

What Is LACA?

Founded in 1971, The Lebanon Art and Crafts Association (LACA) is a cooperative Non Profit membership organization based in the Upper Valley area of New Hampshire. For 39 years, LACA has brought “artisans and crafts people together for mutual support and encouragement, to promote appreciation of art and crafts within the area, and to promote the sale of work as a stimulus to the creative interests and talents of the members” (LACA Bylaws).

LACA represents a wide variety of talent and has nearly 40 members pursuing their crafts in the following areas:

Clothing	Hats
Mittens	Scarves
Game boards	Soy candles
Quilts	Furniture
Photography	Jewelry
Doll clothes	Pocketbooks
Maple syrup	Jams
Lotions	Creams
Table Linens	Wall Art
Christmas Ornaments	Soaps

LACA crafts are not juried. However, the bylaws stipulate that all crafts must be made by the crafter, of “high quality,” “demonstrate technical proficiency,” and “show individuality, originality, or creativity in their design or execution” (LACA Bylaws).

The Organization

As a nonprofit organization registered with the state and federal government, LACA is run by a board of officers including a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

The President presides over the regular monthly meetings and is a de facto member of all LACA committees.

However, LACA conducts its business in a democratic manner, with each member having a voice and a vote in deciding plans and activities.



These activities include electing officers, determining the community endeavors LACA will support, arranging and holding craft shows, and any other business that the board or members propose to the membership.

The Vice President assists the President as needed, supervises the placement of free and paid advertising for the annual Christmas Show & Sale.

The Secretary takes minutes for regular monthly meetings and board meetings and also maintains up-to-date membership lists.

The two Treasurers maintain LACA’s financial records on a monthly basis and also work as store operations officers each day that the Annual Christmas Show & Sale is open for business.

The responsibilities of the officers are to maintain the regular operation of the organization. This includes such tasks as arranging for a monthly meeting place, securing needed insurance, filing annual taxes, arranging for an annual audit of LACA’s finances, locating and securing a retail site for the Annual Christmas Show & Sale, maintaining accurate membership information, and taking care of any other business pertaining to LACA.

Members & Meetings

Artisans and crafts people working in any medium may become members of LACA upon payment to the Treasurer of annual dues currently assessed in the amount of \$35.00 LACA holds a monthly meeting, generally to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings usually are held at Lebanon High School and last from one to two hours. Guests are welcome. Check our Web Site for location of the July and August meetings.

If you are interested in joining LACA, please visit us at our web site at www.lebanonartandcrafts.org or contact any of the executive board members for more information.

LACA Benefits

LACA provides many benefits and opportunities to artisans and crafts people of all mediums. When you join the group, you connect yourself to a network of crafters who can guide you to the best indoor and outdoor craft fairs in the area and beyond. You meet people who can offer tips and advice, and inspire you to try new approaches to your craft. You may become the recipient of the group's largesse. You never know when someone else's "junk" might become just the thing you were looking for to complete a project and it gets passed along to you for free or at a reduced price. Best of all, you find encouragement, friendship and support that simply does not exist when you work your craft in solitude.

Annual Christmas Show

The annual Christmas show and store is held in whatever commercial space available to us for rental. The show is usually open at least six weeks from before Thanksgiving through the Christmas season.

Participation is available to all paid members, the cost of the show is \$25.00 and 20% commission on your sales. Members furnish their own displays and stock their own product. Individual sales vary from several thousand to several hundred depending on your product and its availability. Members work shifts on an equal as possible basis to operate the store.

Monies earned from the commission enable us to rent a space for the next year's show. We also sponsor a raffle of an item usually made by a member; all monies from the raffle sponsor our yearly awards to students following an art form in college from local schools.

Web Site

Our Web site www.lebanonartandcrafts.org is still being developed. Application forms are available there for both membership and the Christmas show, as well as scholarships.

Information on the organization's meetings and purposes as well as a bit of our history is available there. Contact information to reach an officer with any questions is also listed.

Officers for 2011

President: Jane Oakes ~ 603-272-4928
Vice President: Cindy Fluette ~ 603-542-3753
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