

Organizational Timeline for Piedmont Craftsmen

- 1963: Founding members hold a show and sell their work.
- 1964: Piedmont Craftsmen is incorporated in the State of North Carolina.
- 1964: By the end of the first year, membership is 46 Exhibiting, 44 Associate and 10 Patron Members.
- 1964: 1st Piedmont Crafts Fair is held in Old Salem at former Krispy Kreme building.
- 1965: Membership: 63 Exhibiting and 70 Friends and Associates.
- 1965: Piedmont Craftsmen receives its non-profit 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS.
- 1966 – 1969: Piedmont Craftsmen opens The Craft Shop in Old Salem.
- 1966: Craftsmen's Fair opens at Winston-Salem Coliseum where it remains until early 90's when the old coliseum is torn down.
- 1970: The area of service includes North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina
- 1970 – 1976: The Craft Shop is opened at 936 West 4th Street
- 1974: Exhibiting Membership is 208.
- 1976 – 1986: Craft Shop is located on Main Street near Old Salem.
- 1978: Southern Craft Markets was formed as a subsidiary of Piedmont Craftsmen to manage the Craft Shop and Fair.
- 1980: Area of service expanded to include Mississippi, Louisiana, West Virginia and Kentucky.
- 1982: Two phase jury system is initiated.
- 1982: Area of service now includes Maryland and Washington, D.C.
- 1986: The Craft Shop is located downtown on Cherry Street between 4th and 5th Streets.
- 1987: The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County approved Piedmont Craftsmen as a Funded Partner.
- 1988: 25th Anniversary Craftsmen's Fair.
- 1989: Southern Crafts Markets was dissolved with all programs and boards merged in to Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc.
- 1990 – 2003: The Craft Shop and Gallery are located at 1204 Reynolda Road.
- 1991: Craftsmen's Fair opens at Benton Convention Center.
- 1996: Piedmont Craftsmen's first website is created.
- 1996: The Smithsonian selected 11 Piedmont Craftsmen exhibiting members for their Olympic Village Shop in Atlanta, GA.
- 1999: Crafts Career Day, an educational program, is introduced to High School Art Students.
- 2002: Piedmont Craftsmen purchases a third of the old Pleasant's Hardware building in downtown Winston-Salem for its Gallery and offices.
- 2002: Strength in Numbers, Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Greensboro, NC.
- 2003: Gallery is officially moved to the Trade Street after the location was remodeled.
- 2003: 40th Anniversary Exhibit, Power of Excellence, SECCA, Winston-Salem, NC.
- 2007: Online digital image jury system initiated.
- 2007: The mortgage is retired on our Trade Street location.
- 2010: Opening Acts is the first exhibit presented at the new Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts and the organization is honored with an exhibit at the North Carolina Governor's Mansion.
- 2011: Exhibiting membership is 357 and Supporting Membership is 475.
- 2011: Version 3 of the website is launched.
- 2013: 50th Piedmont Craftsmen's Fair.
- 2014: Piedmont Craftsmen's 50th Anniversary.
- 2016: Exhibiting Membership is 384 and Supporting Membership is 528.