

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update December 2009

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artist for December is Etel Surany and she has a wonderful exhibition of her water-media. Her reception is on Third Thursday, December 17th. Be sure to attend and support this creative artist.

We are excited to announce that **Henderson Art Association Artists** will be our Featured Visiting Artists for January. They are having their show juried and will present ribbons. Their reception will be on Saturday, January 16th, 12-3pm. We will still have a Third Thursday Reception on January 21st.

The new Board members for 2010 will be the Features Artists for February.

City Lights will again host a Fine Art Show in March. Aileen Dike has the coordination under control but we need another person to spend time with and help her in this project.

Membership Dues: Remember that dues for new members in December and January are \$24.00 and are good through December 2010. All Co-op members unless you signed up in November or December must pay 2010 membership dues of \$24.00 before the end of January.

The **Membership meeting** with *Potluck* was held at the gallery on Monday **December 7th at 6:00 pm**. We had the elections with a unanimous vote for the slate listed below. Here is your 2010 Board of Directors. Please give them your support and assistance.

President: Ed Klein

Vice Pres: Aileen Dike

Treasurer: Jacqueline Tritsch.

Secretary: Jane Marquez

Gallery Director: Al Matwiejow

Assist. Gallery Director: Andrew Maioli

Member at Large: Richard Kielhorn

Hospitality Chairperson: Charme' Curtin (Etel Surany has offered to assist)

Membership Director: Vacant

Outside Show Coordinator: Vacant

The food was delicious and lots of it. There were some nice door prizes and the gift exchange was a lot of fun. The turn out was good for such inclement weather and it was great to see new faces.

We discussed a speaker for a future Membership meeting. He has a great presentation on how to make your web-site work better for you. It was the general consensus of the attending members that we have future membership meetings on Mondays.....any

comments? Are there any other topics or speakers that you would find interesting or helpful? Please let us know.

Our New Gallery Director, Al Who had surgery on his knee and recently had a set back with an infection, more surgery and is now on lots of antibiotics. It was great to see him at the Board meeting and the Potluck.. He has been greatly missed as he has done so much for the gallery, including sitting many days a month as well as the physical labor. It is time for the rest of us to help out.

Classes:

Ed Klein is now conducting 3 watercolor classes, all at the gallery; Tuesday AM ; Tuesday PM and Saturday. Call the gallery and check on available space.

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? There are also Oil Painting with Charme' Curtin and children's art classes with Etel Surany in the future.

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 sales@citylightsart.com. Or use <http://www.citylightsart.com/formsubmission.html>

Board Meetings: The next Board meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 12th at 4:30pm 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:

It was discussed at the Board meeting that we should design a **new logo** for City Lights. This was tabled until the New Year.

The Fine Art Shows for March and October were discussed..

August again will be our Student Artists from all classes as Featured Artists.

Robert Cranley has been working to get our 501 © 3 status approved by the IRS. The Board approved changes be sent to the State to amend our Rules of Operation. The changes have already been made in our by-laws.

We are in need of some repairs at the back of the gallery to prevent birds, etc. from being able to get into the attic area.

It was also necessary for Henderson Police Department to remove a vagrant who had set up house keeping at the rear of the gallery. The Police Department have put us on their patrol list.

Artful Gift Store

More artwork is needed. We have some nice Christmas cards now.

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 suggestion was made that we obtain plain bags and sitting artists can paint them...one of a kind gift bags. Would you like to participate?

The remaining smaller pieces of slat board have been hung in the gift shop making it much easier to hang paintings.

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 are developing a list of members who may be available to call upon to work for you. 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 Al or Andrew know if we can place you on the list and it will be made available to all sitters.

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