



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Receive newsletters and notices about upcoming events, classes and workshops
- Discounts on certain exhibits and workshops
- Access to our Arts Library
- Display your artwork for sale at the VAC (Artists under age 18 must have parent/guardian permission)
- Attend special member only events
- Special opportunities to be involved in community art projects
- Opportunity to be featured in the VAC (Visual Arts Center) window and the website
- Free Open Studio where students can come work on projects and get assistance from other members (see schedule for days)

STUDENT CLASSES

- Special classes made just for children
- Each class will target different age groups so that there is a class for all levels
- Classes are posted online on the Guild website at www.ArtattheVAC.com
- Special discounts are offered to student members



ART CENTER GUIDELINES

You must be a member of the Artists Guild to exhibit and sell in the VAC (Visual Arts Center).

The application to exhibit and sell in the VAC is a three step process:

1. Complete the attached application and submit 3-5 photos of your current work. You may email digital pictures to rcvartg@gmail.com. Reference your application and size of the work in your email. DO NOT bring in your work until the application process is complete and accepted.
2. The application is juried by the VAC Student Committee at which time you may be asked to bring in samples of your work for review.
3. Once application is approved you will be contacted for an appointment to bring in your work and sign a contract with VAC for exhibiting and selling your work.

The VAC Student Committee meets at least once a month to review applications and welcome new artists. You will receive a confirmation once your application is received with the date of the next review. If you have questions you can contact us by email at rcvartg@gmail.com or by calling the VAC at (828) 288-5009. Artist FAQs as well as guidelines for displaying 2-D and 3-D art can be found on the website at www.ArtattheVAC.com.



RUTHERFORD COUNTY VISUAL Artists Guild

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

www.ArtattheVAC.com

rcvartg@gmail.com

828-288-5009



ABOUT THE GUILD

The Rutherford County Visual Artists Guild (RCVAG) is a non-profit organization made up of artists, crafters and volunteers with a passion for growing the art community. Anyone with an interest in art can join and we welcome both artists and non-artists to be a part of the Guild. By joining you will become a supporter of the vibrant and growing arts community in Rutherford County.

The RCVAG opened the VAC (Visual Arts Center) on Main Street in Rutherfordton in 2009. The VAC provides a gallery for local arts and crafts, a gift shop, and open art studios. The VAC also offers a wide variety of workshops and classes for all ages and abilities. Our biggest annual event is Celebration of the Arts.

We are always looking for new members and artists and encourage you to join the Guild and help us spread our love, appreciation and passion for art to others in the community. All types of mediums are displayed in our gallery store including canvas art, jewelry, pottery, photography, woodworking and many more. Stop in today to learn more or fill out the attached application to become a member!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To become a Member of the Guild, show your support for the arts, or become a displaying artist, fill out the following application and either drop it by the Visual Arts Center at 160 N. Main St. in Rutherfordton or mail it to us at RCVAG at PO Box 2015, Rutherfordton, NC 28139. Make checks payable to RCVAG.

Please print all information for legibility.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website (Artists): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Preferred Method of contact for communications: *(circle one)* Email or Regular Mail

Membership Details: *(Open to students ages 7+. Student Artists must be enrolled as a full-time student.)*

Non-Displaying Student Member— Free Membership (Can display their artwork at VAC, just not sell)

Displaying Student Artist - \$20-with volunteer hours or \$40+ without volunteering (This allows the student artists to offer their artwork for sale at the VAC) You can donate more than \$40, but the minimum cost is \$40 if you are not able to give volunteer hours. Student artists under age 18 must have a letter from their parent/guardian giving them permission to sell their artwork. For more details go online to ArtattheVAC.com.

I work in the following mediums: *(check all that apply)*

Oil Acrylic Watercolor Photography Pastel Wood Glass Pottery

Fiber Arts Jewelry Metal Collage/Mixed Media Drawing Sculpture

Other *(please specify)*

Members are expected to help and participate in Guild functions and events. The Guild does not have any salaried employees and depends solely on member volunteers to keep the Guild running and growing.

Please check any areas in which you would like to participate: *(check all that apply)*

Assist with Classes/Workshops Fund Raising Events/Exhibits Computer Support

Marketing/Web/Social Media Design of Event Posters Youth Education/Outreach

Summer Camps Celebration of the Arts *(our largest annual event)*

Donation of items such as paper goods, art supplies, cleaning supplies, etc.