

# Blackstone Valley Art Association

## By-Laws

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### Article I: Name

This Association shall be known as the Blackstone Valley Art Association.

### Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be the advancement of the arts of painting, drama, music, dance and sculpture; and the preservation of the finest artistic traditions by means of exhibitions, classes, lectures, and other activities favorable to artistic expression, and for the development of friendly exchanges among artists and those interested in the arts provided however;

1st -No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170-C-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2nd -Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to such organization or organizations as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## **Article III: Membership and Dues**

Section I. The members in the Association shall be drawn from the towns of Mendon, Upton, Milford, Hopedale, Grafton, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone, Whitinsville, East Douglas, Millbury, and surrounding communities.

Section II. The membership of the Association shall consist of three classes; Active, Associate and Junior.

The dues for individuals is twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year and twenty (\$20) for family membership per year. The dues of Associate and Junior members shall be five dollars (\$5) per year. Junior members shall be sixteen to eighteen years old. Dues are payable in September unless otherwise specified. Dues shall be assessed by vote of the Association.

Section III. Privileges are equal for all.

Section IV. Any person who has been a member of said Association, moving out of the area, may continue to be a member.

## **Article IV: Officers and their Election**

Section I. Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year, and a Board of Directors who shall serve for a term of three years. In the year 1959, one shall be elected to serve one year, two to serve two years, and two to serve three years. Also a nominating committee of five members to serve one year.

Section II. The nominating committee shall present at the Annual Meeting names in nomination for Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen of the Association for the ensuing year. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, an opportunity shall be given for nomination from the floor. Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible to nomination, either by the committee or from the floor.

Section III. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by vote of the members of the Association at the next regular meeting, due notice of such election having been given.

## **Article V: Duties of Officers**

Section I. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and shall perform all other duties belonging to the office, and have power to appoint any and all committees, other than standing committees.

Section II. The Vice-President, in the absence or incapacity of the President, shall execute all the duties of the President and act in his place.

Section III. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting, he shall present a written report. He shall serve as the parliamentary authority of the Association.

Section IV. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence for the Association and in the absence of the Secretary shall perform his duties.

Section V. The Treasurer shall receive all dues and pay all bills, approved by the President, or the Board of Directors, or by vote of the Association. He shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and expended by him. He shall present at the Annual Meeting an audited report of the receipts and expenditures of the Association during the year. The Auditor to be appointed by the nominating committee.

Section VI. The Board of Directors shall: (a) transact necessary business in the intervals between Association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the Association; (b) approve the plan of work of the standing committees; (c) present reports at the regular meetings of the Association.

## **Article VI: Meetings**

Section I. The meetings of this Association shall be held at the Quaker Meeting House, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise designated.

Section II. The regular meetings shall be held in the months of September, November, January and March

Section III. The Annual Meeting shall be held in May.

Section IV. Special meeting may be called by the President, and shall be called by him or her for specific purpose on the request of three members.

Section V. The privileges of holding office, making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to members of the Association whose dues are not in arrears.

Section VI. Six members shall constitute a quorum if the membership is twenty or less. If it's more than twenty, one fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section VII. Notices of meetings will not be sent out after January first to any member whose dues are unpaid to that date.

## **Article VII. Standing Committees**

Section I. The Committees of the Association shall be the Nominating, Membership, Publicity, Program, Fieldtrip, Exhibition, and Ways and Means. Committee members shall be chosen by the elected chairman.

Section II. The Nominating Committee shall execute its duties as outlined in Section II of Article IV of these By-Laws.

Section III. The Publicity Committee shall handle all publicity pertaining to the regular meetings of the Association.

Section IV. The Program Committee shall present ideas, organize and execute all plans for programs to be given at the regular meetings of the Association.

Section V. The Exhibition Committee shall display not more than an equal number of works from each member desiring to exhibit. Number and size to be specified by the Exhibition Chairman. Artists desiring to exhibit must be duly paid members for two months prior to the exhibition.

Section VI. The Ways and Means Committee shall present ideas, organize and execute all plans for raising money.

Section VII. The Chairman of all standing committees shall present plans of work to the Board of Directors, and no committee work shall be undertaken without the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority**

Rules of: Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are applicable.

## **Article IX: Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting provided that notice of the proposed amendment, with the wording thereof, shall have been mailed to each member fourteen days preceding the meeting.