

Needle Arts Guild

what is it?

We are a group of needle people — practicing some kind of needle art. Our motto for membership: “Anyone who does anything with any kind of a Needle.” All skill levels are welcome. Our members share a variety of interests and talents. These include quilting, clothing, heirloom sewing, smocking, cross-stitch, crewel, needlepoint, rug hooking or braiding, lace making, knitting, crocheting, and embroidery!

Needle Arts meetings are flexible. We have daytime meetings every Tuesday 10 am — noon in the Seminar Room. We also have evening meetings on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in our own work room. You may attend any or all of the meetings. These are working meetings to which we bring our own projects and share ideas. We hold social meetings twice a year, in December or January and in June.

Our work room contains storage cabinets, supplies, tables and a small library of books which may be checked out.

We offer workshops, and we may take a field trip to a museum, a special exhibit or a shopping expedition to an interesting needlework or fabric shop. We usually have an annual swap in May which is open to the public.



what's in it for you?

- Make lasting friendships with other artists who share your enthusiasm and desire to explore a variety of techniques and materials.
- Receive discounts on classes and workshops.
- Automatically receive membership in NARM, North American Reciprocal Museums, which offers benefits such as free admission and member discounts at museum shops at over 600 museums in the U.S., over 30 in Massachusetts.*
- Receive discounts at quality retailers.
- Exhibit your work and offer it for sale in the spacious Parsons Gallery during the Guild's Annual Exhibition and other invitational exhibits, as well as in other locations.
- Sell your work in the summer Artisans Market and the December Holiday Marketplace and year-round in the Back Door Gallery.
- Participate in Lexington Open Studios at LACS.
- Increase exposure of your art through the LACS website and social media.
- Receive Society and Guild newsletters with updated information on our programs, shows and events.**
- Access Guild and Society libraries and resources.**
- Be invited, along with a guest, to attend the popular Holiday Marketplace Preview Party and advance sale.

*NARM benefit with full-year, non-discounted Society membership.

** Not all Guilds have newsletter and library.

what would your part be?

- Volunteer for tasks within the Guild.
- Contribute your talents to the operation of the organization, for example, chair or serve on a committee, help with clerical tasks, plan and stage events, and staff the gallery during shows.
- Participate with work for sale or make a cash contribution to support the Fall Fair, our primary fundraiser.
- Meet annual Society membership dues.

what to do next?

To apply for membership in the Needle Arts Guild and LACS:

- First, come to some of our Needle Arts meetings to see whether or not you would like to join us on a regular basis.
- Request an application packet from the LACS Office.
- Complete and submit the application form.
- Attend a brief orientation session.
- Pay Society and Guild membership dues.

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