

MT. PLEASANT ART SOCIETY BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE, AND PLAN

SECTION ONE: Name

This organization shall be known as the Mt. Pleasant Art Society (MPAS).

SECTION TWO: Purpose

The purpose of the MPAS shall be to further the interest of artists in creating a visual arts through programs, workshops, and exhibitions, to develop fellowship among area artist, and promote the significance of fine arts in the community

SECTION THREE: Ownership

If MPAS disbands in the future, all property belonging to MPAS will be donated to the Fine Arts Department of the Northeast Texas Community College (NTTC) in Titus County, Texas.

Property includes:

- (1.) Willow Oak Art Center and Gallery building located at 5059 FM 1402, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.
- (2.) Any funds left in bank accounts at Pilgrim Bank's North Branch, Mount Pleasant, Texas.
- (3.) Stock investments at Edward Jones, Mount Pleasant, Texas.
- (4.) The permanent collection of art works either paper or canvas.
- (5) and any framed art work donated by visiting artist.

All MPAS art work will become the permanent property of NTCC and should be displayed in the same manner as the Caddo Collection of Artifacts or the Biggers Mural Art Panels, and cannot be sold or donated. MPAS wants this collection by many well-known artists from all over the United States to be enjoyed by all and is for public display in the local area. This collection is documented by photos kept in the MPAS Safe Deposit Box at Pilgrim Bank North Branch, Mt. Pleasant, TX.

SECTION FOUR: Building Use

The building is scheduled for use every third Monday and every Tuesday by a group of oil painters. The building scheduled for use ever first and third Friday of the month by a group of watercolorists. MPAS members may apply the Board of Directors to use the building for a fine art class on a day not scheduled by another art class, subject to approval by the Trustees.

All art/craft-related activities open to the public must also have at least one MPAS member present at all time of building use. Member should be the first person to open and last person to close the building after usage. More members are welcome to work the event.

SECTION FIVE: Trustees

Trustees are long-time members (more than ten (10) years of consistent membership in good standing), who have served for at least five (5) years in officer or committee-chair positions. The Trustee serves in the capacity of overseeing that the business, operation, and purpose of MPAS is conducted in an orderly fashion. There must be a vested interest in MAPA and its members. There are always to be three (3) functioning trustees and there may attend any MPAS meeting or gatherings. They are appointed by the Board of a period of they agree to serve.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

Section One-classification and dues.

There shall be seven (7) classes of membership with annual dues:

Active & associate	\$ 35.00
Family	\$ 45.00
Donor	\$ 25.00-49.00
Contributor	\$ 50.00-100.00
Sponsor	\$101.00-299.00
Benefactor	\$300.00 & up
Other: Honorary	No Dues

Section Two-Active and Associate Member

1. Anyone interested in fine art is eligible to be an active member of the Society.
2. Active, associate, and family members shall have voting privileges and are eligible to serve in any office.

Section Three

1. All persons or organizations interested in the promotion of the arts shall be permitted to join the MPAS as Donors, Contributors, Sponsors, and/or Benefactor members in accordance with their subscription. Such members shall not have voting rights and shall not be eligible for election to any office.

Section Four-Honorary members

The Board of Directors may grant honorary membership to any person who has made a significant contribution to MPAS.

Section Five-Payment of dues

The Board of Directors shall set the amount of the dues in each classification. Dues payable at the start of the fiscal year which shall begin Jun 1st each year and continue through May 31st of the following year. Dues paid after January shall be half of the annual fee.

ARTICLE 3: MEETINGS

Section One: Schedule

Membership meetings shall be held the first Sunday of each month September through May at 2:00 pm except on holidays at which time the meeting will be held the following Sunday.

Section Two: Quorum

A quorum shall be one-third of voting membership enrolled.

Section Three: Voting

A majority vote shall determine the action on a motion or recommendation at a membership meeting. Each member shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section One: Government of MPAS

The affairs of MPAS shall be managed and governed by the Board of Directors, with the President serving as Chairman of the Board.

Section Two: Board Membership

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the officers of MPAS, the Chairs of all Standing Committees, and the immediate Past President.

Standing committees shall be: Building & Grounds, By-Laws, Galleries, Historian, Membership/Finance, Membership Art Show, Newsletter and Publicity, Program, Reference Library, Social, Titus County Fair, and Workshops.

Section Three: Board Quorum

The quorum of the Board of Directors to transact business shall be five (5) members.

Section Four: Voting

The majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Board shall be sufficient to conduct the business of the Board.

Section Five: Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet when called by the Chairman and at the time and place designated.

Section Six: Tenure

The tenure of the members of the Board of Directors shall be one year. All members may succeed themselves

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

Section One: General Function of Officers

The officers of MPAS shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Webmaster/Administrator.

