

# Interested in Arts of Bear Valley?



Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our art club known as Arts of Bear Valley (AOBV). To help in your consideration, here is a summary about who we are and the joining process. Questions can be emailed to our Membership Coordinator, Carol Goff at: [goffcarol@att.net](mailto:goffcarol@att.net).

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AOBV is an organization devoted to developing and promoting certain types of visual arts through exhibitions, classes and seminars, workshops, children's programs, and events designed to enhance members' artistic talents and foster a greater appreciation of the arts in Bear Valley and surrounding communities. Since alcoholic beverages are available at most of our functions, members must be at least 21 years old.

- By law, AOBV is a "For-profit Corporation" with a governing Board and Bylaws; however, we operate more like a "Non-profit Organization."
- Financially, AOBV relies on dues and commissions from art sales at its exhibitions to fund its ongoing mission. Our goal is to break even.
- Exhibitions, for the benefit of members, are held each year. These will continue as long as the shows remain viable. Examples: Over 25 years of annual exhibits in Bear Valley and over 16 years in Calaveras Big Trees State Park.
- All club activities are run by AOBV members, and active participation throughout the year is a membership requirement for Artist Members.
- Our club meets at various locations, usually at a member's home, on the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

Membership consists of two basic categories:

- Artist Member – Those members who display their works in exhibitions – with annual dues of \$35 payable in January.
- Friend – Those members who do not display their works in exhibitions but who support AOBV are invited to meetings, social and educational events - with annual dues of \$10 payable in January.

The following minimum requirements apply to applicants who are accepted as an Artist Member:

- Attend at least one meeting per quarter, and
- Perform at least one project/task for each art show, and
- Fulfill the sales desk requirements for each art show in which you participate as an exhibitor.

Joining AOBV as an Artist Member involves completing the application process as described in the following *Artist Member Application Process*. If joining as a Friend, please use the *AOBV Application Form*.

## Artist Member Application Process

**Step 1:** Submit the *AOBV Application Form* on the following page and email 3 or more samples of your art work (in JPEG format) to our Membership Coordinator

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Murphys, CA 95247  
goffcarol@att.net

**Step 2.** AOBV's Membership Committee will initially review your information and art samples for consistency with its mission.

**Step 3.** If, in Step 2, the Committee determines there is a good fit with our mission, the Committee will arrange to meet with you to explore more about your art interests and goals. Committee members will also explain how AOBV operates in more detail, such as: How we are structured & staffed; Acquaint you with our Bylaws; Explain how taxes and commissions (historically 20%) are handled and how members have their own personal reporting requirements; and, what is expected from its members throughout the year.

**Step 4.** Following the Step 3 meeting the Membership Committee will advise you of their decision about your pending status. If you are accepted:

- You will be invited to attend a monthly meeting as a new "Artist Member."
- At this meeting, you might enjoy sharing some of your actual art work with the other members and talk some about your art background and interests. We have found that this to be very helpful for everyone to get better acquainted.
- Also, at this meeting you will be expected to pay membership dues. New Artist Members have prorated due: \$35 if joining in the first half of the year, or, \$18 if joining in the second half.
- Once accepted, you are then eligible to participate in all ongoing activities. It is important for you to understand how your joining date might impact your ability to exhibit your art in one of our annual shows. For example, an annual exhibit scheduled for the end of June might have entry date requirements ending in May. And, to be eligible to participate, you would need to officially join in May.

**NOTE:** If you do not already have an AOBV sponsor by the time you become a new member, a current Artist Member will be appointed to help guide you through the details of our organization and what is expected during your first year.

# AOBV Application Form

I am interested in applying for membership in Arts of Bear Valley as a:

**Artist Member**

**Friend**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Website\_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Feel free to continue to additional pages or attach additional information*

Describe your interest in art and the goals you would like to achieve.

Describe your art background, education, shows you entered and any awards received.

In the course of a typical year, AOBV relies on its members to handle a variety of activities, ranging from all types of leadership positions - to all levels of support help. We rely on everyone to volunteer where they can. So besides being passionate about art, what other skill have you acquired that might be of interest to us in exploring? For example: art teacher, web designer, graphic design, publicity, children's arts & crafts, computer talents, financial background, planning, coordinating shows, judging