



Master-Signature Membership Eligibility Criteria

1. Fulltime professional artist whose works are of the highest caliber
2. AWA member for a minimum of five consecutive years and has been a Signature Member for at least two years
3. Has juried into at least two AWA *museum* exhibitions
4. Has attended at least one AWA museum exhibition within the past five years and/or demonstrated enthusiasm and support for AWA through group advertising or participation in other ways
5. An artist who would positively represent AWA and is supportive of AWA's mission/vision and the cause of gender equity in the arts
6. Shows leadership qualities and a willingness to participate in AWA's committees, mentoring, jurying, teaching workshops, and other activities in support of AWA
7. Has at least two works included in a nationally recognized museum collection, notable public or private collection, or corporate collection
8. Has juried into and/or won awards at nationally/internationally recognized shows or national/international invitational exhibitions or art markets
9. Has highly credible gallery representation and national/international stature demonstrated through articles in art magazines and/or guest lecturer/instructor
10. Has an active social media presence and up-to-date website

Selection Process:

1. A committee will review the existing Signature Members to determine whose work is outstanding and who is eligible to be nominated for Master-Signature Membership. Each committee member will be able to suggest nominees.
2. The committee will then do an in-depth study on each of the nominees and narrow the selection down to a few artists.
3. The committee will select one or two finalists who will then be voted on by the Board and the Master-Signature members. The maximum number of nominees yearly will be two. Priority will be given to current AWA Signature Members. There may be years when no one is nominated.
4. Artists who are not chosen may be reconsidered in future years.
5. There will be an awards ceremony at the next AWA museum exhibition, or via Zoom, or other online method, where the Master-Signature medal will be presented to the newest Master-Signature Members.