

WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ETHEL M. WEYMOUTH ART GALLERY EXHIBIT POLICY

In January 2003 the Wells Public Library, under the guidance of the late Director, Stephen Bahre and the Friends of the Library, established the Ethel M. Weymouth Art Gallery, a space devoted to exhibiting artwork of local artists. Located near the front entrance, the Gallery provides an opportunity for the general public to appreciate the arts in a manner that reflects the Library's mission of lifelong learning and in the spirit of community service. Artists from Wells and surrounding communities are encouraged and permitted to exhibit. Normally, exhibits run for a one-month period.

The selection of material for exhibit is the responsibility of the Weymouth Art Gallery Committee and the Library Director. The Weymouth Art Gallery Committee will be comprised of three (3) members of the Friends of the Library chosen by the Board of the Friends of the Library. Their duties shall consist of soliciting, reviewing, and scheduling the art work to be displayed. Publicity shall be the responsibility of a library employee chosen by the Director of the Library. The committee shall serve a term of three (2) years. After the initial startup of three years, new members shall be appointed one at a time, thus the committee shall always have two experienced members and one new member. The Director of the Library has the final responsibility to determine artistic merit and to make appropriate selections, ensuring that the art is acceptable to normative community standards for all ages.

All artwork must be framed and mounted and ready to be hung. Each piece of artwork must be identified by artist's name and title of the work. Installation and dismantling of the artwork is the responsibility of the artist and at a time and date agreed to in advance with the exhibit coordinator. The library will not be involved in the sale of any item exhibited.

The artist must provide the Library with the proper materials needed for advertising and publicity, as outlined in Art Gallery Guidelines. A complete list of artwork and value of each piece must also be provided.

Artist must fill out and sign the Ethel M. Weymouth Art Gallery Application Form. This form includes a waiver of liability and a statement that they have read and will abide by this Wells Public Library Art Gallery Exhibit Policy and the attached Art Gallery Exhibition Guidelines.

Right of Appeal:

Appeals to this policy may be made according to the "Policy on Appeals of Library Decisions Involving Library Policies."

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