

Designing women is a nonprofit corporation established in 1991. Its mission is:
"To promote quality arts and crafts created by women artisans and assist nonprofit organizations which support women and families in our community.

designing women BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this nonprofit corporation shall be: designing women

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this nonprofit corporation shall be:

- A To provide quality arts and craft shows for women artisans.
- B To work with nonprofit organizations that directly benefit women and families in our community by allowing the selected groups to disseminate information about their programs and raise funds with suggested door donations collected at our shows.
- C To promote high standards of artistry and craftsmanship and stimulate public appreciation of such standards.

ARTICLE III: ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- A All applicants must submit samples of their work to a JURY COMMITTEE for jurying.
- B Membership year shall begin JANUARY 1st and end DECEMBER 31st. Membership shall be open to women artisans who are engaged in producing quality art and craft work for sale. All juried members shall have the right to apply and be considered to exhibit and /or sell at any designing women show, and will be listed in the directory of artists in the brochure and on the website.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

- A The annual dues will be \$15 a year and must be paid in full no later than the 1st of February of the year of membership.
- B The annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors.
- C In the event the annual dues are not paid as stated in ARTICLE IV, section A, the member shall be dropped from membership mailing of show applications.

ARTICLE V: JURYING

- A All items submitted for jurying shall be juried by the DIRECTORS or their designees.
- B The JURY COMMITTEE shall consist of at least three (3) members.
- C Jury sessions will be held twice a year, or as needed.
- D While Juries are subject to individual likes and dislikes, the jury decisions are made by reaching a consensus among artists representing a variety of media.
- E Jury shall look for work that fits in with the image of designing women, often contemporary in focus, or a new approach to a traditional craft. Jury will look for work that is creative, artistic, well executed and reflects the individuality and personality of the artist.

ARTICLE VI: EXHIBITS

- A All juried members shall have the right to apply and be considered to exhibit and /or sell at all designing women shows, with the understanding that the purpose is to present a balanced and rotating selection of media to the public. Show applicants will be selected by the DIRECTORS, with consideration to media, cooperativeness, customer draw and dedication to our mission.
- B In order to exhibit, members must be current in their dues and a hold sales tax license where required.
- C Products exhibited and or sold must be created by the artist, or those under their direct supervision, so the member's expertise is discernible. If a member has made only part of the product it must be the significant part. Franchised products or materials, articles bought for resale or made from kits are not allowed.
- D The artist must be present during the show hours, to allow the customers to have a chance to meet her and learn about her work.
- E A percentage of show fees may be refunded upon exhibitor cancellation, up until 6 weeks prior to show date, at the discretion of the show director.

ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the OFFICERS of the corporation and additional DIRECTORS.
 - 1) The OFFICERS of the corporation shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president and vice president shall oversee the operation of the organization, with assistance from the other officers and directors. The directors shall be appointed by the officers as vacancies arise.
 - 2) The Treasurer shall have custody of funds belonging to the organization, keep an accurate accounting and render transactions as designated by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Treasurer will also keep an updated list of membership and dues payments.
 - 3) The secretary shall handle the customer mailing lists, advertising design and maintain the website.
- B Compensation for BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be as follows:
 - 1) Treasurer and Secretary shall each be entitled to three (3) free shows or cash equivalent, per year.
 - 2) Directors are assured of an exhibit space at all designing women shows, and one (1) free space in the show which they run, or the cash equivalent.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION OF DESIGNING WOMEN

- A The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall adopt a resolution recommending dissolution and submit a ballot to all dues paying members for approval. A resolution to dissolve shall be adopted upon receiving a majority of approval by ballot.
- B Upon dissolution, designing women shall cease to conduct its activities, except accounting of its liabilities and assets. After payment of all expenses, and assets are secured, all assets shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organizations organized and operated as a non profit organization, for the benefit of women and families.