

# City Lights Artists' Co-op

## *The Lantern- News Update October 2009*

### **Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:**

***We had a great showing of Featured Artists for October....all new members!***

Third Thursday on October 15<sup>th</sup> visitation was not as great as usual...Featured Artists, don't forget to invite friends and family to the Third Thursday receptions. This will help to keep a flow of new art appreciation people into the gallery. Members, don't forget to support your fellow artists!

But we did have a couple of sales!

November's Featured Artist will be Anneliese Kielhorn on November the 19<sup>th</sup>.

December will be Etel Surany.

**Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in October are \$6.00 and are good through December 2009.***

The next **Membership meeting** will be a Potluck held at the gallery on Monday **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. This will be a Christmas party; there will be really nice door prizes. Plan to bring a gift (approx. \$10.00) for the same sex as you for the Christmas gift exchange.

There will be the elections of our new Board of Directors for 2010.

**New Members:** Jim Longwell. Welcome.

We are looking forward to seeing your artwork in the gallery and on the website. Your participation in Co-op and gallery events is crucial to our success.

### **Classes:**

Ed Klein is now conducting 3 watercolor classes ,all at the gallery; Tuesday Am class has 5 openings; Tuesday PM class has 1 opening and Saturday has 2 openings.

We are hoping to soon be starting a mixed media class in the New Year. New member Jan Schaeffer is a fantastic teacher and likes abstract....wouldn't that be fun?

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylightsart.com](http://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 [sales@citylightsart.com](mailto:sales@citylightsart.com). Or use <http://www.citylightsart.com/formsubmission.html>

**Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for ***Tuesday November 10th at 5:30pm in the gallery.*** Remember that all members are invited and we welcome your input. The Co-op members are so lucky to have such active and caring Board members that have accomplished so much this last year.

### **Other News:**

**The Nomination Committee** selected at the Board meeting selected at the last meeting of Jacqueline Tritsch and Merle Blair is still looking for a volunteer from the membership for this committee.

A poll of the current members was taken and the following members are willing to run again, Vice President: Aileen Dike: Secretary: Jane Marquez: Treasurer: Jacqueline Tritsch; Gallery Director: Merle Blair.

Vacancies include: President and a Member at Large. Ed Klein did accept a nomination for President.

All these positions are open for other nominations and/or volunteers. All nominations and/or volunteers for any position on the Board must be directed to Jacqueline Tritsch at [jtritsch@yahoo.com](mailto:jtritsch@yahoo.com) Nominations should be in before the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, but will be accepted up to the elections on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

You will all be notified in the November newsletter as well as posted in the gallery, the list of nominations prior to the December membership meeting so that elections can be completed at this time.

It was discussed at the Board meeting that we should design a **new logo** for City Lights. More specifics will be coming up in the November newsletter.

## **Artful Gift Store**

Many thanks to all the work Jane Marquez has put into this project. Part of the continued new look will include plexi-glass doors over the recently painted black niche for a hanging jewelry display.

We have 3 non gallery participant members in the gallery as well as many of our gallery members having work in the gift shop. **More artwork is needed.**

Co-op members who are not showing in the gallery will pay \$20.00 for the quarter to display their work in the gift shop.

2-Dimensional artwork will have no larger than a 5x7" image and a frame no larger than 8x10". The number of framed pieces allowed will be determined by the number of submissions and the available space.

3-Dimensional artwork must have its own stand or fit on the wall or a 10x10x10 space. You will set your own prices but we ask that they be "affordable".

The Gallery will receive the usual 20% commission on all sales.

The gallery Artist Inventory Sheets will be used with the small white stickers indicating artist #, inventory # and price. Artists who have work in the gallery will make a separate area on their inventory sheet and will not duplicate numbers used in the gallery.

The only cards for sale in the gift shop will be hand made "one of a kind" cards, priced by the artist.

We will have gift bags and tissue paper available for gift shop sales.

A complete list of the art supplies for sale at discounted prices is available at the gallery. Supplies include mats, backing boards, sleeves, and note cards, mounting tape, wire, hangers and screws. We also will do special orders of larger quantities. These supplies are for Co-op members only.

**A Reminder to All Gallery Sitters:** you are responsible for arranging your own replacement if you are unable to keep your commitment to work in the gallery. We have had no members sign up as being available for extra sitting and to have their name on an “on call list”.

You may trade days with another person or pay some-one on the list \$20.00 to work for you. The money exchange for this is not a gallery transaction, but between the artists and it is suggested that the sitter be paid in advance.

Let Merle or Al know if we can place you on the list and it will be made available to all sitters.

As the Fine Art Show was very successful, we will probably have more in the future. We learn as we go along and realize that we need rules and regulations, written and approved by the Board before any information is given out, especially if we come up with some wonderful idea mid-way in the show!!! The designated “Show Chairperson” would be in charge of over seeing this.

Our application to the IRS for 501© 3 status was returned for more information. This is not unusual. Merle and Bob met to go over those details and Bob will be sending information back to them.

We received a donation of art items from member Gina Lombino and the proceeds will allow us to purchase another panel of slot board. Thanks Gina.

Member Colin Pringle has graciously donated the money required for 2 more panels so that we can complete the back wall of the Featured Artists area. Many thanks Colin!

Now we need a couple of volunteers to put up the panels.

Our Assistant Gallery Director, Al Who had surgery recently on his knee and will be out of commission for some time. Although he lost a lot of blood, he is doing OK and is at home now. He has done so much for the gallery, including sitting many days a month as well as the physical labor that it is time for the rest of us to help out.

The “sick painting clinic” was held by Colin Pringle at the gallery. There was no charge for his expertise. Hopefully you took advantage of this teacher’s great painting skills and knowledge. Perhaps we can have another in the future. It is good to attend and just listen to the problem solving on other artists work.

If you have a special announcement that you would like mentioned in the newsletter please submit it before the next Board meeting.