

How to Join



You may join the Santa Barbara Art Association as an artist or as a patron. Please see the back page for how to join as a patron member.

Schedule & Application Fee: Artists wishing to join SBAA have the opportunity to apply for membership twice a year in March and September. The next opportunity is:

Monday, March 25 from 10 - 12

in the Faulkner Gallery of the S. B. Public Library
40 East Anapamu Street.

Orientation for those accepted **TBA**

The jurying takes place between 1 and 3 pm and you must pick up your artwork between 3:00 and 4:00 pm that same day. Your artwork will not be protected if you are late picking it up. **The fee for applying for membership is \$25 to be paid in cash or by check.**

Please **read the detailed requirements** on the next pages. If you have additional questions, call **963-1026**, email **SBAAdata@aol.com** or visit **www.sbartassoc.org** under INFORMATION tab.

Requirements:

- No forms to fill out in advance.
- Submit **three pieces** of your original artwork that represents your individual style. *Artwork may not be a copy or close adaptation of another's work unless described as "after" or "inspired by" in the title. Work developed with the assistance or direction of an instructor in a class is not considered your original art.*
- All pieces must be in the **same medium**.
- Artwork must have been completed **within the last five years**.
- **Present your artwork ready for displaying in a gallery (i.e., clean and wired).**

Artwork consists of oil, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, collage, small assemblages, hand pulled prints, photography (including altered photography), sculpture, large assemblages, handmade jewelry, etc. including original molds. Photographers will have to provide a brief description on the entry form of any unusual technique used to create the image to help the judges evaluate your work.

Process: Three judges will review all the entries. All three judges are professionals in the art field. At least two judges are from outside the SBAA. All artwork is assigned an identification number so your name is kept from the judges.

The judges look evaluate you on

- originality and creativity
- technical expertise and knowledge of your selected medium, coupled with an adequate

understanding of composition, color, balance, and form as well as presentation.

- **You should have the works you submit relate to each other in style, theme, and subject matter as you would in a private art show.**
- You should have **similar frames, light mats, and be ready to hang.** Canvases may be unframed if the edges are finished.

Reapplying: If you are not accepted, you are encouraged to reapply as the judges change each time and, as you know, art is very subjective. The judges' decision is the result of their opinion based on their knowledge, experience, and personal preferences. SBAA does not have a quota system for new members. Many SBAA members had to try more than once to be accepted.

Membership: Once accepted, you will be offered membership which becomes effective upon your payment of the \$50 SBAA annual dues if you join in September and \$25 if joining in March that cover the year through June 30. Membership privileges include the opportunity to enter any SBAA shows and exhibit at Gallery 113.

Members accepted into a show at the Faulkner Gallery should sign up for a Gallery Watch. Members showing at Gallery 113 must be trained as Gallery 113 sitters and be able to transact sales before they can sit. All members are expected to volunteer for some task as SBAA is run by volunteers and cannot function without them.

Patron Membership

The Santa Barbara Art Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of primarily artists who have been juried in through the process described earlier. SBAA also offers Patron memberships to artists not yet juried in or anyone interested in supporting the Association and its activities (e.g., 3 annual scholarships to college students, Student Art Fund which pays for Junior and High School art supplies, workshops, field trips, special shows, etc.). Patron members do not have to be artists and we encourage non-artists with an interest in art and a desire to get involved to consider a Patron Membership.

As a Patron Member, you receive all the benefits available to our Artist Members but just can't enter the member only shows. These benefits include show critiques, workshops, field trips, receptions, annual directory, and monthly newsletter.

The minimum donation to be a Patron Member is \$50. Your name will appear in the Directory under the level of your donation which can exceed the basic \$50. Please send your donation to the address below or call us for further information.

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