



Exhibition Cove Series

...because everyone deserves an original.

A Piece of Work, Inc., is an open gallery for all art media: ceramics, drawings/pastels, fiber, basket, leather, glass, metal, jewelry, oil/acrylic, pottery, photography, printmaking/graphics, sculpture, watercolor, and wood. The Emporium of Original Art is a 5,000 square foot Gallery housed in the 1921 Walker Motor Company building located on Hill Avenue in Olde Town Spirit Lake, Iowa – a part of the Iowa Great Lakes tourist destination that attracts an estimated one million visitors annually.

When we opened our doors for business on May 1, 2008, we had three Member Artists. We now have 29 Member Artists that showcase their original art in an aesthetically driven, progressive retail environment that also accommodates arts education and outreach activities. Many of the award winning member artists exhibit their works throughout the country in galleries and art festivals.

Since we opened for business, over 14,413 customers have come through the doors to view and purchase the works of Member Artists. According to signatures in our guest register, visitors have come from 45 different states and 8 foreign countries.

In an effort to provide an opportunity for Member Artists and Non-Member Artists to display their work and gain additional exposure, we are offering a special exhibition series to present their works to the general public at the Emporium of Original Art. A special area within the gallery has been dedicated as the “Exhibition Cove”. The dimensions of the Cove are 153 sq/ft of floor space and 308 sq/ft of wall space. There are no rental costs for the uses of the alcove.

The artist exhibitions will be for one month. They will run from the 1st day of the calendar month till the last day. Artists must bring in their works to hang or display by the 1st or 2nd day of the month, and must have their works removed by the last day.

Each artist is asked to create a statement about or description of their exhibition. A 12’x18” clear plastic display mount is available for artist’s use. A reception will be held to present and honor each artist. During the months of May – December, the reception will be held in conjunction with our popular First Friday Event. This dual celebration is held from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on the first Friday of each month. Food and Drink will be provided. Artists will have the opportunity to give a short Artist Talk during the reception. We recommend between 10 and 15 minutes for the talk and allow time for questions.

All sales tax on pieces sold will be collected by A Piece of Work, Inc. and forwarded to the state in a timely manner. The commission split for Non-Member artists will be 60% to the artist and 40% to the gallery. The transaction fee for member Artists will be the same percentage that they are currently paying with their rented space.

In order to maintain the quality standards of original art established by A Piece of Work, Inc., all Non-Member artists that would like to participate in the Exhibition Program must submit 3 – 5 pieces of their work to the peer review committee for approval.

All available exhibition months are on a first come basis. Call for months available and send or email your Exhibition Application Agreement as soon as possible

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