

Dear LAA Associate Artist:

The submission deadline to be considered for Elected artist status by the Lyme Art Association's Elected Artist Screening Committee is **Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. Associate Artists who meet all eligibility requirements should carefully review this letter and the following application.

Applying to be an Elected Artist of the Lyme Art Association signifies that you consider yourself to be an accomplished artist, having concentrated on pursuing your craft, and having attained a level of skill, distinction, and recognition. As part of the application, six works painted within the last 3 years must be submitted. These may include works previously shown in LAA exhibitions, but no works done under tutelage.

The Mission of the Lyme Association, as a non-profit organization, is to promote and cultivate an appreciation for representational fine arts by holding art exhibitions, conducting educational programs for the benefit of its members and the greater community and by owning, maintaining, and preserving a historic building and galleries in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

**Elected Artists provide the support to sustain the mission of the LAA. Their presence and willingness to serve are paramount to the ongoing success of the LAA.**

**Elected Artists vote** on major issues once a year, at the Fall Membership Meeting.

**Elected Artist dues are \$80** a year and must be kept current. Entry fees and number of works entered into an exhibition vary; however Elected Artists receive a discount.

**Elected artist Membership allows artists a stronger voice in the LAA's activities**, including an opportunity to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors or the Artistic Policy and Exhibition Committee (APEC). As a Board committee, APEC represents all the artists in the organization, and works with LAA administrative staff to manage exhibitions and other operations.

**Elected Artists may also serve on other committees**, such as the Nominating Committee and the Screening Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends EAs to serve on the Board of Directors. The Screening Committee previews applications for EA status and recommends applicants for voting approval by the full body of the EAs. There are many ways Elected Artists can volunteer, ranging from exhibition and education programs to business operations.

**Selected work by Elected Artists will be featured in LAA publicity** and will be shown on and linked to the LAA website. EAs are invited to display one small work in the Elected Artist Gallery on the main floor of the Association.

Please do not hesitate to contact the LAA if you have any questions about the Elected Artist application process. Again, thank you for your interest in applying for this important artistic position at the Lyme Art Association.

Sincerely, APEC

Artistic Policy and Exhibition Committee

# Lyme Art Association Elected Artist Member Application

Elected Artist Applications are due by **Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. You must be an Associate Artist Member who has exhibited a minimum of three works as an Associate Artist in LAA juried exhibitions within a two-year period. **You must submit six framed works if a painter and three sculptures with pedestals as needed if a sculptor, to the Screening Committee.** These works may not have been done under instruction and must be current (done within the last 3 years). If applying for both designations the applicant must fulfill the submission requirements of both categories.

**A fee of \$40 is required with your application.** Please fill out the enclosed Inventory Sheet and Tags and attach tags to each work submitted.

There are two phases of the application process.

**Phase One:** A Screening Committee of 5 Elected Artists selected by the APEC committee, will review the portfolios and vote to approve or decline the work for presentation to all Elected Artists. Those applicants who make it through Phase One will be displayed in the Downstairs *Mile Brook* Gallery to be voted on by current LAA Elected Artists.

**Phase Two:** Current LAA Elected Artists vote in person, by sealed ballot from 9/6 – 10/11. A two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary for approval. Emailed notice of results will be sent to the applicants on Oct. 12.

Please use the following timetable as a guide when preparing your application:

- **Tuesday, August 22: Deadline for EA Candidates to Submit Portfolios**
- **Wednesday - Friday, August 23 - 25: Set up work to present to Screening Committee**
- **Friday, September 1: Work Approved by Screening Committee**
- **Saturday September 2: Applicant is notified of status by email**
- **September 6 – October 11: Elected Artist Voting Period**
- **Wednesday, October 11: Annual Membership Meeting and last day to vote.**
- **Thursday, October 12: Applicant is notified of status by email**

**A word to the applicant: Applying to be an Elected Artist Member of the Lyme Art Association signifies that you consider yourself to be an accomplished artist, having attained a notable level of skill, distinction, and recognition. Your submission should be a well presented, cohesive body of work, not necessarily restricted to one medium or subject matter.**

Screeners and Elected Artists will be looking at the following criteria in evaluating the portfolios:

1. Concept – Is the artist making a statement and is that concept well developed and engaging?
2. Composition – Is the work well designed? Does your eye move through the piece effectively?
3. Technique – Is the artist a master of their materials?
4. Presentation – Does the presentation (frames, mats...) compliment the pieces?
5. Consistent body of work – Do the pieces hang well together? Is the artist's style present throughout the pieces with consistent quality?

**Please contact the Lyme Art Association with any questions regarding your Elected Artist Application by phone at (860) 434-7802 or by email: [paul@lymeartassociation.org](mailto:paul@lymeartassociation.org)**

**ELECTED ARTIST MEMBER APPLICATION 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a typed, current bio that includes Art education, degrees, etc., exhibition experience, gallery representation, your participation in national/regional juried exhibitions, commissions, teaching experience and your artist statement.**

Please answer briefly and concisely:

**Why would you like to become an Elected Artist member of the LAA?**

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

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**Please provide the dates and the names of the LAA juried exhibitions that have included your work, as well as the title, medium and price of each accepted piece.**

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# Inventory Sheet for 2023 Elected Artist Member Application

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Town, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The LAA is not responsible for loss or damage to artwork submitted to the LAA for the Elected Artist Screening Committee or exhibition.**

**Please Detach and Tape to Back of Artwork**

LYME ART ASSOCIATION

2023 Elected Artist Screening Submission

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

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