

GENERAL POLICY AND GUIDELINES  
FOR ART EXHIBITS  
AT  
UNITY CHURCH-UNITARIAN

**"Works of art are of an infinite loneliness and with nothing to be so little reached as with criticism. Only love can grasp and hold and fairly judge them"**

Rainer Maria Rilke

A. Introduction

Art may provide another medium through which human beings experience gifts of the spirit. Response to a work of art may be on intense, profound and / or non-verbal levels. As with poetry or literature or music, the visual arts may provide meditative and emotional opportunities and appreciation of life's process, our culture and our society.

Unity Church-Unitarian has provided gallery space for the showing of works of visual art. It is anticipated that these exhibitions provide spiritual enrichment and liveliness for those attending the church and its functions. At the same time the Gallery provides an opportunity for artists so show, share and sell their work.

B. Guidelines

1. It is recommended that the work, in whatever medium, be appropriate for showing in a setting, which encourages values that enhance the human condition.

2. Artists and their works shall be selected and approved by the Art Gallery Team of Unity Church-Unitarian. If a piece would appear offensive or controversial to the general audience of Unity Church-Unitarian, it may at the discretion of the gallery group, be refused. It is recognized that art may be controversial, as it may not be easily understood. However, it is hoped that the art selected will always serve to broaden the parameters of appreciation and the response of Unity Church Unitarian viewers.

## C. Responsibilities

1. The Gallery Team, in accepting an artist for exhibition, assumes the responsibility of assisting the artist in whatever ways necessary to display the works favorably. This may mean assistance with all arrangements, with hanging, with provision of tools and equipment, with consultation and advice.

Usually a show may be hung for one month, but may be longer if decided by the Gallery Team. It is intended that a different artist be shown every four weeks.

2. During the duration of an artist's show, art may not be moved without approval of the Gallery Team Liaison. The Liaison will consult the artist before any art is moved.

3. Artists are responsible for transporting their art to and from the gallery. Art should be appropriately matted and framed. Artists must provide a label for each piece to be placed by that work. The label should include such information as title, media, dimensions, and date.

Artists must also provide a resume, an artist statement, and a price list for display in the Gallery. The Gallery Team liaison will assist with hanging and is available for consultation and advice.

Artists are responsible for the setting of purchase prices and all related arrangements to a purchase. The artist will contribute 20% of the purchase price to Unity Church Unitarian.

4. It is suggested that an announcement appear in the church's weekly newsletter and be given during the service on the Sunday of opening. The usual social hour may serve as an opening for the artist. A written announcement should appear in the community newsletter.

A private opening can be scheduled through the Gallery Team in conjunction with the church office.

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