



Frequently Asked Questions

Coral Springs Craft Guild

Thank you for considering joining the Coral Springs Craft Guild. We are a not for profit organization dedicate to promoting arts and crafts in the community through arts and craft classes, craft shows twice a year, arts and craft contests for elementary school students, and scholarships for High School Seniors. We also participate in community service activities. This is a group of amazing individuals, with remarkable talent, inspirational work, and friendly smiles. We welcome you to join in on our fun!

Monthly Meetings: Every third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM, the most creative and inspiring craft lovers in our area get together for fun, laughs, and enjoyment. Activities at these meetings vary from hands-on craft classes to demonstration and lectures by our special guest speakers. Visit the website at <http://CoralSpringsCraftGuild.com> to see the upcoming schedule. After the special program, there is a member's only portion to discuss Guild efforts. All monthly meetings are held at Cypress Hammocks Park. In December, we usually meet at a special location for our Holiday Party, and the date may vary but will be announced in advance.

Guests: Members are welcome to invite friends and family to join us for our free monthly meetings. Please email events@CoralSpringsCraftGuild.com as soon as possible to let us know how many people you are bringing, so we can plan our supplies accordingly. Please help the guests wrap up at the end of the program so we can begin the members only portion on time, usually by 8:30pm.

Nametags: Something special that we like to do just for fun is to wear a special nametag to the monthly meetings that you make showing your special crafty style and talents. Try and use materials and techniques that show everyone what kind of crafts you like to make. No rules or sizes required, go wild and have fun! Just make sure your first name is on it, and easy to read. And don't forget to wear it to the next meeting! And feel free to ask other members about their name tag and what kinds of crafts they make. It is a great conversation starter.

Newsletter: The Coral Springs Craft Guild Newsletter is sent out each month before the monthly meeting. It has information about everything going on in the Guild and lists any supplies necessary for the upcoming monthly meeting.

Coral Springs Craft Guild Library Showcase: At the Northwest Regional Library, we have a special glass case where we get to showcase some of the amazing handmade crafts from the Coral Springs Craft Guild members. You are welcome to bring your projects to be added to the showcase. It can be something new or old, as long as it is a handmade craft that you are most proud of. Just give it to the Library Showcase Chairperson at any monthly meeting. Please plan on bringing something special of your own soon, as we love to show a vast variety of work in that showcase.

Membership Term: Each January, a new membership year begins and each member is requested to turn in their membership fees. Upcoming membership fees are announced each fall.

Participation Credits: As with any organization, the success of our Coral Springs Craft Guild efforts is highly reliant on Guild members helping out and being an active participant in different Guild activities. There are so many things available to do each month, and you have a wide variety of activities that you can choose from, that work best with your schedule and availability. Each member is responsible for finding a way to earn at least 2 participation credits per year.

Here is a partial list of what you can choose from:

- ★ Earn 1 credit for each time you dedicate at least two hours to making a pre-approved craft for our Bonus Committee. These crafts can be made from home on your own time and are due before the upcoming craft show (usually October and April).
- ★ Earn 1 credit for each time you dedicate at least two hours to any scheduled Coral Springs Craft Guild publicity event in the community. These publicity events are usually in the evening or weekends. Read the newsletter for upcoming dates.
- ★ Earn 1 credit for each time you dedicate at least two hours working as part of the Phone Committee. This committee calls each of the members via telephone, usually throughout the 5 days before the monthly meeting to remind each member to come to the monthly meeting and what supplies they need to bring. See the Phone Committee chairperson to volunteer.
- ★ Earn 1 credit for each time you dedicate at least two hours working as part of the Publicity Committee posting events online at one of the approved websites or writing an article about our events.
- ★ Earn 1 credit each time you teach a hands-on class at a Monthly Meeting. See the Programs Committee chairperson to submit your class idea for consideration.
- ★ Earn 1 credit each time you host a guild event at your home. See the Social Events Committee Chairperson to coordinate.
- ★ Earn 1 credit for volunteering to be on a Coral Springs Craft Guild committee. These committees usually meet on a regular basis. Dates and times vary. Use the newsletter to see the list of committees and the email addresses of those in charge of each committee.
- ★ Earn 1 credit each time a new Guild member signs up and lists you as the person who referred them.
- ★ Earn 1 credit for volunteering to be in charge of one department during the Fall Craft Show.
- ★ Earn ½ a credit when you bring in an item for display in the Coral Springs Craft Guild library showcase.
- ★ And more! Read the newsletter for additional opportunities to volunteer for things and earn credits.

Holiday Show: The Holiday Show is our Fall Craft Show and is usually held in the month of October prior to Halloween. This is our major fundraiser each year and the success of this event is what helps fund many of the efforts of the Guild. Each member is encouraged to participate with a total price of entered craft items collectively amounting to a value of at least \$75 and donate a percentage of each sale to the Coral Springs Craft Guild. It is the best way to help make this fundraiser a success. We truly need your help to make this event a success, so start crafting months in advance! Remember to get your crafts approved in advance. New members can request to be exempt from submitting crafts during their first holiday show. **Note: Attendance of two monthly meetings is required to participate.**

Approvals: All craft items must be approved prior to entering any show. It is recommended that before you invest in a large quantity of materials, that you make just one and bring it in for approvals. Our Approvals Committee has plenty of helpful information on what will make your craft eye catching at our Exhibits. The tips include information about what has been tried in the past, and how to make your work the best quality. Get your craft item approved at each Monthly Meeting. See an Approvals Committee person to request approval.

Sales Tags: Each member is assigned a specific code made from your initials and your member number, to list on price tags attached to each of your craft items submitted to the Fall Craft Show. This tag must be a two part tag which separates using perforations. You may purchase the tags through the Guild or make/buy your own. It is important to mark the tag appropriately so that your donation to the Guild is noted. Instructions will be provided during a Monthly Meeting, and are also available from the Fall Show Committee members.

Apron: At the Fall Craft Show, all members of the Guild must wear their Coral Springs Craft Guild apron, to help the potential customers find who to ask for help. Please purchase your apron before the month of October through the person in charge of Membership.

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Membership Application



Name (Please Print) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Crafts _____

Other Craft Affiliations _____

Birthday _____ Referred by Guild Member _____

I, the undersigned, hereby grant my full and irrevocable consent to the use by the Coral Springs Craft Guild, (the "Guild") on it's website of any and or all portions of any photographs, video or audio taken by the Guild or its representatives in which I and/or my goods may appear.

I acknowledge that the Guild shall own all right, interest and title of all such photographs, video or audio, including but not limited to, negatives, proofs, prints, photographs, films, or videotape.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please complete and bring to the next meeting with your membership check.

Or mail to:

Coral Springs Craft Guild

P.O Box 8184

Coral Springs, FL 33075

For questions call 954-688-3010 or email membership@CoralSpringsCraftGuild.com

Make checks payable to Coral Springs Craft Guild
Membership dues through to December 31, 2012: \$45

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