Section Two: Term and Succession

Each office shall be one (1) year to begin June 1st. Officers may succeed themselves in office.

Section Three: Appointments, Nominations, and Election of Officers.

The President shall appoint a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The election of officers shall be held at the April program meeting from the list of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee and from nominations from the floor. Each candidate having a majority vote of attending members shall be elected to the offices. Officers elected to the respective offices shall be introduced at the May membership program meeting.

Section Four: Meeting of Officers.

The Officers shall meet at a time and place designated by the President. A quorum shall be three (3) officers. A majority vote shall determine actions at Officers' meetings.

Section Five: Vacancy

A vacancy of an office, except the office of President, shall be filled by unanimous action of the remaining officers and ratified by the Board. The First Vice-President shall become President upon the vacancy of the President.

Section Six: Duties and Responsibilities of officers

1. President-Chief Executive Officer, provide leadership to the Officers and members, preside at meetings of the Officers, members, and the Board, prepare an agenda for each meeting, appoint chairs of Standing Committees, create committees deemed necessary and serve as ex-officio member of each committee. The President shall serve a two year term with the first year spent being mentored by the current President. That mentored President will then begin mentoring the following President as he or she serves as fully-functioning President. The first term is being mentored and the second is serving as President and mentoring the next President.

2. President-Elect

The President –Elect will serve in a non-active position for the first year as he or she is mentored, becoming President in the second year of service.

3. First Vice-President

Act as Chief Executive Assistant to the President; Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to serve, serve as chairman of Program Committee.

4. Second Vice-President

In the absence of the President and the First Vice-President, prepare the agenda and preside at the meeting as President; perform such duties as assigned by the President, prepare the MPAS yearbook.

5. Secretary

Prepare and keep record of each meeting of the Board of Directors, Officers and Membership Meetings, and maintain up-to-date records of MPAS.

6. Corresponding Secretary

Shall write MPAS correspondence

7. Treasurer

Responsible for all funds and financial records of MPAS, issue any disbursements for the business of MPAS by check, keep records and books available at each meeting for reporting at meetings of the Board, the Officers, and Members, and prepare and present a printed report at the May meeting.

8: Webmaster/Administrator

Maintain the MPAS website, answer emails, and prepare and send Newsletters.

9: Chairman Pro-Tempore

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the President shall appoint an Active Member to act as President during his/her absence

ARTICLE 6: STANDING COMMITTEES**Building and Grounds:**

A committee of seven (7) members shall be responsible for determining needs, obtain bids, and making recommendations to the Board for improvements that need to be made. Three (3) members of the committee shall be replaced each year, keeping majority who are informed on what has to be done to improve and maintain the building, and plan events to raise funds to meet expenses of building needs and payments.

By-Laws:

The Chairman shall make recommendations to the President and Board of changes which need to be made in the By-Laws, and act as Parliamentarian at all meetings using Robert: Rules of Order as procedure guide.

Galleries, Large and Small:

The Chairman requests new paintings each year. Committee members will hang new paintings and store previous year's painting until members claim them. MPAS Members are required to pay a ten (10) percent commission to MPAS if a painting sells from either gallery.

History/Historian:

Maintain in an appropriate manner all written or printed materials that document activities of MPAS and its functions, as well as the Art Center.

Membership:

It is the duty of the Chairman to accept all membership applications and present to the Board, maintain an updated membership roll in cooperation with the Treasurer, and be responsible for additions and deletions of members for the yearbook.

Membership Art Show:

Confer with the President with regard to number of committee members needed and develop plans for the annual Membership Art Show and collect entry fees.

Newsletter and Publicity:

Prepare and send monthly newsletter to Active Members as a means of communication to keep them informed of activities of members and MPAS. Additionally, prepare news releases of MPAS activities, along with announcements of any events.

Program:

The First Vice-President shall serve as Chair of Program Committee and arrange programs and meeting places.

Reference Library:

Oversee collection and use of books and other reference materials contained in the Art Center.

Social:

Greet Visitors, welcome guests and new members. Arrange and assist all social events of MPAS, provide opportunities for all members to assist in serving as hosts, and provide refreshment at meetings, and perform associated cleaning before and after a meeting.

Titus County Fair Art Exhibit:

The Chairman will obtain judges and volunteers who are responsible for installation of the exhibit by accepting, tagging, and hanging art work, placing ribbons on winning pictures, procuring art kits given to First Place winners, staffing the exhibition room during Fair hours to protect art work, and safely returning all art work to participants at the end of the Fair.

Workshop:

Arrange for artist to conduct workshops in various art media during the year. Coordinate with artist' schedules, requirements and related needs for the enrolled members and collet fees set by the Board.

Article 7: ADMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Article 8: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of MPAS.