

## Connecticut River Artisans Cooperative

55 Main St. Essex, CT 06426

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### Members:

- Dues \$325 per year + 25% commission. Prorated the next year if you join after January.
- Like owning your own gallery without the monetary investment and all the responsibilities.
- Have a say in decisions- hours-displays-work schedules-type of work accepted.
- You can have a main medium and 3 other mediums. Each new medium will have to be juried.
- You pick the days you want to work on the Google calendar. (3-4 days per month).
- The ability to network with other artisans on a regular basis and share helpful information.
- Not having competition under the same roof. We limit the number of artists doing the same medium.
- If you sold only at shows, your work is in storage most of the time. We are open 7 days per week most of the year.
- Featured Artist of the Month – Your own month-long solo show with a reception.
- If you get commissioned work through the cooperative, you pay only 10% commission.
- You are not charged for advertising, the co-op does it through Facebook, Instagram, Web, and local advertising events.
- You are assigned a mentor.
- There is an internet connection at the shop. You can bring in your own devices.
- There is a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- Attendance at events, receptions, cleaning days are not required but highly recommended. It's a great way to get to know other members.
- If your work is portable, you can bring it in on the days that you work.
- You are not allowed to display your work in any other venue in Essex.
- The shop covers the cost of credit card sales, bags, labels for scan stickers and SQUARE.
- At some point, all members should have a designated job or be on a committee to help run the shop.
- The co-op takes care of sales tax.
- You get a 10% discount on all purchases.