

# **City Lights Artists' Co-op**

## *The Lantern- News Update March 2010*

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

**All City Lights Artists' Co-op Members will be the Featured Artists for April. It's our "Spring Fling"! Any Co-op member may submit 1100 Square inches of art in the theme of Spring to be hung in our front gallery. There is no fee, the work will be judged and ribbons and a prize awarded. Art work is to be brought to the gallery on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and show runs until April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Third Thursday Reception will be on April 15th, 5-9 pm. Be sure to attend and enjoy some time with your fellow artists.

Artists signed up for the gallery will continue to submit their usual 1900 square inches of art work to be hung in the rest of the gallery ( at the conclusion of the Art Show on April 3<sup>rd</sup>)and may also submit work for the "Spring Fling".

We will still have a Third Thursday reception on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

May' Featured Artist will be Jan Schaeffer.

Have you signed up to be Featured Artist in June?? Give Al a call and get scheduled.

We will be the first art display that people see when they come from their parked cars!

**Our car port will be an outdoor art show for the Henderson ArtFest on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.** All Co-op members are invited to participate in this 2 day event

Tables will be set up and all sales will be transacted inside the gallery as normal sales.

We will need not only extra art participation but also artists to man the outdoor area as well as a gallery sitter for this event on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign up the date and time you can help out at the gallery.

**Membership Dues: Remember that dues for new members in March are \$20.00 and are good through December 2010.**

### **Classes:**

**The Sick Painting classes with Colin Pringle will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm.**

Do you have an artwork that you just are not satisfied with? Bring it in and for \$5.00 per artwork you will get the advice to make it sing!!!

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

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

There is also Beginners Oil Painting with Charmé Curtin on Thursday. Call Charmé or the gallery to sign up.

We are hoping to have a class in the future on portraiture.

**New Members:** Welcome to Lois Pate, Dorian Cooper, Maria Frank, Judi Moreo, Susan La Buda, Merle Titus and Mark Anthony. We look forward to seeing your work in the gallery and in our on-line gallery.

**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 webmaster will assist you at [sales@citylightsart.com](mailto:sales@citylightsart.com). Or use <http://www.citylightsart.com/formsubmission.html>

It has been suggested that we start a City Lights Blog...it's free and will keep us in the search engines as long as we blog daily...Member Judi Moreo will assist.

**Visitors Choice Ribbon Award:** to Al Matwiejow for "Stone Henge"

**Board Meeting:** was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. All Board meetings will be held at the gallery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 4:00pm unless otherwise posted. All Co-op members are invited....your ideas and input are needed.

As requested by our President Ed Klein, our Treasurer, Jacqueline Tritsch reported that with all expenses averaged, it costs us \$650.00 a month to keep the gallery open. As you know our very reasonable rental agreement with the City depends on our sales but all other expenses including building insurance and property taxes are our responsibility. Your shared expense fee pays these bills!

The Co-op/Gallery has its computer on line. The internet is password protected as we cannot have everyone on-line as we need to protect us from the illnesses that computers are prone to get!. Many thanks to Elton and Merle Blair for the donation of a computer and thanks to Al Who for the use of his own computer in the gallery when our old one did not function. A 30 day trial with Zip Web was tried but voted as too expensive.

One room in the gallery has been dedicated as a classroom. Classroom wall space is now being used to show current students artwork. The instructors' artwork is also hanging for demonstration, illustration and for sale. This room will be used for other workshops as well. It was also been suggested that we start an Art Library for our members. Ed is looking for book cases to be placed in the classroom.

More slat board has been hung be able to expand artwork hanging in the rest of the gallery. And did you not like the accent painting on the wall in the Featured Artists area? It looks really good....many thanks to Jim Longwell for his handy brush!

Our request to the IRS for 501c3 status for the Co-op is still undergoing the need for more information from us to satisfy the requirements of the IRS. Aileen is researching some of the wording used by BCAG when they went through this process. It may then take a year for the IRS to look at our justifications.

### **Other News:**

**The Juried Fine Art Show (our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual) March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Gallery** for 37 artists and 86 submissions.

**The Reception on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm** was wonderfully attended. There was lots of good food and conversation. Twelve Honorable Mention Ribbons, Seven Third Place Ribbons, Seven Second Place Ribbons were handed out to the Artists. The Best of Show and Seven First Place Winners received both a Ribbon and a monetary prize.

Best of Show Ribbon went to Lynda Whitehair for “Desert Passion”.

First Place Ribbons were awarded in their respective categories as follows: Stephen Campbell for “Venice”; Tamara Geddes for “Yulia”; Ed Klein for “After the Rain”; Colin Pringle for “Cabo San Lucas”; Merle Titus for “Golden Spears on Burg with Stand”; Libby Hedden for “Autumn Princess”.

If you didn’t make the reception, come to the Third Thursday reception on March 18<sup>th</sup> and enjoy all this wonderful artwork.

We have a **Biography Book** at the gallery and all gallery members should have a Bio on record. It does not have to contain personal information that you are not ready to divulge, but people buying art like to know a little about the artist. Please check and update your current biography. There are generic forms to help you get started or see what other artists have done. We also have a place for your business cards.

### **Artful Gift Shop**

The Gallery Director, Al Matwiejow and Gift Shop Manager, Jane Marquez will coordinate the placement of artwork in the gift shop.

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 shop and gallery.

We are in need of and currently looking for more shelf display space in the gift shop.

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 \$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. To those artists who have been so generous and have been sitting extra days at the gallery, thank you. Your assistance is so helpful and it is people like you that keep the gallery open and assist it to thrive in the future.