



# Standards for Inclusion to the **Village Gallery**

1. **Originality:** Products should be original creations by the artisan. However, if the item is based on someone else's pattern, the creation must be of a high standard and have implied permission of the original creator to sell the work. For example, a quilter may have purchased the pattern of a quilt but by choosing their own fabric (color, type of fabric, stitching, etc.) have given the design their own unique contribution.
2. **Design:** Products show the understanding of the principles of design by showing consideration of function, color, texture, and form.
3. **Materials:** Products must be made from high quality materials. Commercial pre-manufactured components and re-cycled materials can be used if they are skillfully and substantively transformed by the artisan to create the new piece.
4. **Technique:** Level of difficulty showing that time, thought, knowledge of the medium, and skill have been used to create the product. A consistency of quality must be maintained, and items must be sound and able to withstand normal expected usage.
5. **Presentation:** Is the product ready for display or use? Are pictures/paintings ready to hang on the wall? Do smaller items have display bags or boxes? Are necklace and other forms available to display choice pieces of jewellery? If displaying clothes or fabric crafts does the vendor have mannequins or other suitable display stands? *(Gallery staff is happy to assist vendors in finding where to order supplies for display purposes)*
6. **Benefit and Contribution to the Village Gallery:** must add quality and variety to the Gallery as a whole, complementing items already in the gallery.

**Points are awarded on a scale of 1-5 on each of the 6 criteria with a score of 16 points out of 30 needed from all members jurying.**

**We charge 20% commission on items sold through the gallery. The artist/artisan received 80% payment approximately 15 days after the end of the month.**

If you are not immediately accepted, the jurying committee will discuss what needs to be improved, and will allow you to re-apply at a later date.