

COCO Art Gallery Prospectus

The COCO Art Gallery (website: <https://www.cocoartgallery.com>), operated by the Art Council of Southwest Florida (ACSWF), is open to all artists who maintain a membership in one of the Art Council's affiliate organizations. While facilitating sales of artwork by the artist members of ACSWF's organizations, the Gallery extends the Council's goal of encouraging creativity in the visual arts through experience in art design, art marketing and curating.

ART GALLERY OPERATIONS

- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARDS, OR VERIFICATION OF PAYMENT OR MEMBERSHIP, ARE REQUIRED AT RECEIVING.

- COCO Art Gallery operates from January 1 through December 31. The Gallery will be open: October through March for six (6) days a week, Tuesday through Sunday (except for December when the Gallery is open seven (7) days a week). It will be open April through September for five (5) days a week, Wednesday through Sunday. (Hours: weekdays and Saturday 11:00AM-5:00PM, and Sunday 12:00PM-5:00PM). **This schedule may change from time-to-time.**

- All sales are subject to Florida Sales Tax (6.5%), collected for each sale. Credit card transaction fees are deducted from the artist's net payment. Price artwork accordingly.

- Sales dollars are distributed as follows: 70% to the artist; 10% to Coconut Point Mall; 9% to the affiliate organization that the artist belongs; and 11% to the Art Council.

- Participation at COCO Art Gallery is a privilege. Members not following gallery procedures as outlined on prospectus can be asked to leave.

RECEIVING FEES

- The ACSWF will charge each participating artist a non-refundable "COCO Art Gallery Receiving Fee" of \$40 per month (in-season months, October through March) and \$30 per month (April through September) to cover part of the cost of utilities, insurance, repairs, maintenance, and publicity. **The artist is encouraged to pay two or more months in advance. This will help move the line faster on Receiving Day and insure that work brought in the previous month will not be removed in error due to previous color coding.**

- All monthly payments are payable at receiving to ACSWF (cash or check, NO CREDIT CARDS).

- Any artist not current with their receiving fees will have their artwork removed.

ARTISTS' SUBMISSIONS

- All artists must have a signed waiver form and W-9 on file with the gallery. Artists are required to serve as gallery staff one day per month, or more if needed, as a condition of showing their work.

- No artwork will be allowed into the gallery if it is advertised for sale elsewhere: i.e., Etsy, personal website, etc. The work must be available for purchase through the COCO Art Gallery. No artwork will be accepted that is under contract with another gallery. No individual or outside sales are allowed in the COCO Art Gallery.

- The total number of items permitted each month is adjusted seasonally or as the need arises. The Gallery will notify artists of any adjustment PRIOR to each new receiving date. Every effort is made to display all juried items appropriately; however, the gallery reserves the right to limit items on the display floor due to space limitations.

- Artwork submitted to the Art Gallery may include: Original art work in traditional genres, giclees for 2D art work, lithographic prints, and photographic prints. All paintings to be hung must be framed or on gallery-wrapped canvas, with all sides painted, wired and ready to hang. All 2D artwork to be placed in bins must either be matted or attached to a sturdy backboard.

- For 3-D artwork (including jewelry), no more than 40% of the piece may be composed of commercially produced items, unless significant alterations or artistic elements are incorporated in the finished design, as determined by the jury committee.

- All art must have the Artist's name and title on the back of the art or on the wooden stretcher bars (written on a piece of masking tape or directly on the wood). This is important if your art identification label becomes separated from your artwork.

- In addition to the items listed above, any artist who produces their own cards may submit a total of six (6) packages for sale.

- Artwork that requires special wall mounting brackets in order to be hung CANNOT be accepted.

- All submissions will be juried into the gallery – NO EXCEPTIONS. The decisions of the jury are final.

RECEIVING PROCESS

- A condition of showing work in the Gallery is that the participating artist serves as staff one day of the month when the artist's work is shown. Artists must select a Gallery staffing date. Any artist who has NOT scheduled a staffing day will have their artwork removed.

