

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update January 2010

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Henderson Art Association Artists are 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.

Have you signed up to be Featured Artist in April, May or June ? Give Al a call and get your month scheduled.

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in January are \$24.00 and are good through December 2010. All members unless you signed up in November or December must pay 2010 membership dues of \$24.00 before the end of January. If dues are not paid, you will no longer receive the news letter and your art work will be removed from the web site.*

Do you have some artists friends who would benefit from being a City Lights Artists' Co-op member? Why not invite them to join the gallery that will be known as the place where those who appreciate art can find an affordable fine art collection. We have a beautiful gallery for displaying and selling art; there is the gift store for smaller items; we have on going art classes in many media; we are part of the Water Street Experience with our participation in Third Thursday; artists have the opportunity to be the Featured Artist in the lovely large area created for them.

Classes:

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

Jan Schaffer has started the new water-media abstract class on Saturdays. There are a couple spaces left, join and have some fun!

There is also Beginners 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 webmaster will assist you at sales@citylightsart.com. Or use <http://www.citylightsart.com/formsubmission.html>

Board Meetings: The new Board of Directors held their first Board meeting of 2010 at 4:30, Tuesday, January 12th. The new Board is as follows:
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

Al had fallen and hurt his back, but did make it to the meeting and is doing a little better now.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for ***Monday February 8th 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:

Our new President Ed Klein has started on his list of goals for the gallery so expect some more good things to be coming your way.

He has seen that the latest requests from the IRS regarding our application for 501c3 status was completed. We will keep you informed on the progress of this endeavor.

He has been discussing with Maxine Davies, the coordinator for art in Clark County Schools regarding a student art competition sponsored by City Lights.

He will also remind them about our mini-grant program.

We are also looking at ways to bring in new members as well as how to get the word out into the community about the Co-op and the Gallery. If you have some ideas, please submit them to the Board so they can be discussed and implemented as possible.

The Juried Fine Art Show will be held in March at the Gallery. We have increased the value of the cash prizes in all 6 categories. Artists may submit 3 pieces of art work, no greater in size than 30x36 inches. Jury fees are \$20.00 for first piece and \$10.00 each for the other 2 pieces. As Co-op gallery members have already paid their shared expenses for March, they will be credited \$20.00 toward the next quarter if participating and continue to sit the gallery as scheduled.

Aileen is selecting a jurist. She has most of it organized but will need some one to assist and take over many facets, especially the intake of jury fees and the intake and categorizing of the art work.

We are also looking into having the gallery computer put on line. It is another expense we will have to cover, but well worth it to assist in running the gallery business and assist the Board.

Artful Gift Store

Our Secretary Jane Marquez is doing a fantastic job managing the gift store. No items should be placed in there without her approval. The Gallery Director, Al Matwiejow and Jane will coordinate the placement of artwork in the gift store.

We have gift bags and tissue paper available for gift shop sales. Post cards have been developed and are available at the gallery. Please take some and distribute to friends and any other place that would be a good place to stimulate visitors to the gift store and gallery. 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?

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.

Many thanks to those artists who have been sitting extra days at the gallery. Your assistance is so helpful and it is people like you that keep the gallery open and assist it to thrive in the future.

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