# The LAA is an Artist Cooperative - Terms of Membership

The Lapeer Art Association is an Artist Cooperative, that is, an enterprise engaging in the production and sale of artwork operated by its members for their mutual benefit. The aim of the association is to encourage and help new artists, bring artists together, promote the fine arts and provide opportunities in the community to be involved in the arts.

The day to day business of the association is handled by various committees that take on everything from advertising to operating the gift shop in Gallery 194. Active participation by all members in one or more committees is essential to the continued success of the association.

Our membership of the association is a privilege and as such comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. Gallery 194 is a great place to sell your work, but members must never forget that they are the ones expected to keep the business running.

All active members are expected to attend a monthly meeting (Meet-Up) and keep up to date on association business. Members are required to participate in one or more committees or serve in some other role required for the running of the cooperative at least once in a year.

All members sign up to work in the gallery. Shift times are 12 – 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Evening shifts when Pix has a show one shift 6 – 9pm, close up after intermission.

All members are required to work two shifts for each show they exhibit work in the gallery and/or gift shop. In addition to shifts required for a show, members are required to work 4 shifts a year whether they are exhibiting or not.

If a member is unable to work a shift they have signed up for then it is their responsibility to find a substitute to work or switch shifts with.

If you are unable or unwilling to work the shifts required for a show then you can pay a fee of $20 per shift not covered. Book shifts/pay $20 fee in advance of show opening.

There is a shift schedule located on the LAA website [www.lapeerart.org](http://www.lapeerart.org) It is accessed from the “Member Business” link found in the footer of any page. Click on the link and it will take you to a page where you will be asked to enter a password to access the member business page. Here you will find a link “Gift Shop Schedule”. The schedule is constantly updated and you cannot make additions/changes. The scheduler must be informed of additions/changes/substitutions to the schedule.

All information on exhibiting in the gallery and gift shop, forms for inventory, inventory cards, example sheets for recording sales is available on the website Member Business page at [www.lapeerart.org](http://www.lapeerart.org)

Active members will pay an annual membership fee of $35 due October 1st; pay 20% commission on all gallery and gift shop sales; receive a monthly newsletter; be a voting member; be able to run for the board after 6 months as a member in good standing.

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