

Gallery Visio Student Association was organized at the University of Missouri-St. Louis by a group of fine arts, anthropology, photography, and graphic design students who saw the need for an alternative venue to showcase student works and abilities on campus.

This group became a recognized organization with the Student Government Association at the university in 2001 and Gallery Visio held its first exhibit and grand opening reception in February 2002.

The purpose of Gallery Visio Student Association (GVSA) is to conduct the business of the student art gallery known as Gallery Visio.

The goals of GVSA are:

To give members hands on experience organizing art exhibits and shows in a real world setting.

To provide an alternative exhibition space to highlight student produced exhibits.

To maintained a gathering place for socializing and sharing information among art lovers.

Gallery Visio's business is conducted by its members and includes all aspects of planning, producing and promoting events, and exhibits in a professional manner.

Events and shows produced include exhibits of students work, alumni work, student curated faculty/staff work, and collections owned by various departments on campus.

The gallery also reaches out to the entire UMSL community and the St. Louis metro community through off campus and regional artists exhibits and department collaborations.

Membership is free and opened to all majors!

Membership is made up of student members who apply, exhibit or curate a show. The gallery has approximately thirty regularly exhibiting members and a roster of one hundred plus alumni, guest and past exhibitors since opening its doors in 2002.

An eleven member officer board referred to as the Gallery Visio Student Board is the decision making body of GVSA. It is made up of six elected and five appointed officials from the general membership population.

Gallery Visio also has an Executive Advisory Board made up of faculty, staff, and community leaders.

The day-to-day business of the gallery is facilitated by a full time Gallery Manger with gallery experience and art relate degrees.

Both boards meet semi-annually, along with the manager, to conduct the general business of the gallery and to enforce policy set in the gallery's interest.

Membership requirements

In order to qualify for membership to GVSA a student must be:

- Currently enrolled at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and be in good standing.
- Willing to pay a small entry fee as requested for certain shows.
- Willing to abide by the GVSA by-laws and Constitution.
- Members are asked to attend at least one of the two regular semi-annual Student Board meetings per year.
- All members are asked to log a minimum of 4 volunteer hours per semester in the gallery during regular gallery hours.

Membership Benefits

By becoming a member you will:

- Receive a personalized membership card.
- A chance to hold office and be a part of the university's Student Government Association.
- All officers get title business cards.
- Get real world experience in planning, promoting and producing gallery shows and events.
- Be included in various "**Members Only**" activities.
- Be a part of making the Art Department and UM-St. Louis's presence known in the St. Louis Area.

New Products and Services!

Gallery Visio now offers educational enrichment and professional development opportunities! All members can take advantage of two very new and important features to enhance presentations and exhibit knowledge:

- **Gallery Visio Artist's Incubator**

Developed by a non-art major as part of a research project at another university, the Artist's Incubator is a series of workshops, lectures and discussion sessions on how to get work to market.

The Artist's Incubator pools resources from campus and community experts with a varied range of experience in art collecting, marketing and presentation.

The Artist's Incubator affords members the chance to build upon skills developed through classroom training, introduces

them to a network of professionals to reference, and culminates in exhibition and project partnerships with business and community leaders citywide.

The Artist's Incubator is a free service to fine arts majors and other students interested in building their resumes and taking charge of their art careers. It is also a good way for emerging artists and recent graduates to support each other and share resources and experiences.

- **Gallery Visio's Artist Tool Kit**

For a nominal fee, as part of the Artist's Incubator, student members will have the chance put together an Artist Tool Kit. The Artist Tool Kit is a promotional package in three-fold brochure format that includes finished resumes for employment and graduate school applications, current artist statement, a short biography, and CD/ Slide Portfolio.

Experienced photographers, graphic designers, and practicing established artists produce all slides, CDs, and resume writing sessions for the Artist Tool Kit.

These services are included in the fee at a reduced rate. Gallery Visio's handling charge is assessed to offset these and related production costs.

What Gallery Visio membership does for others?

- **As Gallery Visio members you will have the opportunity to act as ambassadors for the university with the general public. Off site and in house exhibits bring GVSA members in contact with businesses and communities that would not ordinarily be exposed to student work, or departments represented.**
- **Your involvement with the gallery could have a direct impact on recruitment and retention of prospective art students. Gallery Visio is fast becoming a high profile university gathering space. It has been listed on both admissions and Welcome Center tour routes in the Millennium Student Center. It will be added to a city walking tour this summer. The gallery's exposure through off-site exhibits is an appealing aspect of student shows.**
- **Communications, anthropology, art history, graphic design, English composition, and gender studies classes often use the gallery's exhibits for student research.**