

NEAT Mission Statement: To cooperatively promote fine craft and art to the public in a positive, fun and educational way by creating and sustaining an arts tour in the north end of the Seattle Area

**NEAT Ground rules:**

- Participating groups are independent entities that join together to accomplish the NEAT mission.
- It is the responsibility of each group to operate its site in safe and legal manner.
- Each group has one vote in NEAT decision making, irrespective of the group size.
- NEAT expenses will be divided evenly among all NEAT groups irrespective of group size.
- Groups with more members are expected to do more NEAT jobs than smaller groups, however all groups are expected to do at least one major job.
- All NEAT groups are autonomous. Each group will decide for itself who pays and who does not within their group, and how jobs taken on by the group are accomplished. Guest artists must be selected in time to be included in the brochure. Exceptions to this general guideline are permitted in cases where a participating artist needs to be replaced because of illness, relocation or other emergency.

*Participating groups agree to:*

- Actively publicize NEAT to the public and enthusiastically promote the other sites on the tour.
- Include the NEAT logo on their postcards publicizing their sale and on professional quality outdoor signs during the tour (it is the responsibility of each group to provide their own signs).
- Pay their share of expenses, execute jobs, provide photos etc. for mailing and web in a timely manner.
- Ensure their site is fully set up and open on all days and hours of any NEAT tour.
- Send at least 1 representative to each NEAT general meeting with the authority to speak for the group.
- Refrain from serving alcohol to the public at NEAT events since this is a driving tour.

- Identify a contact person responsible for communication between their group and the other NEAT groups between meetings. (This individual is responsible for delegating responsibility when s/he is going to be unavailable for a significant period of time and for notifying other NEAT groups when delegating this role).
- Ensure all work at the site is of professional quality, made by local/regional artists. (No work made from kits.)
- Participate in the tour on a regular basis. Note: A group can opt out of a particular event, but is still required to pay the group share of the general expenses (though not the expenses such as the brochure/ mailing costs for the specific event they are not participating in), do their jobs and participate in regular meetings. A group may elect to participate only in a spring or fall event in those years when there is more than one event. If fewer than 3 sites agree to participate in an event it will NOT be designated a NEAT event.

### **Rights and Responsibilities:**

#### NEAT Founders

- In recognition of time, money and energy that founding members have contributed to the development of NEAT, they are assured of future participation in NEAT even if they wish to leave the particular group they've been part of:

If a founder makes known that he/she wishes to leave his/her group it is expected that all other groups who could absorb the founder will notify the founder of their willingness to do so.

- Founders have the right to establish a new group within the stated boundaries of NEAT (all NEAT sites must be located in the north end of Seattle between the Ship Canal and NE 145<sup>th</sup>) without having to get approval to do so, although they must actively participate in this group for it to become/remain a NEAT site.

#### All Groups (New and Founders)

- Participate in deciding the maximum number of groups to be added at any time.
- Select an individual to serve on the subcommittee that decides which new sites from the applicants to add. (Note: if there are no acceptable applicants, NEAT will not expand at that time.)