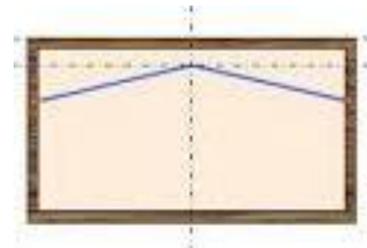


How to Wire Paintings: The question comes up fairly regularly when exhibiting paintings or two dimensional art works. All exhibitors want to see professional hardware attached to securely hang the work without worry or effort. The expectation for all pieces delivered to or hung in any Whatcom Art Guild venue is that they will have appropriate hardware and wire attached so they can be hung securely and without effort or worry.

Place the art piece face down. **Measure** the height of the piece. Your wire will attach at 1/3 the height of the piece. (EX: IF YOUR PAINTING IS 18" TALL, A THIRD OF THAT IS 6". MARK ON THE BACK EDGE OF THE PAINTING 6". REPEAT FOR THE OTHER SIDE.)



Decide which type of **hardware** best works that your particular art piece.



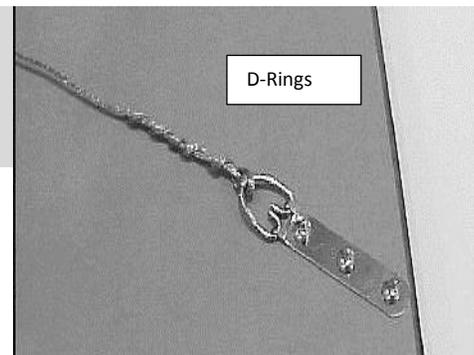
Eyelet Screws

For some artwork, **EYELET SCREWS** are best.

IF YOUR PAINTING IS ON A STANDARD CANVAS TYPE SUPPORT, THERE SHOULD BE ROOM ON THE INSIDE EDGE OF THE SUPPORT TO ATTACH AN EYELET SCREW SO IT DOES NOT STICK OUT TO HOLD THE PICTURE AWAY FROM THE WALL.

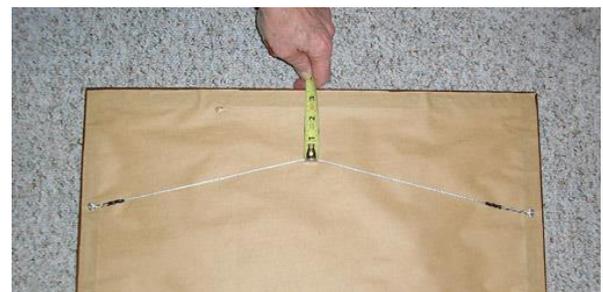
For others, **D-RINGS** may be preferable.

IF YOUR PAINTING CANNOT ACCEPT AN EYELET DUE TO SIZE OR YOU USE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SUPPORT AND NEED SOMETHING FLAT SO THE PAINTING WILL LAY FLAT AGAINST THE WALL, D-RINGS WILL DO THE JOB.

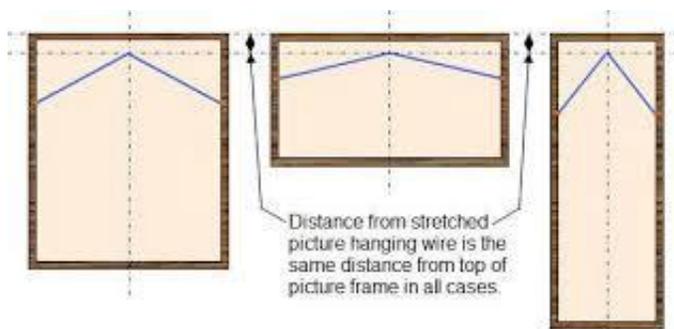


In each instance make sure the screws are long enough to be secure but short enough not to protrude through to the other side.

Wire specifically for hanging pictures should be used. Stiff, inflexible wire is not to be used for picture hanging. Picture wire is easily found and comes in different strengths. Some is coated with a plastic film. Use wire that will support the weight of your painting. After attaching the hardware, insert one end of the wire through the eyelet or d-ring and bend it leaving about 3" to wrap around itself as shown in the photo. The heavier your item, the longer the wrapped length should be.



Before cutting the wire, check to see how much slack you want. You do not want the picture hanger to show if possible so only leave enough slack to accomplish this. Then cut the wire, insert into hardware, and wrap again.



Hint: To simplify hanging a grouping or your own work, if you are consistent with the amount of slack on all your work, hanging goes much more quickly. See diagram to the left.