

Elected Artist Application 2026

Dear LAA Associate Artist

There are two important submission deadlines to remember when submitting an application for Elected Artist status. Artists must submit their paperwork (in person or via email) by **Sunday August 16, 2026**. Artwork must be physically dropped off between **Wednesday August 19 through Friday August 21, 2026**. 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 created within the last 3 years must be submitted. These may include works previously shown in LAA exhibitions, but no works done under tutelage. To be eligible to apply for Elected Artist membership, you must be accepted into a minimum of three juried exhibitions within a two year period as an Associate Artist.

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 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 Artist dues are \$125 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 small works 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 artist position at the Lyme Art Association.

Sincerely, APEC

Artistic Policy and Exhibition Committee

Lyme Art Association Elected Artist Application

Paperwork for Elected Artist Applications is due by **Sunday August 16, 2026**. Artwork must be dropped off between **Wednesday August 19 - Friday August 21, 2026**. 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 works. Sculptors may request pedestals from LAA if they are available. These works may not have been done under instruction and must be current (ideally created within the last 3 years).

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 *MileBrook* Gallery to be voted on by current LAA Elected Artists.

Phase Two: Current LAA Elected Artists will vote by sealed ballot from September 2 - October 7, 2026. A two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary for approval. Emailed notice of results will be sent to the applicants following the close of voting.

Please see the following time table

- **Sunday, August 16:** Deadline for EA Candidates to Submit Paperwork
- **Wednesday - Friday, August 19-21:** Artwork Drop Off
- **Sunday, August 30:** Results of Screening Committee sent to applicants by email
- **Wednesday, September 2 - Wednesday, October 7:** Elected Artist Voting Period
- **Thursday, October 8:** End of Exhibition, results shared with applicants via 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. Composition - Is the work well designed? Does your eye move through the piece effectively?
2. Technique - Is the artist a master of their materials?
3. Presentation - Does the presentation (frames, mats...) complement the pieces?
4. 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

ELECTED ARTIST MEMBER APPLICATION 2026

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?

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

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.

Inventory Sheet for 2026 Elected Artist Member Application

Name:

Address:

Town, State, Zip:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

Removal Signature:

_____ Date _____

2. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

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3. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

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4. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

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5. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

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_____ Date _____

6. Title: _____ Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

Removal Signature:

_____ Date _____

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
2026 Elected Artist Screening Submission

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