- It is the responsibility of the artist to make arrangements for the day of staffing each month. If participating artists are unable to fulfill their gallery sitting requirements, they are responsible for finding a substitute replacement and must inform the Gallery Scheduling Coordinator, Laura Buxo at laurabuxo@outlook.com. Artists who fail to attend on their scheduled date -- without prior approval -- will have their artwork removed from display for that month.

- All artists must sign a "Waiver" and complete an "Inventory Form" and "W-9 Form," as part of the Receiving Process. These also will be available at the time of Receiving.

- Artworks that are not acceptable include, but are not limited to, the following: pre-assembled work, assembly-line or commercially-reproduced images (i.e. mugs, cups, T-shirts, etc.), multiple reproductions of the same images other than note cards. Anything that is deemed offensive or inappropriate will not be accepted. All artwork juried in will be at the discretion of the Art Council's COCO Art Gallery and its jurors.

- All artwork MUST remain in the gallery until sold or rotated out during the scheduled monthly Receiving date. Any and all artwork displayed or hung in the gallery MUST be sold ONLY through the gallery.

- Any unsold artwork, after 60 days in the gallery, MUST BE REPLACED and/or rotated out. Artists must wait 60 days before returning the same artwork to the Art Gallery.

- Artists who sell their artwork may replace sold items immediately, for placement in the same location as the sold item.

- Artists may rotate unsold artwork once a month on the first Monday of the month, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM ONLY, the same dates as Receiving.

GENERAL POLICIES

The Art Council of Southwest Florida (ACSWF) reserves all rights of decisions regarding the COCO Art Gallery. These include: changes in the days open, hours open, artwork acceptance, payment and the requirements for an artist's participation in the Gallery.

E-MAIL POLICY

- The ACSWF's list of member artists, their addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and group affiliations, are NOT to be used in any way, including but not limited to the following: Commercial purposes, personal events, political or lobbying messages, professional solicitations, advertisements, invitations or provided to a third party to use for any purpose. In addition, all email addresses given to ACSWF are for ACSWF use only.

- Anyone violating this policy could be jeopardizing the 501(c)(3) nonprofit status of the ACSWF, and will be issued a warning after the first occurrence, and expulsion on a second occurrence from any and all ACSWF sponsored shows, events, and COCO Art Gallery participation.

W-9 FORM POLICY

- Many artists ask why the ACSWF needs to receive this form from them before any sales have actually been made. In maintaining our non-profit status, the IRS asks that we keep accurate records of our activities. Part of that record keeping involves who profits from the Gallery. In January of each New Year, anyone who has sold \$600 or more during the previous calendar year will be issued a 1099 Form that states the amount sold for each artist. In order for the 1099 Form to be issued on time, all artists must have a completed W-9 form on file with the ACSWF.

- The ACSWF and other galleries and places that offer artists' work for sale will ask them to fill in one of these forms annually. Your information is kept protected. The ACSWF Treasurer is the only person with access to it, and when it is no longer needed, it is shredded. Inventory sheets with addresses and emails are all shredded. The ACSWF tries very hard to protect your information.

- The policy is that we ask for the W-9, with all information completed, at Receiving. It is a requirement of your participation in the COCO Art Gallery because we are required to have these records.

POLICY FOR GALLERY RECEPTIONS

The COCO Art Gallery is available for exhibits by the Art Council member organizations. Interested organizations should contact the Gallery director for additional information.

GALLERY SPACE AVAILABILITY

Coconut Point Mall for the past eight years has made space available for the COCO Art Gallery (formerly, the Art Council Co-Op Gallery). Mall Manager Jamie Grofik has been an active supporter of the Art Council's efforts to bring the arts to Coconut Point Mall to people residing in and visiting southwest Florida. We appreciate her support and recognize that space in the Mall is not guaranteed. We very much appreciate her assistance in securing this space for 2019-2020.

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