

Criteria for Participation at the Elk County Council on the Arts Sales and Exhibit Gallery

Holiday Guest Artisans

- 1) The Holiday Guest Artisans program is open to artists who have previously applied to become an ECCOTA artist, artists who have been ECCOTA artists in the past, artists who will apply for the upcoming spring jury session, and artists who are otherwise approved by the Gallery Committee.
- 2) Artists who are selected as Holiday Guest Artisans will not be required to pay the annual artists fee, but will be required to be an ECCOTA member in good standing. They will sign the regular commission agreement for ECCOTA to collect 20% and to participate in the 20% holiday discount agreement.
- 3) All items will be on display between 12/1 and 12/31.
- 4) Exhibits will be limited to a retail value up to \$50 per item.
- 5) Acceptance as a Holiday Guest Artisan does not guarantee acceptance as an annual ECCOTA artist.
- 6) Guests are encouraged to provide appropriate sized displays for their pieces while taking into consideration the space constraints in the gallery. Providing your own display pieces does not guarantee their use.
- 7) All items must be of a high level of creativity and exhibit-quality workmanship. All items must be presented in a professional manner and meet regular gallery requirements for presentation and quality.
- 8) Items must be original in design and execution; i.e., no commercial kits, molded products or items executed by others and/or modified by other artist.

Accepted visual art

Quality items constructed of clay, metal, wood, glass, leather, fiber or other natural/man-made materials.

Accepted written, audio and video materials

Quality books, collections, CD's, DVD's, etc. of original work.

Non-accepted visual art

No assembled and hobby craft items. No items from commercial patterns purchased or printed in a publication, molds, stencils, pattern transfers or kits, items constructed solely from assemblage of purchased commercial items or decorations of commercially-produced objects. We will not accept for sale hand-processed, unfinished materials produced to make other products (i.e., dried flowers, wood cut-outs, beeswax, etc.).

- 9) Two-dimensional work such as paintings and photos must be securely framed and wired for hanging. Three-dimensional work such as sculpture, mobiles and woodcarvings must be on a sturdy base.

10) All items must be appropriately packaged, taking into consideration packages to reduce damage due to dust, storage, and handling. We encourage the use of professionally produced tags/cards for your items. Information about your art may also be added to this card. Providing ECCOTA with business cards is encouraged.

11) The Gallery serves a broad community, from children to seniors, and the ECCOTA representative receiving submitted work reserves the right to refuse items that may offend a visitors.

12) The ECCOTA authorized representative is the sole determinant of where items will be displayed and the amount of space allotted, as well as the time length of display.

13) Submission of items to ECCOTA constitutes the artist's agreement that ECCOTA controls publicity regarding all displays and determines the amount of commissions and time of payment.

14) ECCOTA will use every precaution in handling submitted items, but will not assume financial responsibility for the safety or security of the items.

15) Some of the above regulations are subject to review, under special circumstances, by the Gallery Committee.

16) At least 3 but no more than 6 display-ready items must be submitted for review by the Gallery Committee. ECCOTA will accept artwork submissions from October 1st – 16th during regular business hours. The items/mediums submitted for review by the Gallery Committee will be the only items accepted for sale during the Holiday Guest Artisans exhibit.

17) The Gallery Committee will review submissions on October 17th. Artists will be notified of their acceptance on or before October 20th.

18) Upon acceptance, artists must provide inventory to ECCOTA before November 17th with the required commission forms and membership documents.

If you have questions about the Holiday Guest Artisans program please contact Sara Frank, ECCOTA Gallery Coordinator, art@eccota.com or 814-772-7051.