



# OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA®

Dedicated to the Preservation of Representational Art

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**MEMBERSHIP YEAR: JANUARY 1, 2026 through DECEMBER 31, 2026**

Salutation  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss  Dr.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

How Did You Hear About Us? \_\_\_\_\_

Online Directory:  Include me  Do not include me

Name, city, state, zip, website and subject matter information provided above will be searchable on the OPA online member directory. To respect the privacy of our members, we do not include address, phone numbers or email addresses in the directory.

Subject Matter: Please circle those that apply to your artwork

Animal    Cityscape    Figurative    Floral    Landscape    Portrait    Seascape    Still Life    Vehicle    Western

### How to Apply

**Online application:** Go to <http://www.oilpaintersofamerica.com> and click on the Membership Services tab.

**Mail application:** Mail completed application and a check in **US FUNDS ONLY** to address below.

**New Applicants are required to submit two pieces of work:** digital images with name, title, size – email to jurying@oilpaintersofamerica.com.

**Choose one membership category below:** (see page 2 for eligibility requirements)

- New applicant Associate Membership annual dues \$80
- New applicant Student Membership annual dues \$0
- New applicant Student Associate Membership annual dues \$40
- Renewal for Associate or Signature Membership annual dues \$80

**Donations – In Addition to Dues:** For anyone who would like to provide a tax-deductible contribution to OPA.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Angel</b> Donation of \$40 to \$99    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Patron</b> Donation of \$500 to \$2,499    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Friend</b> Donation of \$100 to \$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Benefactor</b> Donation of \$2,500 or more |

Amount Enclosed **US Funds ONLY:** Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form, your check made payable to OPA, and mail/email 2 samples of your work to:**

Oil Painters of America  
PO Box 2488  
Crystal Lake, IL. 60039-2488

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please allow 2-3 weeks processing*



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## Membership Information

The goal of Oil Painters of America is to be instrumental in fostering interest in the beauty of representational painting. You are encouraged to participate in developing public awareness by creating excellent paintings and exhibiting in national and regional OPA competitions. To join, complete the application form and submit two recent images of your work.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All artists working in the oil medium, in any representational style, and are residents of North America. (Please refer to OPA By-Laws Article II. K. Definition of Residency.)

### **Oil Painters of America offers the following membership types:**

**Associate-** Work will be reviewed before initial acceptance. Paintings in any representational style will be considered. Original work only. Copies from other artists or published material will not be accepted. Submission of two work samples may be digital images emailed to [jurying@oilpaintersofamerica.com](mailto:jurying@oilpaintersofamerica.com) **No portfolios, please!**

**Student** – Open to individuals interested in oil painting and between the ages of 14 and 23. A Student Member will have the privilege of participation in the Student Annual Competition. Student membership does not include the right to vote or to hold office. Work will be reviewed before initial acceptance. Paintings in any representational style will be considered. Original work only. Copies from other artists or published material will not be accepted.

**Student Associate** – Open to individuals interested in oil painting and between the ages of 14 and 23. A Student Associate Member will have the privilege of participation in all shows. Student Associate membership does not include the right to vote or to hold office. Work will be reviewed before initial acceptance. Paintings in any representational style will be considered. Original work only. Copies from other artists or published material will not be accepted.

**Signature-** artists who consistently demonstrate high-quality work and have been selected to participate in 3 national shows (not necessarily consecutive) **or** two national and three regional OPA shows. Regional shows must be within the last five years. Associate members meeting these eligibility requirements may apply before October 15 for review and approval by the OPA Board of Directors.

**Master Signature-** artists who have exhibited exceptional merit in their work and accomplishments in the field of art. Signature members may apply before September 1 for review and approval by the OPA Board of Directors.

**Collectors' Circle** – any individual interested in representational oil painting. Collectors' Circle is a community of art lovers and collectors interested in meeting like-minded people who share their enthusiasm for the arts and desire to support artists.

**International Associate** – individuals who are not residents of North America. International Associates receive the digital national exhibition catalog and the Brushstrokes newsletters. They are eligible to participate in the Spring Online Showcase only.

**Gallery-** art galleries that represent at least 1 OPA member's work at all times. Galleries apply online at <http://oilpaintersofamerica.com/resources/galleries.html>.

### ***QUESTIONS?***

Please call OPA at 815-356-5987 or email [mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com](mailto:mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com)

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