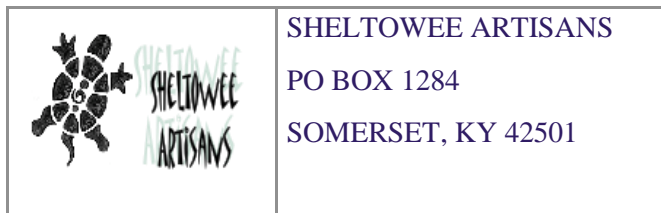


SHELTOWEE ARTISANS

JURY / MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024



Welcome to Sheltowee Artisans' 30th annual jury. If you live in, or within 50 miles of Kentucky's borders, want to broaden your retail and wholesale opportunities, and are interested in sharing and networking with your fellow artisans, we invite you to apply.

The Sheltowee Artisans welcome new exhibiting members whose body of work shows excellence in concept, design, and technique, regardless of style, medium, or cultural tradition.

Prospective members' work is evaluated by a jury of at least three Sheltowee Artisans who compare actual samples to specific standards of the group. Please follow our guidelines in jurying and contact us if you have a question.

MEMBERSHIP: Based in Somerset, KY, Sheltowee Artisans value camaraderie when they gather at monthly meetings to share their lives as artists, converge on art projects, develop professionally, and discover new ideas and resources. The juried arts guild produces the annual Sheltowee Art Fair the third weekend of November, and features its members on www.sheltoweear.com.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
sheltoweeguild@hotmail.com

STANDARDS: The jurors produce a collective evaluation based on the following criteria: superior craftsmanship, consistent quality, individual expression and professional presentation.

Guidelines and questions for a successful jury presentation are on Pages 3 & 4 of this application.

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION:

Deadline for Jury Application and fees will be given when received. Drop off work at the given location in Somerset, KY. Pick up work at the location given in Somerset. Directions will be given after the application is received.

APPLICATION STEPS:

PRINT & MAIL a completed Application Form (*Page 2 of this document*), with 2 checks payable to Sheltowee Artisans for \$10 jury fee (per medium) and \$35 annual membership dues to: **Sheltowee Artisans, PO Box 1284, Somerset, KY 42501, postmarked by September 1, 2024.** If you wish to jury in with more than one medium (pottery, jewelry, oil paintings, watercolors, etc.), fill out a separate application form for each medium and include a \$10 check with each application. Membership dues will be refunded if your work does not meet the standards of the Sheltowee Artisans at this time.

Photographs FIVE samples of related and current work to a location in Somerset Ky. that will be announced when applications are received. The quality of the samples to be juried is very important, as they are the basis upon which the jury makes its decision.

EXPECT your jury results within ten working days from the date of Pick Up.

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PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH MEDIUM

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION: (please print)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number/s: _____

Email address: _____

Web site (if available): _____

Medium (pottery, jewelry, oil painting, watercolors, for example): _____

Through which art fairs, galleries and shops do you currently sell your work? _____

ARTIST STATEMENT: (Describe how you learned your skills; the process, or processes, you use in making your work; and a little about what inspires you. This is helpful to the jurors in understanding your medium and techniques. Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

AGREEMENT: I have read this application in full and understand that if my work is accepted by the Sheltowee Artisans, I will only exhibit related work of this quality in this medium at Sheltowee Artisans events. I will jury any work in a new medium at a future annual jury.

Signature: _____

CHECKLIST:

_____ Mail this completed and signed application to the Sheltowee Artisans address above, postmarked **before September 1, 2024**. Use a separate application for each medium.

_____ Include your Artist Statement on this application, or on another sheet.

_____ Include two checks payable to Sheltowee Artisans: **\$10 jury fee (per medium) and \$35 annual membership dues**.

_____ Deliver 5 samples of your work (per medium) to the location given in Somerset, KY, and arrange for pickup.

JURY PRESENTATION

The Sheltonwee Artisans is a *learning guild* where we *change and grow* to meet the needs of our artisans. Depending on your experience, we realize you might be unfamiliar with the jury process. Here are some basic guidelines

🔊 Send in 5 samples images of your **best** works as the jurors will assume that your entry represents your best work. (Small sets like a necklace and earrings may be considered one entry.) The samples you send us are important also in their **cohesive grouping**. Submit samples that are current and show a relationship with each other. Balance variety with a showing of consistent craftsmanship. (A group of paintings would not be cohesive if one were a landscape, one a portrait and one a contemporary piece. It would be better to concentrate on one theme rather than three.)

