

Guidelines for Application to Signature Membership in MBPAPA

Signature Membership Review is scheduled once every year to insure that the MBPAPA members exhibiting under the Signature Member banner meet the standards of excellence established by our founding members. Our exhibits seek to choose from the best we have to offer. MBPAPA enjoys high regard by the Monterey Bay Community, a community known for its love of the arts and their environment. The applicant for Signature Status should see this step as an opportunity to be recognized for excellence by his or her peers. With this recognition goes the privilege of invitation to submit to Signature shows and the responsibility to encourage aspiring members as they reach to the next level of accomplishment.

- A Selection Committee comprised of Signature members will meet each November to choose from the applicants for Signature membership. Exact date and time and place will be announced each October.
- Each applicant for Signature Membership Status must submit six (6) works painted “en plein air” in the previous two years.
- Do not include any work previously submitted to the committee for Signature Status.
- Each painting is to be traditionally framed in the plein air style as if it was to be hung in a gallery.
- Works will be evaluated on composition, color, brushwork and paint quality, atmospheric and linear perspective, evidence of an understanding of light and its values, originality, consistency in medium, style and execution of design. Please submit the best examples of your style.
- Applicant shall have given twenty hours of verifiable service to the organization in some capacity.
- Each piece of art must have a label on the back with the artist's full name and address clearly printed. Additionally your biography or resume should be displayed with the work. Resume experience will be considered.
- We suggest that applicants look at the work of current Signature artists to determine if they are ready to apply or might wish to apply another year.
- If an applicant is not approved for Signature Status the jury will meet with the applicant upon request to express ways that the application can be strengthened for future consideration.