



Summer 2010

Jury Committee  
SIGN OF THE DOVE  
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Holiday Artisans' Cooperative

Dear Artisan:

This letter contains information about the Sign of the Dove Holiday Artisans' Cooperative and the jury process for the 2010 holiday season. This will be our 39th season as a cooperative of 50 to 60 members operating a retail store from Veterans' Day in early November to Christmas Eve. For many years we have been located in the Porter Square, Cambridge, MA, area. Last year we were located at the Mall at Chestnut Hill. We are currently working to secure this season's location.

Each year in June, and then again in September our jury committee selects new members. The September jury this year will be held on Saturday, September 11, in the lower level of the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, 155 Powder House Blvd., Somerville, MA. (The Nave Gallery is upstairs at this location.) Please arrive at 11:30 a.m. to set up your work. Pick-up will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Bring the following with you to the Sept. 11 jury: (1) a business-size self-addressed, stamped envelope; (2) a completed application form (forms available at jury site); (3) the \$15 application fee; (4) 5 to 10 examples of the work you wish to sell. You will be notified of the jury's decision by mail within the following week.

In the holiday store you can sell only work of the type that was accepted by the jury, so bring an example of each type of item you wish to sell. Only actual work, not slides or photos of work, will be considered for jurying. We are looking for high-quality, original work only—no imports or kits are allowed.

Because the store is run entirely by its membership, each member works at least 50 hours, split between store set-up and gallery sales. New members are required to attend the new-member meeting and the mandatory October and February meetings. There is a lot of information given at these meetings, which a new member should not miss. Members pay a percentage of their sales to cover store expenses. Members also pay a fee of \$250 when first joining the co-op (due with the membership contract). This fee is returned if and when a member leaves the co-op in good standing.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing your work.

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