintings completed within the past year, not completed under an instructor's supervision.

Submit a jury fee in the amount of \$30; check is to be made payable to Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society.

THE ART WORK: Approval of elected artist membership is based heavily on the quality and professional presentation of your work. It is important that the images of paintings submitted are representative of your best plein air work completed during the past two years, not under an instructor's supervision. The work submitted with the application should present a cohesive body of work.

The six (6) paintings should display a mature style and offer a consistency of vision and execution in your approach to plein air painting. These paintings should be recent work, not completed under an instructor's supervision. While we do not advocate one style of painting over another, the paintings should have a feeling of plein air whether painterly or in a more realistic style. We expect to see confident paint handling with a strong command of composition, drawing, values, perspective, atmosphere, and color.

The digital images submitted with the application must be in jpeg file format, , RGB color, 72 dpi resolution, and 650 pixels on the longest dimension. Each digital image should show the painting only (no extraneous background). File names for images must include the artist's last name and the title of the work (i.e., JonesSummerMeadow).

THE JURY PROCESS: All applications will be reviewed, and voted on, by the entire Elected Artist Membership. Successful applicants for Elected Artist Membership must receive a positive vote by a majority of all Elected Artist Members.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Completed application (pdf format) including sponsor's name.

Current bio and resume (pdf file or Word document)

Current year's dues paid - \$30

Check for Elected Artist Jury Fee of \$30

Digital images of six (6) plein air paintings completed within the past two years

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS & NOTIFICATION

Deadline: All application materials must be **received** by no later than November 1, 2011.

Submissions of Application Materials: EMail the application, bio, resume, and digital images of art to info@cpaps.org.

Submission of Application Fee: Make the check payable to the Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society and mail to:

Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society
P. O. Box 444
North Branford, CT 06471

Notification: All applicants will be notified of election results by December 30, 2011.

NOTE**:

Open the 2-page application and enter your responses.

Save the completed application to your computer's hard drive.

Send an email to info@cpaps.org with your completed application attached to it.



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ELECTED ARTIST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Web Site: _____

Name of Applicant's Sponsor: _____ E-Mail: _____

PROVIDE CONCISE STATEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be an Elected Artist of the Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society?

What would you hope the Society could do for you and what could you bring to the Society?

What are your artistic goals?

What are your most significant artistic accomplishments to date?

Describe your experience with plein air painting, (how long, what medium, etc.):

Describe your exhibiting experience:

What kind of help would you be willing to offer throughout the year, if needed? (Publicity, organizing meetings, keeping minutes at meetings, treasury, organizing shows, hanging shows, contacting members about events, mailings, preparing food for gatherings, etc.)

Identify at least two Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society Paint Outs in which you participated over the past calendar year:

Identify at least two Annual Membership Exhibitions of the Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society into which you were accepted.

ART SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION

Title of work: _____ Size: _____ Medium: _____

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