

# *Grand* **impromptu gallery**

## **a contemporary cooperative**

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## **Grand Impromptu Gallery is seeking artist members!**

**Mission:** *Grand Impromptu Gallery's* purpose is to maintain a gallery space to exhibit and sell the artwork of member artists, present exhibits of non-member artists, and provide a space for art to happen in both traditional and non-traditional ways.

*Grand Impromptu Gallery* is owned by artists working in various media, and who live and work primarily in the South Sound Region (Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, Mason, and south King counties). Our member artists serve on a voluntary basis, contributing their time and talents for the running of the gallery.

**Current members are: Bill Colby, Becky Frehse, Bea Geller, Trinda Love, Dorothy McCuistion, LeeAnn Perry, Betty Sapp Ragan, Peter Serko and Chip VanGilder.**

### **Why would you be interested in joining?**

*Grand Impromptu Gallery* offers an opportunity for artists to display and sell their artwork in an attractive gallery setting in downtown Tacoma, Washington (next to the Grand Cinema).

*Grand Impromptu* affords artists a hands-on opportunity to participate in all aspects of the business of the gallery. This self-sufficient atmosphere demonstrates to the member artists that they can take charge of, and directly participate in the public display of their artwork. Leadership, marketing, operations and public relations are a few of the skills that can be acquired by each member. The gallery encourages personal growth and a feeling of belonging to the artistic community. Exchange of information helps members prepare for shows in other venues.

### **How to be considered:**

*Grand Impromptu Gallery* is open to artists in various media, including 2-D and 3-D.

Artists must submit a portfolio, which should include:

Ten-twenty (10-20) images on slides or a CD of the work that represents who you are as an artist, an artist resume and an artist statement.

Email submissions are accepted in "jpg format" with a resolution of 72 DPI and 450 pixels high.

Portfolios received by the second Tuesday will be reviewed on the second Wednesday of every month.

### **Gallery Hours**

Currently the gallery is open Thursday & Friday 4 to 9 PM, 2-9 PM on Saturdays and 2-6 PM on Sundays.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday we stay open from 6-9 PM with live music performed in the gallery.

Member artists are required to assist in the gallery during open hours: 2-3 four-hour shifts per month.

### **Member Responsibilities and Opportunities:**

*Grand Impromptu Gallery* has many opportunities for artists to share their talents and expertise.

All aspects of managing the gallery are a shared responsibility, so we all volunteer our time and talents.

Volunteer activities include: staffing the gallery's daily shifts, attending monthly meeting, curating shows, bookkeeping, web-site management and/or creation, postcard design and printing, publicity, marketing, hanging artwork, artists' reception hosting, and community outreach.

**Legal Responsibilities:** the gallery operates as an LLC and all members agree to the contents and sign this legal document. Members must give two months notice if they decide to withdraw from the gallery.

**Financial commitment by the artists:** \$100 per month. The gallery retains a 25% commission on sold work.

**Exhibitions:** To maintain a sense of excitement and keep things fresh, we install a new show approximately every 4-6 weeks. Some shows will showcase members, with some specialty and guest shows throughout the year. Artist partners have the privilege of curating shows and participating in all levels of the gallery's evolution.

We look forward to talking to you and receiving your portfolio for review!