

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Selection for Guild membership is open to all professional craftspeople living and working in Wales who are personally involved with the design and execution of fine, contemporary craft and who produce work that demonstrates unity of design, craftsmanship and innovation.

Work must be produced from basic materials. The transformation of those materials must show:

- a) A technical mastery of the medium.
- b) A sense of design, taking into account functional and aesthetic values.
- c) A strong measure of individuality and innovation in the Maker's approach to the work.

There are two stages to becoming a Full Member of the Guild. Successful applicants of the first selection are considered Associate Members for two years and enjoy all the privileges of the Guild except that of standing for office. These two years allow Associate Members to accustom themselves to the standard of work which the Guild demands of its members but also encourages them to contribute to the running of the Guild. After two years, Associate Members must undergo a final, more rigorous selection which, if successful, then entitles them to full membership if they are successful. Candidates failing the full selection process lose their associate membership and re-application for associate membership can only take place after a period of two years.

ASSOCIATE SELECTION

Applicants are initially asked to submit six photographs or printed digital images (not slides or CD's) of current work with wholesale price list, CV and artist's statement. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to submit between three and six pieces of their recent work together with any support material (photographs, promotional material, design portfolio) for scrutiny by a selection panel at Craft in the Bay.

There is an application fee of £25 to cover administration costs. Applicants receive the selectors' decision in writing within seven days of the selection with a brief outline of the selectors' opinion of the work submitted. The Guild will not, however, enter into any further correspondence about its decisions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTITLEMENTS

Associate members are entitled to the following benefits:

- to attend all Guild activities
- to submit work for external exhibitions organised by the Guild
- to receive the Guild newsletter
- to attend and vote at the AGM
- to display their work at Craft in the Bay (this also involves a one-off payment of £50 by the maker to the Guild plus the relevant commitment to stewarding. Stewarding days are currently as follows: south Wales members living under 100 miles away – 8 days per year, mid and west Wales members living over 100 miles - 4 days per year, north Wales members - 2 days per year.

If, after reading and absorbing all this information, you would like to apply to be an Associate Member of the Makers Guild in Wales, please fill in the following application form and return **by 31st March 2010 to:**

The Associate Selection Coordinator, Craft in the Bay, The Flourish, Lloyd George Avenue, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4QH

Name..... Email.....
Address.....
..... Postcode.....
Telephone..... Mobile.....
Craft.....

Image 1 - Title..... Materials.....
Techniques.....
Size (in cm)..... Date made..... Wholesale price.....

Image 2 - Title..... Materials.....
Techniques.....
Size (in cm)..... Date made..... Wholesale price.....

Image 3 - Title..... Materials.....
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Image 5 - Title..... Materials.....
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Image 6 - Title..... Materials.....
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Check List - please ensure you have enclosed the following:

- Curriculum vitae
- Numbered images
- £25 cheque made payable to "The Makers Guild in Wales"
- Artist's statement
- Stamped addressed envelope (if acknowledgement of receipt of application form is required).

The Guild is a co-operative and therefore requires you to sign the following:-

If selected, I undertake to support and help run the Guild and abide by the Guild's Code of Conduct.

Signed..... Date.....