



Dear Art Wander Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying as an artist to the Edge of the Big Woods Art Wander. This is our sixth year hosting the event. The dates are: Friday, September 22nd, from 1pm-6pm, Saturday, September 23rd, 9am-6pm, and Sunday, September 24th, 11am-4pm.

The Art Wander is an event designed to build awareness of artists and their art in Carver County, form relationships with the community and provide an inspiring and exciting experience to everyone. The heart of the Wander is the visit to the artist studio. Artists are strongly encouraged to demonstrate their art and share their process to create an inspiring experience for the "Wanderers".

This is an artist run event and we need you to participate in some way to assist in putting on this event. Your involvement can include helping on a committee (marketing, promotion, and fundraising), attending meetings, and other tasks. Please let us know how we can best use your talents. We will also need you to help in passing out our promotional materials, either by social media, mailing materials to your patrons and/or by distributing information at art fairs or events in which you participate.

Studio hosts may choose to have additional artists at their site if they are able to accommodate them. Location and a mix of media at each site will determine the number of guest artists per studio. Please be aware that all applicants must be accepted into the Art Wander before we can consider placement.

As part of our event, we implement a high school artist mentorship program (optional for each artist site, the "Wander and Win" incentive card (Wanderers must visit at least 8 studios to be entered into a drawing for work contributed by the artists in the Wander) and our promotional items - postcards, brochures, website (including a page about each artist), t-shirts, advertising and Facebook page. We are also looking at other avenues for promoting our event.

Please be attentive to due dates and meeting dates. We need to be considerate of our volunteer's time and efforts.

Thank you for your interest in joining us.

~the Art Wander team

Important Dates:

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Each month (dates to be determined) - Attend monthly planning meetings

April 1st – Deadline to submit application (new and returning artists) and \$100 participation fee

May 1st – New artists selected; Locations decided

June 1st - Sponsorships due

Aug. 1st – Meet and Greet meeting (pick up promotional items)

Sept. 1st – Wander and Win donations due to Mocha Monkey

Sept. 22nd, 23rd, 24th - ART WANDER weekend!

October (date to be determined) – Wrap up meeting (Wander and Win Drawing)

Questions about the application process will be handled by:

Peter Potter | Participation Coordinator | peterjappotter@gmail.com | 952.567.1120

Eligibility

- The Art Wander is open to artists from Carver County (as a studio location or guest artist) and open to artists outside of Carver County as guest artists showing original works of art which are a unique creation of the artist.
- Artists may only exhibit work in the category in which they are accepted and art must be the host artist or guest artist's own work, no other art should be sold. Only artists that have been accepted into the Art Wander can exhibit at the studio sites.
- Reproductions may only be accepted by those in the painting, photography, printing and drawing categories. All prints must be signed.
- The Art Wander committee jury reserves the right to reject applications. Past acceptance does not guarantee future acceptance.

Artist Responsibilities

- Artist is encouraged and expected to share in the organizing and implementing of a successful Art Wander 2017.
- Artist must submit requested materials for the Art Wander map/brochure by April 1, 2017 .
- Artist is responsible for picking up all necessary materials for the Art Wander.
- Artist is expected to attend a Meet & Greet held prior to the Art Wander.
- Artist must participate in distribution of marketing material i.e. brochures, posters.

Studio Site Criteria & Requirements

- Home studios are encouraged. If at a retail/commercial site, studio must be a permanent, working studio on premises year round.
- Working studios must be as neat and clean as possible.
- All artists are encouraged to demonstrate their process and work. This aspect of the Art Wander is a key factor in distinguishing our event from similar art events.
- The number of guest artists per studio will be determined by location and a mix of mediums at each site as determined by the participation committee.
- Each working studio is encouraged to mentor a guest student artist from the Art Wander Student Mentorship Program.
- Studio sites are to do their best in accommodating guest artist needs.