

## **STE. GENEVIEVE ART GUILD CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I:           NAME:  
The name of this organization shall be Ste. Genevieve Art Guild

ARTICLE II:          PURPOSE:  
The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage interest in the fine arts, and to help promote education and tolerance for all styles of sincere original expression.

ARTICLE III:         MEMBERSHIP:  
Membership in this organization, whether as a participating artist or as a supporting patron, shall be open to all persons interested in the arts.

ARTICLE IV:         DUES:  
Annual dues of the Ste. Genevieve Art Guild shall be:

Participating artist:	\$24.00
Student	\$12.00
Patron	\$12.00

The calendar year of membership shall be January to January with annual dues payable at the first meeting of each year. New members dues shall be paid when membership is accepted at the rate of \$2.00 for each month of their initial membership year, and regular rates each year thereafter.

ARTICLE V:          MEETINGS:  
Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Regular meetings shall be held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Currently, the designated meeting place is the Patke Room of the county Services Building located at 255 Market Street in Ste. Genevieve, MO. Notice shall be given at least 6 days in advance if changes are necessary in meeting time or location.

ARTICLE VI:         VOTING:  
At least two officers of the organization shall be present whenever voting procedures are conducted that will change the by-law of the group or whenever new officers are elected.

On an annual basis, beginning in 1995 and continuing in subsequent years, election of officers will be held in October. The newly elected officers will take office in January following the election.

ARTICLE VII:        OFFICERS:  
The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian

## DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

The President shall preside at meetings, appoint committees, be ex-officio of all committees, call any special meetings and maintain records of the office. The President shall serve a two-year term.

The Vice-President in the absence of the President, shall assume all the President's duties and coordinate the monthly program. The Vice-President shall serve a two-year term and will automatically take over as President at the conclusion of the two-year term.

The Secretary shall take minutes at, and maintain records of, the Guild meetings. The Secretary shall also send out quarterly newsletters or as needed.. The Secretary shall serve a two-year term.

The Treasurer shall be responsible and accountable for the receipts and expenditures of all funds and shall maintain a current record of all paid-up members. The Treasurer shall serve a two-year term.

The Historian shall be responsible for maintaining Guild related history. This shall include collecting and maintaining all historical materials, photos, and other local art history. The Historian shall serve a two-year term.

## ARTICLE VIII: RULES FOR AMENDING THE BY-LAWS:

Any proposed new By-Law or Amendment of an existing By-Law shall be presented to the membership 2 (two) times at 2 (two) successive regular meetings. Immediately following its reading (and any discussion) at the second meeting, any proposed new By-Law or Amendment shall be voted upon, and a majority vote by members (in accordance with Articles V and VI) shall either approved or reject the proposed By-Law or Amendment.

## CHRISTMAS ART SHOW:

Only Art Guild members in good standing may participate in the Annual Christmas Art Show. A member in good standing must have participated in three of the following Guild sponsored activities: Monthly Guild meetings, monthly plein air paint outs, one of the two Guild sponsored workshops, or participate in the local Ste. Genevieve Plein air event.

Members that qualilfy to participate in the Christmas show must pay a \$15.00 application fee. All work displayed in the Christmas show must be original. Crafts will not be displayed in the Christmas show.