

Artworks application information about Artworks 2023

Our vision: "Artworks exists to promote understanding and appreciation of visual arts in East Anglia"

Our mission: "Our selected membership of 30 professional East Anglian artists create new and original works which are exhibited at our annual exhibition at Blackthorpe Barn."

Artworks is a well regarded group of about 30 artists all from East Anglia who normally present one, 2 week exhibition a year in the Autumn in Blackthorpe Barn, nr Bury St Edmunds. The exhibition, now in its 23rd year has an excellent record of good sales and a keen and supportive following. The group also runs a school's programme and raises money for an annual charity.

The exhibition is held in a remarkable 16th Century thatched barn with ample parking, just off the A14.

Every year Artworks invites 2D and 3D artists to apply for 2 temporary places and to replace any full time members who are taking a sabbatical or leaving the group.

Applicants will be expected to commit fully to the following:

- Provide electronic images and copy about your work for exhibition and publicity information.
- Display your own work on hanging day, ie, on the Thursday before the exhibition and help set up the exhibition. Take down your work and help close the exhibition on the last day.
- Attend the private view evening on the Friday before the exhibition opens and help run the PV for about one hour each.
- Be available to steward for 3 full days (9.30am - 5.30pm) including possible Saturdays and/or Sundays, during the exhibition.
- Commit to two group meetings: April in Blackthorpe Barn, July in Botesdale nr Diss.
- Provide a 15cm x 15cm mini piece of art for our annual charity prize draw.

Artworks is a co-operative and as such we need members who are willing and able to help run the exhibition which includes our very successful, revamped cafe. Please be aware the three stewarding days include helping run the sales desk or serving in our cafe or taking part in Artworks daily 'Meet the artist'. If a member/guest member cannot do their share of stewarding for whatever existing reason, we are happy to find a replacement at the artist's cost.

Please note, you will need to be prepared to travel to and from Blackthorpe Barn about 6-7 times and attend a summer meeting held in Botesdale, nr Diss.

There is a £25 admin fee for accepted guest artists plus an annual membership fee of £100 for guest artists and full members. Commission is 20% on any work sold at the exhibition, including in the shop, and any work sold subsequently, for a three-month period, as a direct consequence of being seen at Artworks.

All 3D exhibition work must be displayed on plinths provided by the artist. Artworks reserves the right to not exhibit work or to rehang work if not hung to Artworks guidelines. Work submitted for the shop should be of a quality consistent with the exhibition. Artworks does not exhibit or sell offset or inkjet reproduction prints.

The application deadline is 31st January 2023.

The selection meeting will be on Saturday 18th February 2023 in Botesdale Village Hall, Botesdale, Diss IP22 1DD.