

Members,

Spring is here, and it's almost time to elect new board members! We will hold a membership meeting on May 13th at 6:00 PM. In May, we will also provide an online voting ballot for members to participate in this important process. While officers and most board members will remain in their roles through 2027, a few vacancies will be open. As outlined in our by-laws, this election is essential to maintaining our non-profit 501(c)(3) status.

The Toledo Artists' Club depends on its members to thrive. Strong leadership helps guide the organization and ensures we remain a vital part of the community. When each volunteer contributes a little, it adds up to something meaningful as a whole.

Simply put, TAC would not exist without your time and support.

Since August 2025, our organization has experienced significant growth. As we receive the final installment of our grant funding this year, combined with the success of our Day of Giving, Heralding the Holidays event, annual garage sale, workshops, additional donations, and increased membership dues, we are now on much stronger financial footing. Aside from a paid bookkeeper, all of our work is carried out by dedicated volunteers. Some contribute many hours each week, while others assist with projects throughout the year; we are truly grateful for every effort.

If serving on the board isn't the right fit for you, we warmly welcome your involvement in other volunteer roles. It's also a wonderful way to connect with others who share your interests. The upcoming Toledo Festival of the Arts is an excellent opportunity!

As a member-based organization, your voice matters. Only board members have voting rights, and we invite you to consider serving as a Board Trustee. Board members serve a renewable two-year term, and the TAC Board consists of 15 members, including four officers.

Interested in serving?

You may submit your own name or nominate another member you believe would be a great fit for the board.

What does a board member do?

Join a group of passionate art enthusiasts who value collaboration and fresh ideas. TAC board members are engaged, forward-thinking individuals who help bring new initiatives to life.

Board members commit to:

- Attending monthly board meetings (typically the third Wednesday)
- Reviewing the past year and helping plan goals and events for the coming year
- Participating in at least two of the six annual Reception / Meet & Greet events
- Actively serving on at least one planning committee

We are always looking to strengthen our committees and encourage greater member involvement.

Planning Committees Include:

- Marketing - Promote the club and its events through social media and local media outreach
- Social Outreach - Organize Meet & Greets, welcome guests, and connect with new members
- Exhibition Gallery Team - Coordinate and install gallery exhibitions
- Special Events - Assist with one of our three fundraisers: Mother's Day Sale, Heralding the Holidays, or the Garage Sale
- Second Saturday in the Artist's Village - Help plan and run creative, family-friendly art activities in the park (April -October)
- Partnership Outreach - Connect with potential partners through email, letters, and phone calls
- Outdoor Maintenance - Maintain gardens and assist with seasonal decorating
- Education Committee - Help organize workshops and classes by securing instructors
- Toledo Festival of the Arts - Help to plan and implement a cornerstone event for the club

(Committee descriptions may be updated by the board in the future.)

We are also looking forward to the Toledo Festival of the Arts being an incredible event for our organization!

If you have questions or would like to submit a name for the May election ballot, please contact Paul Lyon at president@toledoartistclub.com or call (419) 531-4079. Office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued dedication to the Toledo Artists' Club and Gallery.

Paul Lyon, President
Linda Shetzer, Vice President
Paul Brand, Secretary
Suzanne Gwozdz, Treasurer