# LAA Terms of Membership – Active Member

The Lapeer Art Association is an Artist Cooperative, that is, an enterprise engaging in the production and sale of artwork operated by its members for their mutual benefit. The aim of the association is to encourage and help new artists, bring artists together, promote the fine arts and provide opportunities in the community to be involved in the arts.

The day to day business of the association is handled by various committees that take on everything from advertising to operating the upper gallery in Gallery 194. Active participation by all members in one or more committees is essential to the continued success of the association.

Our membership in the association is a privilege and as such comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. Gallery 194 is a great place to sell your work, but members must never forget that they are the ones expected to keep the business running.

All active members are expected to attend at least 4 meetings a year (ex., board of directors, the annual meeting for elections, studio drop in, etc.) and keep up to date on association business. Members are required to participate in one or more committees or serve in some other role required for the running of the cooperative at least once in a year.

All members are expected to help the planning, promoting or executing any LAA activity or reception especially the Spring and Holiday shows, this can include attending the reception, setting up the event, publicity, etc.

All Active Members should be showing work in at least two shows of their choice or more. Shows have a theme and the schedule of themes is published by January. If there are problems having art for shows please talk to the President or Vice President about your situation. Artists who are no longer producing work can become Fellows with rights and privileges of the group, but no right to show/sell work.

Active Members may show five pieces to be hung in each show three may be non-themed, except for the Black and White show. All pieces in the Black and White show must follow the theme. Additional art pieces may be shown if other than painting or hung art, talk to a member of the installation committee.

All information on exhibiting in the gallery and gift shop, forms for inventory, inventory cards, and example sheets for recording sales is available on the website Member Business page at [www.lapeerart.org](http://www.lapeerart.org), password (mb@laws14).

Active members will pay an annual membership fee of $35 due January 1st; pay 20% commission on all gallery sales; receive a monthly newsletter; be a voting member; and, be able to run for the board after 6 months as a member in good standing. (Updated 2023)

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