

# **CHARTER FOR GRANITE MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTISTS; AN INDEPENDENT GROUP OF JEWELRY ARTISTS OCTOBER 2015, updated JUNE 2021, updated June 2022**

## **ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be Granite Mountain Jewelry Artists.

## **ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT**

To encourage the further growth of members' jewelry making and sales skills by providing educational experiences in Jewelry Arts and related fields. To provide a forum for sharing, cooperation and networking among members. And to educate the public about jewelry making processes through the annual show.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization shall be open to all who are interested and pay the membership dues. The organization's fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

The organization will have an annual meeting to elect officers, collect dues, and present a financial report in the month prior to the start of the new fiscal year or in November of each year. The Secretary shall notify all members in good standing of the upcoming annual meeting. Regular meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE V: VOTING**

Issues requiring a vote will be decided by a vote of members present or by email vote. These issues will be sent out to members in good standing by email prior to the meeting where the issue will be decided. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided. Voting for officers will be anonymous.

## **ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The business of this organization shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers and shall be open to any member of the organization who wishes to attend.

## **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

Officers of the organization shall be as follows:

- Chairperson(s);
- Secretary;
- Treasurer/Membership Chair;
- Program & Education Chair;
- Show Chair;
- Web-Master.

Duties of these officers are detailed in "Officer's Duties." The officers shall recognize their responsibility to be present at meetings.

#### ARTICLE VI: SALARIES

The Executive Committee shall determine payment for services deemed necessary for the organization.

#### ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Standing and special committees shall be organized and/or dissolved by the Chairpersons or Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII: DUES

The dues of this organization shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership.

Dues shall be payable at the first regular meeting in January.

Should dues not be paid by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, the member will no longer be considered in good standing and thus no longer a member.

Guests are allowed attendance at one meeting for free. Dues are the full price, no matter what time of year a person joins the organization. Current dues are \$35 for single membership, \$45 for family membership.

#### ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the meeting, or by a simple majority vote of those responding to a voting email. Due notice by email must be provided before such a vote is taken.

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