

## Join the Guild *About the Guild*

**Surrey Guild of Craftsmen** members are selected professional craftsmen and designer makers of contemporary and traditional applied arts. Their work is distinguished by fine craftsmanship and innovative design.

The Guild aims to support its members and to raise public awareness of the quality and diversity of the work created by local designer makers. This is done through a programme of exhibitions and craft events at venues around the county and beyond, where members display and sell their work.

### *Surrey Guild Craft Gallery*

Surrey Guild of Craftsmen members also run the Surrey Guild Craft Gallery in Milford, Surrey. The Gallery is run on a co-operative basis, and a wide variety of individual members' work can be seen and purchased there. The Gallery is also an exhibition venue, a place where makers and their customers can meet to discuss commissions, and the Guild's permanent home.

### *Shop Maltings*

This craft outlet in which the Guild is partnered by Farnham Maltings, opened in July 2010. Surrey Guild of Craftsmen members can exhibit here subject to certain conditions.

Membership of the Guild offers opportunities for members to exchange ideas, partner each other in independent exhibitions and open studios, and offer feedback, encouragement and critical appraisal. New members are always welcome, and application procedures can be found in this leaflet, and on our website.

## Join the Guild *Application and selection*

### **The selection process**

Membership assessments are carried out at intervals throughout the year. Applicants must pass all three assessment criteria, which are:

- Originality
- Excellence in craftsmanship
- Good aesthetic design

The Guild seeks as members craftspeople who will make a positive contribution to the running of the Guild. Successful applicants will be offered probationary membership for one year, after which their membership will be confirmed or may be withdrawn.

### **Application for membership**

Complete the application form and send it to the Membership Secretary at the address on the form. Be sure to include your assessment cheque (£20) with your application. *Your cheque is not refundable, but counts towards the annual membership subscription for successful applicants.*

### **Assessment procedure**

The assessment committee will need to see:

- Four to six examples of exhibition standard (ie top quality) work. *Photographs are not sufficient.*
- CV and/or maker's statement.
- Completed 'checklist and notes for applicants'.
- You may submit information in addition to the above as part of your application if you wish.
- Your submission must reach our Milford Gallery by 4 pm on the day before your assessment. You will not be present in person at the assessment. *Your assessment may be rejected if all of the required items are not included in your submission.*
- You will be advised of the outcome of your application as soon as possible after your assessment, usually within a few days.
- You will be able to collect your work from the Gallery on the day following your assessment.

## Join the Guild *Membership application*

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Name

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Address including postcode

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Landline and/or

Mobile phone number

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Email address

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Web site address

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Please give brief details of your craft

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I am also interested in joining the Surrey Guild

Craft Gallery

Yes/No

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- Please read these notes carefully and thoroughly and keep a copy for reference.
  - Complete this form and send it with your cheque for £20, made payable to Surrey Guild of Craftsmen, to: The Membership Secretary, **Surrey Guild of Craftsmen**, Surrey Guild Craft Gallery, 1 Moushill Lane, Milford, Surrey GU8 5BH.

### **Subscription rates 2011 to 2012**

- *Surrey Guild of Craftsmen* £60 pa
- *Surrey Guild Craft Gallery* £320 pa + 10% commission on sales over £500 in any year. Members who sell through Surrey Guild Craft Gallery also help run the Gallery - currently working 10 days each year.
- *Exhibitions* Participation costs vary and are confirmed as opportunities are presented.
- *Shop Maltings* £20 plus commission of 30% + VAT taken by Farnham Maltings