

Membership Form

Annual Membership:

January 1- December 31

Individual: \$25

Family:\$30

September 1- October 31

\$20

November 1- December 31 of following year

\$25

The Art Guild Of Middletown

Name (s):

Street or PO Box:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Category of Membership:

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The Art Guild of Middletown



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Our Mission

**To foster and encourage development
Of visual artists in the Middletown, CT
Area by developing quality programs that
Bring artists together, providing venues for the
Artists to exhibit their work and providing
Art instruction and workshops.**

**The Art Guild of Middletown serves the
Middletown area by offering opportunities
For amateur and professional artists and
Art lovers who may not be artists but enjoy
learning about all aspects of art and meeting
new people who also have a passion for art.**

Our History

**In the late 1940s, a small group of Wesleyan faculty wives,
led by Wesleyan biology professor Jean Cochrane, started
The River Valley Art Guild (RVAG).**

**The RVAG met for several years in the basement of the
Honor's College at Wesleyan. Then Wesleyan decided that
they needed the space for other things, and the RVAG had to
find another venue.**

**This was the start of many, many moves and some name
changes for the group over the years.**

**Classes were the focus in the early RVAG years, but almost
no attempt was made to exhibit. Because of this, another
group called the Middletown Art Association (MAA) was
started. The MAA offered no classes, but organized several
exhibits a year. John Bickford and his architect wife, Anne,
belonged to both groups and, because they didn't say "No,"
eventually were elected to head both, Anne as the President
of the RVAG, and John as President of the MAA. John and
Anne were going to too many meetings and overlapping
programs, so in 1972 decided to merge the two groups as
the Art Guild of Middletown, offering classes and sponsoring
exhibits. And ...here we are!**