

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 member of b.j. spoke gallery. b. j. spoke gallery a member owned and run cooperative art gallery and non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We have been bringing art to the community and community to artists since 1975. Our success comes from the right mix of multi-talented, dedicated, member artists who create original fine art and volunteer their time and talent on gallery committees. Members manage the gallery one day per month. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm.

HOW TO APPLY New members votes are taken during gallery meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Your work will be voted on by the the gallery members (including the board of directors).

VOTING - Your work, CV, 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

NEXT STEPS:

- Tell us about yourself - (below)
- Send in your application (by mail b.j.spoke gallery 299 Main St., Huntington, NY 11743 or by email to: Kevin Larkin -
- Make an appointment to bring in a sample of your work. **Call (631) 549-5106** to arrange a date to drop off your work. We suggest dropping off your work at least 5-7 days prior to the meeting. Gallery is opened Wed. - Sun. 11-5pm.

Full Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Website _____

Facebook _____ Instagram _____

Artistic
Media _____

ABOUT YOU

What are some skills and abilities you can bring to b.j. spoke gallery? How many hours a week are you available to help on gallery committees and/or initiatives? *Knowing a little about your skills/interests will help us find the best committee for you.*

WHAT TO SUBMIT

- ◆ 6-8 pieces of work ready for hanging that best represent who you are as an artist now. Consistency is important. We want to see your style and your voice throughout the works you submit.
- ◆ Optional -images of additional on your website or social media can be emailed to Lorraine Carol manager@bjspokegallery.com
- ◆ Artist statement or a brief description of your current work
- ◆ CV - summary of your exhibitions.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - As a member owned and run cooperative gallery, our artists pay a monthly membership dues of \$200 per month. The first payment is due at your new member orientation meeting. If there is a juried competition hanging in the gallery at that time (March & August) you will not pay dues until the following month. Members manage the gallery one day per month and will be trained in general gallery management and sales procedures prior to their first day.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Accepted artists are asked to attend a new member orientation. You will review and sign your membership contract, learn more about gallery management and sales, and schedule your first day to manage the gallery. Orientations are by appointment. Please call the gallery to arrange a convenient time.

GALLERY MANAGEMENT - member artists play a big part in the day to day management of the gallery. Members are asked to be in the gallery one day per month during the hours of operation. If a member is unable to fulfill this request for any reason. The gallery president or another gallery member can be asked to substitute for a fee of \$50 (for the day). A member contact list will be provided.

b.j. spoke membership benefits

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- Being part of a one of the longest standing galleries on Long Island with a 42 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 the winners of 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 TALKS - Public discussions on art and introductions to gallery artists and their work.

HUNTINGTON VILLAGE ART WALK – a 2x yearly art walk in the spring & fall. The Art Walk was 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. It's a great way to get new visitors to the gallery and to promote your art.