

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update April 2010

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

All City Lights Artists' Co-op Members are the Featured Artists for April. It's our "**Spring Fling**"! The show runs until April 30th. We had a great response and "**Spring Fling**" theme is also hung by the reception desk. Third Thursday Reception was on April 15th, 5-9 pm.

May's Featured Artist will be Jan Schaeffer.

Have you signed up to be Featured Artist in June?? Give Al a call and get scheduled. We also have openings for July and December.

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 8th and 9th.** Gallery members are invited to participate in this 2 day event Tables and grids will be set up and all sales will be transacted inside the gallery as normal sales. Sign up for this great opportunity! The participants on Water Street pay a big fee for their 10x10 space but there is no charge to participate in the gallery show!

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in April are \$18.00 and are good through December 2010.*

Classes:

The Sick Painting class with Colin Pringle was held on March 15th and March 29th, 2-4pm. Not many people took advantage of this great opportunity.

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!

We are hoping to have a class in the future on portraiture and beginning and intermediate oil painting.

New Members: Welcome to Mary Amick, Dorian Cooper, Lee Moses, Nancy Ruth, Chris Cutler, Stephen Campbell, Matthew Milone, Eric Welsh and Laurie Piepenbrink. We look forward to seeing your work in the gallery and in our on-line gallery.

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>

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: none due to the Fine Art Show.

Board Meeting: was held on April 12th at 4:00pm. All Board meetings will be held at the gallery on the 2nd Mondays at 4:00pm unless otherwise posted. All Co-op members are invited....your ideas and input are needed.

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 and illustration. It was also been suggested that we start an Art Library for our members. Al is donating a book case to be placed in the classroom.

Al has received the OK from Toyota to be able to use their conference room for larger meetings and workshops.

Our request to the IRS for 501c3 status for the Co-op was denied and we have withdrawn our application. We are able to reapply in the future.

Ed is working to develop an art contest and show with Henderson High Schools. The Board approved the monies for Ribbons and a Trophy. We plan to have the artwork displayed as Featured Artists for the month of November.

The Board discussed some changes for the on-line gallery. More information will be forthcoming.

Ed also announced that he was working with 2 members to develop custom mat cutting for you and a member who will take photos of your artwork for entering contests or other uses. We will let you know more about these opportunities offered right here in your gallery.

The Board approved an increase in our membership dues to \$36.00 per year, prorated at \$3.00 per month. This is still less than all the other local art associations and will not start until January 2011.

Al attended the Water Street District Business Association meeting. It was discussed that we should possibly become members.

The next Board meeting will be May 10th at 4pm.

Other News:

We now have membership cards for you to carry in your wallet. Aileen Dike has been laminating them for you. The card will give you a 10% discount at Desert Art Supply.

Don't forget the 25th annual Boulder City Fine Art Festival April 17th and 18th, 10am to 5pm in Bicentennial Park in Boulder City.

We send many get well thoughts to Anneliese and Richard Kielhorn who both had surgery on the same day at different hospitals. We have heard that Anneliese is home but that Richard needs more surgery. Get better quick!!!

Nevada Water Color Society has an exhibit at the Henderson Multigenerational Center on April 12th through May 14th.

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.

Al put in some more shelf space and Jane plans to paint it.

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.