



BLUE SKIES
GALLERY

Where you can always meet an artist

Hours of operation:
Tuesday - Saturday, 11-6 pm
Thursday 11-7 pm
Open Sunday 12-5 pm November and December

Blue Skies Gallery is a regional gallery in the Hampton Roads area that displays and promotes the creative work of established and innovative artists. The gallery is located in historic Downtown Hampton at 26 South King Street.

Originally established by eight professional artists, Blue Skies Gallery

- provides professional gallery management and marketing,
- schedules special exhibits and events,
- provides teaching opportunities, and
- provides local artists with and “art home” and professional contact with other artists.

Artist members at Blue Skies Gallery are required to

- maintain a well-stocked display using props approved by the gallery,
- work one day per month in the gallery at the sales desk,
- pay a monthly membership fee based on the amount of space used, and
- agree to the withholding of 20% of their gross sales for gallery operations.

The Blue Skies Gallery Jurying Committee juries potential members on the second Tuesday of each month, January - October. The application process is as follows:

1. Call and speak with the manager on duty, to set an appointment to present your work to the Jury Committee. Available times will be from approximately 1:30pm to 3:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month.
2. Prepare a submission of 5 – 8 pieces of your work in a single medium. This submission should include your strongest work and be representative of what you hope to display at Blue Skies, including matting and framing, with hangers when appropriate. Please include prices you would ask at this gallery.
3. Submission in multiple media (other than mixed media) will constitute separate submissions; each must be juried separately on its own merits.
4. Bring your work with the completed application form to the gallery **no later than** the Thursday before your Tuesday jury appointment. The Committee will set your work up in the classroom for review prior to the jury meeting.
5. At your designated appointment time on the second Tuesday, be prepared to make a brief (5 minute) presentation to the Jury Committee focusing on your process, materials, and anything else that will help us fully appreciate your work. Please take your work home with you following your appointment, as storage space is very limited.

You will be contacted by mail with the results of the jurying within one week following your presentation.

Thank you for your interest in Blue Skies. If you have questions, please contact the Gallery Manager.

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Mission Statement

Blue Skies Gallery is a Virginia corporation comprised of professional artisans whose purpose is the display and sale of original fine art and fine craft produced primarily in the greater Hampton Roads area. It is operated for the financial benefit of the individual artisans maintaining display space, and for the wider encouragement of the arts in this area. This is accomplished by displaying and marketing juried work at the gallery located at 26 South King Street in Hampton, Virginia.

Vision Statement

Blue Skies Gallery is the premier fine art and fine craft membership gallery in Southeastern Virginia, acknowledged by citizens and organizations alike as their gallery of choice for patronage. As a key asset to the region, Blue Skies is maintained as a home for the display and sale of the best work of artists in this area, as a venue for literary and performing arts experiences, and as an environment for nurturing the appreciation of art by young and old alike. Blue Skies is a leader and a strong force in opening the joys of art and craft to the widest possible extent in the Hampton Roads area.

Guiding Principles

These are the values we hold as guides to our success:

- Quality – assured by a fair jurying process incorporating and maintaining high standards.
- Financial Security – achieved by proper procedures, disciplined budgeting and prudent investment.
- Professionalism – ensured by adherence to sound business practices and respect for colleagues and customers alike.
- Continuity – promoted by consistency of Board of Director actions, board organization, policy, and delegation of authority and comprehensive record keeping.