

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update October, 2006

The Membership Meeting and Pot Luck held at #10 Water Street on Saturday, September 16th. was attended by members and guests and we had a great time purchasing craft items at great savings and enjoyed some wonderful food. We also got to the business of reviewing and approving changes to the Co-op Bylaws and selecting a nominating committee to fill the Board as elections are fast approaching. Many of the current members agreed to remain in their positions for another year. We discussed the possibility of the Co-op subleasing #10 Water Street and having this space to extend our gallery, have educational meetings and have space available for anyone wishing to teach classes. The members present thought this would be a great idea should we be able to afford it. The sale of the craft supply inventory will assist the Co-op to make that financial decision.

The next Membership/Educational Meeting will be held on Thursday, October the 12th at 6:30 pm. This will be held at #10 Water Street, we will be presenting a film and members also are encouraged to bring in a piece of art work for short discussion and critique. If this is helpful to our members we can establish a night for more intensive sharing of ideas as well as critique.

The next meeting, November 2nd will be the Co-ops "Annual Meeting" and the slate of officers will be submitted to the membership for elections at the December 7th meeting. We will be having an education presentation at these meeting also. The November meeting will be the time for the membership to select the best meeting dates for the next year, so be sure to attend this one! Be sure to mark your calendars in advance.

Membership Dues: Often while sitting the gallery we are approached by artists interested in joining our Co-op and Gallery. Remember, that new member dues are prorated throughout the year...October is \$6.00 and all dues are due again January 1st, 2007.

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artists for the month of October are Ranier Bertrams and Jack Stiddard. **Ranier (R.B.),** is a multi- talented artist, but you have seen mostly his lino cut prints hanging in the gallery. **Jack** has a unique style of photography. Be sure to attend their reception on Third Thursday, October 19th.and enjoy the excitement and entertainment of the evening. A contribution to the food table is most welcome. Thanks to all who contribute regularly.

Check out the website and see the Featured Artists there.

The Featured Artist for September, George Markiewicz and Eileen Fischer had a great reception with a steady flow of over 90 visitors. We had a DHBA drawing at City Lights at 8:30 pm and visitors present received some lovely prizes donated by the local merchants.

Esther (Etel) Surany was Featured Artist at Asset Realty.

Look for Jan Bennett in October and Andrea Harne in November. Asset Realty is looking for other artists to do demonstrations at Third Thursday. Please let Merle know when you can participate.

Welcome New Members; Krystina Oborny , Sherry Richardson, Simon Tracy, Sherry Richardson and Felice Sacks.

We look forward to seeing your artworks in the Gallery and your participation in Co-op activities. Congratulations.

Ribbon Awards:

The Visitors Choice Ribbon Award for September goes to our student artist, Andy Johnson, for his acrylic painting. Congratulations!

Its time for all the artists sitting in the Gallery to cast their vote for their favorite artwork and one of you will receive the Artists Choice Ribbon Award.

Gallery:

The change over and intake of new artist work scheduled for September 30th went as smoothly as possible...Thank you to those who help to make it so! The new work in the gallery looks wonderful!

Its time to sign up to be one of the Featured Artists.....we have space in November and December and into the New Year. You must be an exhibiting gallery member. It's a wonderful opportunity to get the window space to display extra artwork and to invite your friends and family to your Featured Artist Reception on Third Thursday. Let Merle know what month will be good for you. The new cleaning schedule appears to be working well and we continue to hear compliments as to the cleanliness of our Gallery. Thank you all!

City Lights Web Site: www.citylightsart.com is available at no charge to City Lights Co-op members. Be sure to get your work on-line or perhaps, change the work you have there now. Wendy Adams, our very capable web-master will assist you at wendy@awebcat.com. Check the website for other news announcements of happenings around town. There are some great links to other websites as well for your perusal.

Board Meetings: all members are invited to attend the board meetings. Your input and suggestions are needed and welcomed. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at 5:30 pm at the Gallery.

Other News:

Al Matwiejow (Who), our invaluable assistant Gallery Director, appears to be a wonderful salesperson as well!!!. He has been selling the craft supplies at #10 Water Street and was open Saturday and Sunday during the Car Show and has made special trips there for interested parties on other days. He netted the Co-op over \$1500.00 so far! What a guy!

Many of our artists are showing in other venues around town...if in the future you e-mail or write to Merle before the end of each month, she will include the announcements in the newsletter.