

# Levels of OCAC Membership

There are four levels of membership in the Oliver Community Arts Council. Each has certain privileges and limits.

## Individual

**Suited for:** a person interested in learning about the local arts, receiving Creative Minds newsletter, entering arts-related events as individuals.

Individual members are welcome to submit arts news items to the website, Arts Jam, and Creative Minds of a non-commercial nature on their own behalf. e.g. art journal entry, personal art project, an award or other recognition received, or other personal activity.

Individual members may be entitled to a reduction on fees at OCAC events, if advertised as such. For example, one individual member is entitled to enter art in the Fall Art Show and Sale at a reduced registration fee or have a display booth at the occasional public event.

Individual members are entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

An individual member **cannot** advertise a sale, exhibit, or service for which they receive payment. They **cannot** promote a group or business which is not itself a group or business member of the OCAC.

Individuals may rent the Quail's Nest Arts Centre (Studio Building) for personal use. e.g. personal art project. They cannot rent the centre on behalf of a group or business enterprise which is not a member of the OCAC. That would require a group or business membership.

**Rental of OCAC properties** (tables, chairs, plinths, etc) are at level of membership. An individual may rent OCAC properties for individual use. e.g. individual craft work requiring a large table.

## Household

**Suited for:** members of a household (family, extended family) who have more than one person interested and/or active in the arts.

As for Individual members, Household memberships permit submission of arts news items to the website, and Creative Minds of a non-commercial nature on their own behalf. e.g. art journal entry, personal art project, an award or other recognition received, or other personal activity.

Household membership may entitle each member of the household to a reduction on fees at OCAC events, if advertised as such. For example, each member is entitled to enter art in the Fall Art Show and Sale at a reduced registration fee or each purchase a booth for an event at a reduced rate.

A household membership allows one vote for each member of the household at the Annual General Meeting.

A household membership **does not** entitle them to advertise a sale, exhibit, or service for which they would receive payment. They **cannot** promote a group or business which is not a group or business

member of the OCAC.

Households may rent the Quail's Nest Arts Centre (Studio Building) for personal use. e.g. personal art project. They cannot rent the centre on behalf of a group or business enterprise which is not a member of the OCAC. That would require a group or business membership.

**Rental of OCAC properties** (tables, chairs, plinths, etc) are at level of membership. A family may rent OCAC properties for family use.

## **Group**

**Suited for:** a club, non-profit society, or charity interested in learning about the local arts, receiving Creative Minds, promoting their arts-related events through a number of publicity options, co-ordinating with other groups and businesses on events.

**Note:** The membership issued is to the group, not each individual within the group. It offers advantages to the group's publicity of group activities. It does not entitle individuals belonging to the group to claim "individual" membership or to receive promotion of non-group events.

Groups are welcome to submit arts news items to the Quail's Nest bulletin board, online media, and Creative Minds newsletters. Photos, articles, announcements, posters are all welcome. This includes publicity of their events, as long as those events profit the group. e.g. exhibits, concerts, workshops, markets, productions, classes, award or recognition received, news.

They may be entitled to a reduction on fees at OCAC events, if advertised as such. For example, a group is entitled to rent a booth at a reduced rate. Individual members of a group are not entitled to individual entries in the Fall Art Show and Sale without their own individual membership.

A group is entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Individual members within that group who carry individual membership are also entitled to vote as individuals. It is recommended that the group send a representative who is not an individual member when a special general vote is required (e.g. Board elections). This maximizes the number of votes cast overall.

A group **cannot** advertise a sale, exhibit, or service for which members would receive personal payment. (That would qualify them as a business.)

Non-profit groups may apply for **contracted service funding** for activities which meet the OCAC constitutional mandate. For more information, see "Contracted Service Agreements". Because the OCAC is a charity, we cannot fund for-profit events and activities.

Groups may rent the Studio Building at the Quail's Nest Arts Centre for their own events.

**Rental of OCAC properties** (tables, chairs, plinths, etc) are at level of membership. A group may rent OCAC properties for group use. e.g. an exhibit. A group member cannot rent equipment for personal use without an individual membership.

## **Business**

**Suited for:** a for-profit enterprise (generating financial benefits dispersed to individuals), proprietorship or corporation. The business is interested in learning about the local arts, receiving Creative Minds, promoting their arts-related events through a number of publicity options, coordinating with other groups and businesses on events, and / or supporting the local arts community.

**Note:** The membership issued is to the business, not each individual within the business. It does not entitle individual staff members to claim “individual” membership.

Businesses are welcome to submit arts-related news and promotional items to our online media, the Quail's Nest bulletin board and publicity racks, and Creative Minds newsletter. Photos, articles, announcements, posters are all welcome. Our mandate limits advertising to arts-and-culture related news, although we will do our best to promote non-arts businesses generally and encourage our members to patronize these arts-supporters.

Businesses may be entitled to a reduction on fees at OCAC events. e.g. purchase a booth at an event at a reduced rate. Individual members of a business are not entitled to individual entries in the Fall Art Show and Sale without their own individual membership.

**Voting:** A business is entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Individual members within that business who hold individual membership are also entitled to vote as individuals. It is recommended that the business send a representative who is not an individual member when a special general vote is required (e.g. Board elections).

Businesses may rent the Studio Building at the Quail's Nest Arts Centre for their own events. These may include corporate parties, promotions, sales, staff meetings and retreats.

**Rental of OCAC properties** (tables, chairs, plinths, etc) are at level of membership. A business may rent OCAC properties for business use. e.g. an exhibit. A business member cannot rent equipment for personal use without an individual membership.