

Connecticut River Artisans Cooperative, Inc.  
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FULL-TIME MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ SS \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read the By-Laws and rules of Connecticut River Artisans Cooperative, Inc. hereafter referred to as CRAC and do hereby agree to abide by the same.

As a member of CRAC, I understand and accept the following:

A I have the right to sell my handcrafted work, as juried, at and through all sales outlets of CRAC. In addition to my major craft, I may submit for separate jurying up to three additional minor crafts. New techniques in a current media or category must also be juried. The CRAC will deduct 25% commission on all items sold.

B As a member of CRAC I am entitled to a non-transferable 10% discount on purchases at the primary location only, not to be used with other discounts offered.

C My membership obligation includes a non-refundable payment of a \$300 membership fee and an agreement to work 2 to 4 days a month during the current year depending on the number of members and the number of hours the shop is open. I will accept a revision of these terms during the year if the Board determines it is necessary for the continued normal operation of the primary location. If I joined as a new member anytime during the year, my \$300.00 membership fee is due in full at signing of contract and is partly credited toward my next year's membership fee according to the following schedule:

JOINED DURING THE MONTH OF	CREDIT TO	NEXT YEAR	DUES OWED NEXT YEAR
February	8.3%	\$ 25.00	\$300.00
March	16.7%	\$ 50.00	\$275.00
April	25%	\$ 75.00	\$225.00
May	33.3%	\$100.00	\$200.00
June	41.7%	\$125.00	\$175.00
July	50%	\$150.00	\$150.00
August	58.3%	\$175.00	\$125.00
September	66.7%	\$200.00	\$100.00
October	75%	\$225.00	\$ 75.00
November	83.3%	\$250.00	\$ 50.00
December	91.7%	\$300.00	\$ 25.00

What I owe will be the membership fee for the next year, as decided at the end of the previous year, minus the amount of credit determined by the month in which I joined in the previous year. For example, if I joined in May, I would have a \$100.00 credit toward the next year membership fees. Payment of membership fee represents membership in CRAC through December 31 of the given year.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: \$150.00 BY JANUARY 15 \$150.00 BY MARCH 15.** Dues which are delinquent will be deducted from monthly checks until paid up. An additional penalty of \$25.00 a month will be assessed at the discretion of the Board.

D We operate under a Connecticut charter as a not-for-profit corporation, and, as such, dues and fees are non-refundable

E I understand that I am personally responsible for the shop being open the specified hours and operational on days that I am scheduled to work. I agree to operate the shop the number of days specified by the Board, to take my share of weekends and holidays. I agree to work at least one weekend day a month. I understand that it is my responsibility to find a replacement for myself if I cannot work on a day that I signed up to work. I agree to actively participate on one of the committees, or assume a fair share of the responsibilities necessary for the smooth and successful operation of CRAC.

F I agree to provide and maintain a representative display of my work and to rotate some of my inventory every three months. I recognize that the Display Committee (to be determined) has the responsibility to provide an equitable and representative showing of all members work; that they reserve the right to ask the member to move or rotate their inventory; and that they determine all displays and have the sole responsibility for set up and movement of displays.

G I agree to exhibit only merchandise of the same quality standards as the original juried work. The Display Committee at the discretion of the Board, reserves the right to remove any items that do not fall into the category(s) of the original quality pieces juried, or do not come up to the standards of the original work accepted.

H I am welcome to attend Board Meetings and agree to attend at least one General Meeting held each year. As a voting member of good standing, I am entitled to vote at each meeting I attend on all issues brought to a vote before the full membership or a quorum.

I The CRAC will be responsible for paying Ct Sales Tax collected on my work sold under my own CT sales tax number.

J I agree to inform the Board within 30 days of the end of this contract period regarding my intentions of renewing my contract for the next year.

K I agree to abide by the rules and regulations which have been made by the Board to insure a smooth running operation.

L In the event that either party to this contract does not fulfill the terms of the said contract, the matter will be resolved by the Board. Their decision will be final. Membership may be terminated by majority vote of the Board for willful violations of contract terms or for actions detrimental to the purposes, operations, and best interest of the cooperative.

M I agree that the Board reserves the right to withhold my monthly paycheck if I do not work the number of days for the given month as required by my contract. I agree that the Board will issue my paycheck to me only when I have fulfilled my work schedule.

N The undersigned hereby releases the CRAC as well as any individual member or agent or employee of the CRAC from any and all liability for personal injury or property loss or damage which might occur. The undersigned waives any claim which it might have in the future on account of any damage or injury of any kind which may result. The undersigned recognized that the CRAC bears no liability resulting from the sale of any of my work sold by or through the CRAC.

O This contract may be renewed at the end of the twelve month period at the discretion of the Board of Connecticut River Artisans Cooperative, Inc. The renewal is to be recorded in the minutes of the Board.

P In the beginning of July, if the budget has been met, a Dues Rebate may be issued (the amount to be determined by the Treasurer) to members who have been in compliance and have been a member for TWO FULL YEARS.

Q I understand I cannot sell my work in any other venue that is in direct competition with CRAC in the town of Chester.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Sales Tax# \_\_\_\_\_

Major Craft: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor Crafts: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by (for CRAC) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