🔊 Consider the **presentation** of your work important and include appropriate props, stands, and displays. This will be important to: showcase each piece (jewelry may be in frames or on neck displays), show the piece's function (garden art may need a flower pot to show off its use), provide a background for your samples (a neutral swatch of material may enhance your samples and allow us to see your work as a cohesive grouping).

🔊 Include an **artist statement** that itemizes your sample entries, explains your techniques and the materials you use, and include information on what inspires you to create your work.

JURY STANDARDS

- The Sheltonwee Artisan Guild is an organization of professional level artists and craftspeople and the jury process is intended to include those whose work is of exemplary quality.
- Each submission is judged on its own merit. Consistent design, workmanship and overall excellence are essential. The submitted work must be representative of the applicant's best efforts, both creatively and technically.
- Applicants to the Jury process must live in Kentucky or within 50 miles one of Kentucky's border states.

Recommended Guidelines

- You should submit what you consider to be samples of your **BEST** work
- An entry is five samples that are made in the **same medium** and category.
- Artists who work in more than one medium should submit applications for each different medium.
- Sets of items, i.e. a pair of gloves or a necklace and earring set, would be considered one piece. Sets may consist of up to three items per set. Entries consisting of more than five pieces will not be juried.

- The total number of pieces or sets **MUST** always equal five (5). For example, an entry may consist of two SETS plus three individual pieces.
- Enter five items that coordinate together as a cohesive grouping.
- Example: chest, table, chair, rocker (all pieces of furniture)
- What you exhibit at the show **MUST** be the medium you juried with.

Work that will not be considered for jurying:

- Items made from or based on kits or commercial patterns.
- Items made from commercial molds (unless the mold itself was created by the applying craftsman).
- Commercial products or items purchased and decorated (such as t-shirts, purchased unfinished furniture).
- Work made from combining purchased commercial objects unless the commercial objects are minor, functional components of the overall design and craftsmanship.
- Dried flowers unless employed as part of an arrangement.
- Jewelry that consists only of strung beads that do not incorporate any handmade element.
- Classroom or student work.
- Work produced more than three (3) years ago.
- Posters.
- Digital impressions of appropriated images are not allowed. (Work that is not the artists' own: i.e. clip-art, downloaded paintings, prints, drawings, etc.)

ABOUT SHELTOWEE ARTISANS:

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE ARTS OF SOUTHERN AND EASTERN KENTUCKY PROVIDING

A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT . . .

- ◆ Artist Workshops
- ◆ Guest speakers
- ◆ Craft Demonstrations
- ◆ Studio visits
- ◆ Panel Discussions
- ◆ Public School Projects
- ◆ Partnerships with businesses, schools, arts and tourism organizations%

NATIONALLY PUBLICIZING OUR REGION . . .

- ◆ Artist features in national magazines
- ◆ A modern website which provides visitors with information and examples of Sheltoewe Artisans' work.

The Sheltoewe Artisans partner with the Master Musicians Festival, held in July at the Somerset Community College, to add a fine art and craft element to this award-winning music festival.

The annual Sheltoewe Art Fair in November offers opportunities to see many of our artists at work and a chance to purchase their creations from the artists themselves.

Many of our members represent themselves nationally at wholesale and retail shows bringing a wide range of experience back to the group.

Work by Sheltoewe Artisans is exhibited at many galleries and shops throughout the region.

SHELTOWEE ARTISANS: HISTORY AND MISSION:

The Sheltoewe Artisans was founded in 1994 by a small group of artists who wanted to build a friendly arts community based in Somerset, Kentucky. Because the beauty of our area is often a theme in our work, we call ourselves the "Sheltoewe Artisans" after the 250-mile historic hiking trail, the Sheltoewe Trace, which meanders through our region. Our logo is the turtle because the name "Sheltoewe" was given to Daniel Boone by the Shawnee many years ago and means "Big Turtle." Today the arts guild has more than 75 juried artists.

Our mission is to establish settings to support and educate artists of this region, to make people aware of the fine art and crafts made in our area, and to build partnerships with businesses and organizations in southern and eastern Kentucky.

To become a Sheltoewe Artisan, artists must live within 50 miles of Kentucky's borders and submit their work to be juried in the annual standards jury process. Criteria for membership include superior craftsmanship, consistent quality, individual expression, and professional presentation. Please visit the Sheltoewe Artisans Membership Application page for details on the application process.

BENEFITS OF SHELTOWEE MEMBERSHIP:

- ◆ Opportunities to share experiences with other working artists and contribute to building a strong artist community.
- ◆ Meetings which offer workshops and mini-sessions on craft marketing.
- ◆ Longstanding venues for Sheltoewe Artisans to promote exhibit and sell artwork in the region.
- ◆ An individual web page at www.sheltoweart.com