

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update September, 2006

Lots of news to report Our President Richard Blanchard, resigned from City Lights Board of Directors on the advice of his physiciansRichard, you have all of our best wishes for improved health. We hope to continue to see his marvelous work continue to be in our Gallery. Our Secretary, Stephanie Rose also retired from the board. Stephanie, we miss your artistic glasswork in the Gallery....hope it will be back soon. Thank you to both for the hard work they have done with their volunteer efforts on our Board. Our Vice President, Robert Cranley has stepped in and assumed the Presidential duties.

The Next Membership Meeting and Pot Luck *will be held at #10 Water Street on Saturday, September 16th. at 6 pm.* We are excited to be able to use the facility (Art ala Cart) compliments of our previous Vice President and City Lights Artists' Co-op member, Karen Barrett. It is a great meeting space and perfect for our pot luck, so bring some food and your spouse or another guest and be sure to join us.

Karen has also made the generous donation of her craft supply inventory to the Co-op and all City Lights members will have the first opportunity to ***purchase these craft items at 75% off*** retail price.....remember that these donations go to help our Co-op. Be sure to attend this meeting and have the first choices of this inventory.

We will be discussing the possibility of the Co-op subleasing these suites and having this space to extend our gallery, have educational meetings and have space available for anyone wishing to teach classes.

Board of Director nominations and elections are coming up quickly and all of you need to look into your schedule and see if you can volunteer a few hours a month of your valuable time to fill a slot on the Board....we currently have 2 vacancies and there could be more by years end. We will be looking to fill a nomination slate at this meeting. We need to make some small changes to our by-laws and the membership will vote on those changes.

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...September is \$8.00.

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artists for the month of September are Eileen Fischer and George Markiewicz. Eileen, a multi- talented artist, uses many media as you have seen by her beautiful work hanging in our gallery. **George** usually works in oil and also has some acrylic work. Be sure to attend their reception on Third Thursday, September 21st.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 August, Andrea Harne and Libby Garry a great reception with a steady flow of over 80 visitors.

Richard Blanchard was Featured Artist at Asset Realty. He was set up to demonstrate painting when he became ill and had to leave.

Esther (Etel) Surany will be Featured Artist at Asset Realty in September.

Look for Jan Bennett in October and Andrea Harne in November.

Welcome New Members; Roberta (Bobbi) Bustos, Mary Kay (Kay) White and Althena Manasses.

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

Ribbon Awards: Encourage all Visitors to vote....you may be the recipient of this award! The Artist Choice Ribbon Award for the quarter went to ***Libby Garry*** for her “Wolf” and The Visitors Choice Ribbon for the month of August was awarded to ***Anneliese Kielhorn*** for “Hidden Cove”....Congratulations.

Gallery:

The next **change over** of artwork will be on **September 30th from 10am to 2pm**. *All work that has been in the gallery for 6 months must be changed* and all other work may be changed. If you have not previously been in the gallery you must submit a Gallery application form...available at the gallery. Work must be submitted that day unless other arrangements have been made with the Gallery Director, Merle Blair.

The gallery sitting schedule will be available at the potluck or you can begin scheduling for the next quarter now with Merle.

New inventory sheets must be made for this changeover.

The new cleaning schedule appears to be working well and we have had many compliments as to how clean our gallery looks. 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 webmaster will assist you at wendy@aweecat.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 Wednesday, September 20th at #10 Water Street at 5:30pm.

Art Remarks:

By Merle Blair.

Let's start a CRITIQUE GROUP.

Artists are often thought of as loners, but in reality most artists enjoy and benefit from interaction with other artists so there can be an exchange of ideas, for support, and for inspiration. We all are seeking experiences of personal attention, for constructive criticism that provides us with the

opportunity to grow...we join other art organizations, we attend workshops and study the "masters". Another opportunity can be participating in a "Critique Group"...artists who get together regularly to show and discuss their art.

To fully benefit from such a group the artists must be open minded and have a positive attitude and be willing to show their work whether complete or in progress and to freely contribute to the program. These gatherings of artists have been found to be a valuable aid to personal growth, to increase knowledge and skills and possibly generate new ideas that send us back to our studios full of enthusiasm. Having the opportunity to avail yourself of others wisdom and experience and receive constructive criticism and advice can be very helpful when painting problems occur.

There is a great article in October's issue of "American Artist" on starting a Critique Group that can help us to set up guidelines to start our own group within City Lights Artists' Co-op membership.

We have all the ingredients...interested artists, a place to meet and we can establish some easy rules to follow. This group can provide the opportunity for personal growth so that we may create our artworks at an improved level...and isn't that what we all dream of?

A date can be agreed upon at the membership meeting so that we can begin.

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.