

b.j. spoke gallery ♦ membership application

♦ 299 Main St. ♦ Huntington ♦ NY ♦ 11743 ♦ (631) 549-5106 ♦ www.bjspokegallery.org

Thank you for your interest in becoming a gallery member. b. j. spoke gallery is the longest standing, cooperative, non-profit, art gallery on Long Island. Our success comes from the right mix of multi-talented, dedicated, member artists.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Website _____

Artistic Media _____

What are some skills and abilities you can bring to b.j. spoke gallery? *Member artists are asked to assist on one or more committees. Knowing a little about your skills/interests will help us find the best fit for you.*

How to Apply New member voting takes place the first Tuesday of the month. The work of an artist is voted on by the board of directors and current gallery members. Call Lorraine Nuzzo, gallery director (631) 549-5106 to arrange a date to drop off your work. We suggest approximately 8-10 days prior to the meeting.

- ♦ 6-8 pieces of work ready for hanging that best represents you as an artist, today. Consistency is key. All submitted pieces should strongly reflect your style.
- ♦ 4-6 jpeg images of additional work or a link to your website - email to manager@bjspokegallery.com
- ♦ curricula vitae/artist resume
- ♦ artist statement or a brief description of your current work

Voting

The work, resume, and artists statement is reviewed by gallery member artists, and a vote is taken on the merit of the work. You will be notified of the result within 7 days. A day will be arranged for you to pick up your work. If an artist's work is not accepted it is recommended that they resubmit at a later time.

New Member Orientation after an artist is accepted, the gallery director and new member will schedule a meeting to sign the membership contract, review gallery procedures, and answer any questions. Members sit once a month and will be trained in general gallery management and sales procedures prior to their first sitting day.

Membership Dues & Sitting membership dues is \$200 per month, payable at the start of each month. The first payment is due at orientation. If a member chooses not to sit, the gallery director or the gallery president can sit as a substitute for a fee of \$50. If a member is sick or unable to sit on their scheduled day, they must make arrangements to switch days with another member or pay a sitting fee of \$50 for a replacement.

b.j. spoke membership benefits

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- Being part of a one of the longest standing galleries on Long Island with a 43 year history of representing some of the best fine artists working in a variety of styles and media.
- Connections to Long Island artists and art organizations.
- Opportunity to show work 10 months of the year. Two months (March & August) are reserved for our national juried competitions; EXPO & PAPERWORKS.
- Opportunity for a solo exhibition in one of our spacious gallery rooms (and one of the windows) within 18-24 months of continuous membership.
- Voting rights at general monthly meetings. In addition to general gallery topics, you will be asked to vote on the acceptance of new artist members.
- Key to the gallery.
- A designated storage place in the gallery basement to store several pieces of your art.
- An artist page on our website www.bjspokegallery.org. The page will contain your artist statement, up to 12 images of your work, and a link to your website.
- Promotion of your work in print, social media, or on websites of local art organizations. Usually for a member's solo show and member group shows. Images of your work must be received before publication deadline. Final decisions for inclusion are left to the publication or organization.

b.j. spoke gallery sponsored community events

ARTIST CIRCLE - b.j. spoke gallery also holds bi-monthly ARTIST CIRCLE meetings founded and led by member artist, Katherine Criss. The Artist Circle is an open forum for local artists at all levels to network, learn, and share their art.

POETS ALOUD - A night of informal, open mic, poetry reading with occasional live music. All are welcome. Reading aloud is not required. Poets Aloud meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm. Contact: Member Artist & Gallery President, Kevin Larkin.

ARTIST WORKSHOPS & TALKS - Career development workshops for artists at all levels, public discussions on art and introductions to gallery artists and their work.

HUNTINGTON VILLAGE ART WALK - a 2x yearly art walk (May & October) founded by Wendy Curtis of The Huntington Arts Center. Art galleries and art organizations based in Huntington Village open their doors to hundreds of visitors for an afternoon of art, music, refreshments and raffles.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of b.j. spoke gallery. If you have questions about membership contact please Lorraine Carol, Gallery Director - (631) 549-5106.