



**SOKO - South Kona Artists Collective** brings together artists in South Kona to reach a wider audience through exhibits, events and our annual Studio Tour.

Website: [www.sokoartists.com](http://www.sokoartists.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SOKOSouthKonaArtistsCollective](https://www.facebook.com/SOKOSouthKonaArtistsCollective).

New members will be included on the SOKO Facebook page after they accept membership & pay their membership dues.

We are accepting applications for review to join our group and to participate in our upcoming events, specifically the **Artists Open Studio Tour on February 27 & 28 2027**, and other events to be announced. Artists are required to participate in the Artists Tour, with other events being optional. Artists must live or have a presence in the South Kona area and be able to show in South Kona (sharing a studio is encouraged when possible for ease of the visitors).

### **SOKO Artist Membership Application**

**Deadline for entry form to be submitted no later than July 15, 2026** to participate the Artists Studio Tour on February 27 & 28, 2027, from 9am - 4pm each day.

**All applications will be reviewed by the jury committee, and you will be notified of acceptance by August 1, 2026 at the latest.** Membership requires a dues payment of \$125, and a commitment of 12-15 work hours to do a needed task (or \$125 additional fee in lieu of work). Payment deadline is September 1, 2026.

(please print clearly)

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Medium(s) you work in \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Website \_\_\_\_\_

Face Book Artist Page or other \_\_\_\_\_

Art experience (*attach additional info at end if needed*)

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Home, studio or exhibit space in South Kona for studio tour or need to share? \_\_\_\_\_

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Any computer or marketing skills? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have a website or Facebook/other page showing your art, please attach 8-10 low- res jpeg images with the application via email.

Choose committees that you would like to join in order of preference (1, 2, 3):

\_\_\_ Online Marketing \_\_\_ Signs \_\_\_ Advertising \_\_\_ Facebook/Instagram Pages \_\_\_ Exhibits

**Please submit this form to:** [sokoartists@gmail.com](mailto:sokoartists@gmail.com)

**or mail to:** SOKO, PO Box 335, Honaunau, HI 96726

**If your application is accepted**, you will need to submit the \$125 member fee (check to SOKO), 3 5x7 300dpi jpegs (2100x1500 pixels) of representative art pieces for the color brochure, poster and website, plus a bio/artist statement. Instructions will be provided in the welcome letter.

## Criteria for membership in SOKO

SOKO is a group of 18-22 artists who work cooperatively to exhibit and sell our art and one or two public events each year. Our premier event is the SOKO Annual Artists Studio Tour on the last full weekend in February, and we usually organize a smaller one-day Christmas pop-up sale in a public venue. Planning these events requires a variety of skills, time and dedication on the part of all members and cooperation within the committees. SOKO is looking for new members who will actively contribute to these efforts.

Members benefit from the collaborative relationships formed in the group and from the publicity and sales they receive through their participation in the events.

### Requirements for Applying to SOKO

- You are a skilled professional artist in any medium, either full- or part-time
- You have a substantial body of work ready to exhibit
- You have experience in marketing your work on social media and/or other methods.
- You are able to communicate effectively in person and in print
- You are able to work cooperatively with others and contribute to SOKO's mission.
- You have access to studio space or an exhibit venue in the South Kona area.

### Requirements for Membership

- Member dues of \$125.00 due in September every year.
- Members are required to devote 12-15 hours per year and will be assigned to work on a committee.
- Members are required to attend the 3 meetings per year in which we prepare, inform and train artists for the events and build relationships.
- Submit photos of your art and you working on your creative process for advertising within a deadline set by the marketing committee.
- Complete your work assignments on time and meet the dues and other deadlines.
- Commit to participating in SOKO for the entire year. Participation in the annual Studio tour is required, other events are optional.

### SOKO Community Values

Respect and consideration of fellow artists gives us the trust we need to work and play together. This means that members engage by:

- Keeping agreements or notify fellow members or committee leaders if they cannot meet an agreement.
- Completing tasks on time.
- Attending meetings and keeping track of important updates and information.

**Upon acceptance as a member, sign below and return form to Membership Committee.**

*I understand and agree to do my part to contribute to SOKO's mission.*

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Artist

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Date