



ATLANTIC WORKS GALLERY IS A COOPERATIVE SPACE FOR ART AND IDEAS. IN ADDITION TO MONTHLY TWO- AND THREE-PERSON SHOWS, ATLANTIC WORKS ALSO HOSTS ANNUAL GROUP SHOWS REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERS' WORK, NATIONAL JURIED SHOWS, SOCIAL EVENTS, PERFORMANCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE ART MAKING AND ACCESSIBILITY TO ART WITHIN THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY.

Information about You and Your Art

Name

Home Address

Email address

Telephone (home + cell)

Web site

Studio Location

What is the best way to contact you (email, home phone, cell phone)? IMPORTANT : Most AW communication is via email. If you don't use email, you'll need to pair yourself with a member and actively seek out updates.

Why do you want to join the Atlantic Works community?

What are your artistic goals and priorities?

Describe your work (medium, scale, concept, theme, etc.) Please attach slides or photos representing your work. You may also attach a resume/c.v. and artist's statement to help us understand your work.

Atlantic Works is a community, and application for membership indicates a commitment to actively participating in and contributing to this community. Acceptance into Atlantic Works indicates that the members are committed to actively participating in and contributing to your artistic endeavors.

The success of each Atlantic Works show and event depends on the participation of every member. Your enthusiasm, vision, energy, time, presence, and your artwork are essential elements to Atlantic Works. The sharing of tasks makes it easier for each artist to enjoy a successful exhibit and to make the best work possible. Please apply only if this level of participation appeals to you.

What you should plan to contribute

- + **Quarterly meetings**, which last approximately 2 hours, to discuss relevant matters. Members are expected to attend all and are required to attend at least two of these meetings each year.
- + **The Steering Committee** organizes the quarterly meeting and sets the agenda. The Steering Committee meets prior to each quarterly meeting and periodically as needed to resolve urgent matters. All members must participate in the steering committee for a duration which varies depending on the number of members in the group.
- + **Gallery Hours** are shared by members and are currently scheduled for 5 hours on Saturdays. The frequency of gallery hours depends on the number of members. Gallery hours should be working hours, during which you find a task which helps maintain and/or evolve the gallery.
- + **Tasks** are also shared by members and include publicity, gallery maintenance, reception organizing, postcard design, member communication and coordination, documentation and archiving, etc. You should plan to spend 4 hours per month outside of gallery hours and meetings towards gallery tasks.
- + **Monthly Receptions** include the opening reception and Third Thursday pot-luck events. It is vital to every event that members attend and bring people. Many events are pot-luck and you should plan to bring a contribution whenever possible.
- + and most importantly, **Your Artwork**. The artwork you create is the core of our collaboration and success. The sharing of tasks and participation in events serves to encourage you and all artists in Atlantic Works to continue with art making and to continue with evolving our craft and vision.

There is no aesthetic dogma in the group, and to join the group indicates a commitment to appreciating and respecting each member's differences along with similarities.

Signature:

Date Submitted

What Happens Next ?

Mail this form along with your slides/photos to : **Atlantic Works**
80 Border Street
East Boston, MA 02128.

Notify us that you have sent your form by emailing : contact@atlanticworks.org.

You may also **Email your application** and images to contact@atlanticworks.org. However, we recommend sending a separate notification with no attachments so that we know to look out for your application (sometimes large attachments prevent emails from going through).

Applications for membership are considered periodically by the steering committee, which makes recommendations to the members for discussion and approval at each quarterly meeting.

During this process, we may ask to see more samples of your work or invite you to a quarterly meeting to have the opportunity for a first-hand introduction. (Invitation to this meeting does not indicate acceptance to Atlantic Works.)

The selection process is by majority vote, and we reserve the right to deny membership. However, there are many factors for accepting new members and denial is not necessarily a reflection of the group's opinion of your artwork or person.

If accepted, a member of the steering committee will contact you and arrange to share member information, to collect membership dues and enroll you in our yahoo group to be included in email correspondence. You will receive notifications of events at the gallery as well as notices for upcoming meetings. You will also be able to send any questions you have to the group.

Thank you so much for your interest!