



The Helping Artists Thrive (HArT) is a 'menternship' program, combining aspects of mentoring & internship. The spirit of the HArT program honors the MAC's informal time-honored tradition of 'artists helping artists' which is the cornerstone of the 68-year longevity and growth of the MAC.

The MAC was formed in 1949 by a group of 12 young artists who gathered to create art together, to help each other improve their artistic skills & to lend moral support. Many of the well known artists in our community today attribute their success to the support of fellow members of the MAC. The social aspect of the fledgling group formed a strong bond, carrying the group forward to establish exhibit spaces & eventually an art gallery where they could showcase (and sell) their artwork.

Today, the MAC has over 80 members, with nearly 50 exhibiting at the Art On Main Gallery & Gift Shop (AOM). The 3,000 square foot space serves as the MAC 'Club House' for monthly meetings & workshops. The front of the gallery serves as the exhibit space for special shows such as the Black History Month Show, The Square Deal Show & the Annual Regional Art Show. The all-volunteer staff are artists whose work is exhibited in the Gallery and/or the Gift Shop. Gallery costs are covered by exhibit fees & a modest commission on the sale of artwork. AOM is open 7 days a week.

The MAC recognizes the value of the camaraderie, support, the knowledge & the experience of its existing members. It also realizes that its future growth depends on bringing 'new blood' to the organization. The HArT program was conceived as the bridge between these two goals.

The HArT Committee will work with Program participants to determine the needs of each individual, be it improving their presentation, developing marketing materials, etc. From within the MAC membership, experienced artists will 'mentor' the HArT participants according to their needs, to prepare them for exhibiting in the Gallery and/or the gift shop. **Artists accepted to the program will receive exhibit/sales space (Gallery and/or Gift Shop) at Art On Main for 12 months from their start-date. Annual Dues will be waived for the 1st calendar year of participation in the HArT program. If the Program flows into 2020, the HArT participant is required to pay the \$25 dues for 2020.**

The educational component of the HArT program is along the lines of an 'internship' (hence the term 'menternship') where Participants will be **active members** of the MAC. By attending monthly membership meetings, helping install the Club's outreach exhibits ('The Art of Healing' at KDH & 'The Art of Learning' at Ivy Tech) and serving on special-event committees (The Annual Regional Art Show) they receive unique hands-on education. HArT participants will learn the business of running an art gallery by volunteering to staff at Art on Main for a minimum number of hours per month. Ultimately, HArT 'graduates' would continue as traditional MAC members & exhibitors at Art On Main, becoming part of the future generation of our creative community.

Interested visual artists must fill out a brief application, followed by a relaxed interview with the HArT committee, where they will bring in samples of their artwork. The emphasis will be on individuals age 18 & over, who are not professional artists, but who are actively producing high quality artwork in any 2-D or 3-D medium.

Candidates are required to devote a minimum of 8 hours per month to volunteering with the MAC, and must be able to attend the monthly MAC meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm. Ideal candidates would possess an open, positive & cooperative attitude & strong desire to work for the benefit of the community as well as for their own growth.

Applications will be available at Art On Main, 309 W Main St, Madison, IN. Or by email request to artclub.madison.in@gmail.com or download at madisonartclub.com.

Contact: Debi Black, Chair HArT Commitee 812-265-2923

HArT Application Instructions

1. Complete the following documents & return to Art On Main.

- HArT Questionnaire & Agreement
- MAC Membership Form

2. Wait to be notified as to whether you are a candidate for the HArT program. Candidates will be invited to an interview with the HarT Committee.

3. Candidates accepted for the HArT Program will meet with the HarT Committee to complete the paperwork, discuss goals and to set up a calendar for the duration of the Program.



Last name		First Name				
EMAIL ADDRESS:		PHONE:				
HArT Questionnaire					CIRCLE ONE	
Are you age 18 or older?					Yes No	
Are you available to attend monthly MAC meetings on the 3 rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm?					Yes No	
Which days & times are you available to staff Art On Main (volunteer/no pay, 8 hours per month)? Circle the days you <u>ARE</u> available for the times listed.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
11 AM – 5 PM MON – SAT (6 HRS)			5-8 PM 4TH FRI (3 HRS)		12-4 (4 hrs)	
List other days/times you are available:						
Do you have reliable transportation to & from Madison, IN?					Yes No	
Describe why you are interested in participating in the HArT program						

If selected for the HArT Program, I agree to abide by the terms of the Agreement regarding attending meetings, staffing the Gallery, participating in outreach exhibits & MAC special events in exchange for free exhibit & sales space & the guidance of fellow MAC members. I agree to abide by all customary policies & contractual agreements of the MAC, per the Membership Form & Gallery Agreement.

Name _____

Signed _____ (Artist/HArT participant) Date _____

Date received at Art On Main _____ By Gallery staff (name) _____