



APPLICATION FORM

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Since it commenced in 1985 the aims of the society have been:

1. *To create miniature works of excellence.*
2. *To foster traditional and modern works in miniature.*
3. *To encourage public awareness and enjoyment of miniature works of art.*

Associate Membership is open to all those who are interested in miniature art, wish to know more and would like to be kept informed about exhibitions. Associate members are entitled to receive newsletters, which come out every two months, and may attend society meetings when there is to be a demonstration or guest speaker. They may apply for exhibiting membership.

Miniatures, as we know them today, began in the English court around 1525 when a small portrait painted on vellum (calf skin) was detached from a manuscript. They grew in popularity and reached their heyday between 1760-1840 when ivory was used as the support. The introduction of photography in 1840 caused their decline.

In 1895 a society was formed in England to revive interest in these small works. This society, The Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers is today one of the most prestigious societies in the world. In 1931 a similar society was formed in the USA in Washington.

In 1985 the Australian Society of Miniature Art was formed in NSW by artist Janine Bravery. The society fosters both traditional and contemporary art, and holds an Annual Awards Exhibition, (which is open to non-exhibiting members who may enter one work) and usually one more exhibition where the selected works of exhibiting members are shown.

The society meets on the second Friday of every second month at the Willoughby Park Centre, Willoughby, NSW. Six newsletters are produced per year. The selection committee meets in April and October when it is possible to submit work for consideration for exhibiting membership.

The annual subscription fee for an associate member is \$25.00, fees are always due on 30 June, although new associate members are accepted at any time. Fees may be paid by cheque made out to The Australian Society of Miniature Art, or by direct deposit into ASMA bank account: BSB 032188 Account no 368865. Please label deposit with your surname and first name initial (eg JSmith).

If you would like to apply, please email the form below to treasurerasma@gmail.com, or post to the Treasurer, The Australian Society of Miniature Art (NSW) Inc, PO Box 237, Willoughby, 2068 NSW.

I hereby apply for associate membership of The Australian Society of Miniature Art (NSW) Inc.

Name

Address

.....Postcode

Telephone Mobile

Email

- I have paid my fee of \$25 by direct deposit
- I enclose a cheque for \$25 made out to The Australian Society of Miniature Art