

Touchstone Gallery maintains an active membership of a large number of artists, and is always screening for new members. We are looking for artists both with a developed body of work and emerging artists looking for an established gallery in which to begin their careers. We have a reputation for exhibiting contemporary work of the highest quality, vision-innovation.

As a member-owned and managed gallery, Touchstone artists enjoy the right to guide gallery policies and control their solo exhibitions, plus receive the support and community of their fellow artist members.

JURYING REQUIREMENTS

The list of items required to submit your application for jurying is below. Once you have all of your jurying information gathered, please reach out to membership@touchstonegallery.com for instructions on when and how to submit the information.

Personal information, including name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, Instagram, and website (if applicable).

Artist Resume, including shows, art experience, education, membership in art-related groups, awards and all career and volunteer experience.

High quality digital photos. At least seven but no more than ten recent pieces of your original artwork demonstrating a consistent and well-developed style.

A list of works (corresponding to the selected photos) with size, medium(s), year of creation, and price range.

Artist's statement – a paragraph describing the influences forming your current work and what this work is about from your point of view.

Letter of Recommendation – from an instructor, mentor, Touchstone member, artistic colleague, or another individual who has greatly influenced your artistic development; or a person who knows you well.

JURYING PROCESS

Touchstone jurying has shifted to a virtual format. All current Touchstone Members are given an applicant's materials to overview in advance of a Zoom meeting discussion, followed by an anonymous vote.

After the vote, the Membership Chair (Jill Brantley) will contact the artist applicant with the results. If an artist is accepted, they are eligible to begin membership starting on the first of the next month. An in-person onboarding meeting with the Gallery Director (Abbey Alison McClain) will be established at a mutually agreeable time

If an artist is not accepted, they are welcome to rejury, but are encouraged to do so after taking steps to further their artistic practice.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Participation in a community of artists.
- At least one work in the monthly member exhibition.
- Space for matted or unframed work in the bins.
- Participation in other exhibition opportunities arranged by the gallery.
- Individual presence on the Touchstone Gallery website, including art sales.
- Promotional and marketing opportunities.
- Ability to vote and give input on matters before the membership.
- Self-directed solo exhibition after a minimum of 24 months membership, with support for publicity, marketing, and logistics from the Gallery Director.
- With Full & Show membership, a solo exhibition every other year thereafter, exact dates to be determined by lottery.
- Coordination of client relationships, including shipping and handling of gallery-sold artwork.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- All new membership agreements shall be for the minimum term of one year.
- All new candidates may only join as Full or Show members. Only after two years as a Full or Show member may a renewing member change status.
- All members will pay a 40% commission on work sold by Touchstone Gallery.
- All members will pay a 25% commission on work sold due to Gallery referral.
- Gallery staffing one day a month (Full/Associate members)
- Serving on one of the active Gallery committees
- Attendance at bi-monthly gallery membership meetings (currently on Zoom).
- Pay membership dues

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Full	Show	Other categories
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$175 per month• One day of gallery sitting per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$280 per month• NO gallery sitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate• Inactive• Remote• TFA Fellow

NEXT JURYING

Touchstone Gallery is not currently accepting membership portfolios.

Contract membership@touchstonegallery.com for more details about how to get started.