



The Lantern

The Newsletter of the City Lights Artists' Co-op

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Featured Artists

Congratulations to **Kerry Pollei** and **Jacqueline Tritsch**, who are the City Lights Gallery's Featured Artists during the month of **February**. As Featured Artists, their work is showing in the windows of the Gallery and they will be honored with a reception at the Gallery on **Third Thursday, February 17, 2005**. If you can bring a plate of finger food to pass, please contact Merle as soon as possible.

Please plan to attend the February Reception and support our fellow artists and Co-op members.

January Third Thursday a Smashing Success

Featured Artists Aileen Dike and Tom McGrath enjoyed a terrific turnout for their reception on January 21st. The Gallery and all the other participating shops and galleries displayed winter luminaria to let visitors know where to stop in. City Lights sent out over 200 postcards to visitors who had signed the guest book and the Featured Artists also invited their many fans. The publicity paid off. Of course, it helped that these are two of our most popular artists! Sales were generated and everyone had a great time. Congrats to Tom, who sold two paintings.



Guitar music adds so much to our Third Thursday Artists' Receptions
Thanks, Rade!

PLEASE plan to attend every membership meeting; next meeting is February 8th at Art à la Cart. Bring some finger food to pass at our next meeting!

Stroll Down the Avenue In Your Finest Bonnet With All the Frills Upon It

What? An Easter/Spring Sidewalk Parade among the art galleries and shops in Downtown's Water Street Arts District

Prizes, refreshments, special events at the galleries and shops, at chance to show off your finest chapeaux

When? Saturday, March 12th, Noon-2:00

Where? Along Water Street and Pacific in Downtown Henderson

Who? Participating galleries and shops include: Art à la Cart, The Art Emporium; City Lights Gallery; the Village Tea Shop; The Old Town Gallery; Goldcasters Jewelry; and other restaurants and shops

Why? For FUN! And a touch of old-time glamour and high society. Scores of Red Hat Societies have been invited. Water Street will be awash in Red and Purple!

Visitor's Choice

Visitors Choice Awards: The Ribbons have been awarded for December: to Lynn Starr for "Second String" and for January: to Tom McGrath for Going Home- Venice.

Member News

Happy New Year!! It is our New Year's resolution to get the latest happenings to you in a more timely manner. You can help by letting us know if you can receive your newsletters by e-mail and will accept attachments. This will expedite our mailings and be more cost effective. We will continue to use the postal service for those who cannot receive e-mail. Karen Barrett is looking for someone to take over this job – she will help you with the transition. Any takers?

Membership Meeting. Please join us on Tuesday, February 8th at 6pm at Art a la Cart, 10 Water Street for our every other month member meeting. Bring some finger food for all to share, and visit with your fellow artists. After a short meeting we will have a program. We also invite you to bring one piece of your art work. Maybe you need some input or just take a few minutes and share your latest endeavors. Bring an artist friend to join the Co-op!

Membership Dues: Just a reminder that the Co-op dues of \$24.00 for 2005 are due before February 15th. Your name will be removed from our active member list if dues are not paid by then. Remember that your Co-op dues are used for our Mini-Grants to Henderson Art Teachers.

Outside Venues: Unfortunately our artwork at the Bank had to be removed, as the Regional Manager is having all the banks look the same! Boring!!! But a truckload of members' art has been hung on the second floor of City Hall. They will be there for six months so be sure to go and view them! Remember that you must be a Co-op Member to participate in these opportunities.

Welcome New Members: Wendy Adams, Austin Bowles, Richard Blanchard, Libby Garry, Belinda Grunewald, Steve Hanson, Dorothy Hammond, all have their excellent artwork in the gallery. And although not a new member, new in the gallery, Al Matwiejow (Who), and Leah Zack. And welcomed back in the gallery after an absence, Kerry Pollei and Stephanie Rose. Be sure to visit the gallery and see all the wonderful new artwork that has been placed recently.

*Photos courtesy of City Lights
Member, Al Matwiejow.*



Spinners from the LV Fiber Arts Guild demonstrate an ancient art form at Art à la Cart on Third Thursday

*The only thing I know
is that I paint
because I need to,
and I paint whatever
passes through my head
without any other consideration.*

Frida Kahlo

City Lights Web Site

The website is about to undergo some changes. Check out citylightsart.com; get your artwork on the virtual gallery. Our new webmaster, Wendy Adams will be happy to help you at 493-0609 or wendy@aweecat.com. Let her know if you have a website that can be linked to City Lights. You only have to be a City Lights member to be on the website and not necessarily in the City Lights Art Gallery.

Get Well Soon, Richard!

Board member Richard Blanchard has been recently hospitalized and we are sure he would appreciate your good wishes.

Congrats, Merrilee!

City Lights Artist Merrilee Hortt has an exhibit at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center February 11th through March 27th, reception on February 11th, 5:30-7:00pm.

Please keep us informed of activities such as this so that we can pass them on to all our membership.

Masks Anyone?

ArtFest of Henderson is looking for a “mask making artist”, to run a kids contest prior to the art festival that would be displayed during the festival.



December Featured Artists, Eileen Fischer and Lynn Starr, shows why their work is so popular.

Other News

The new lease with the City has been financially helpful when we have slow sales. We no longer have housekeeping services every other week, so please maintain the cleanliness of the gallery by doing the designated housekeeping chore on your sitting day.

We still have some open seats on our board and all members are welcome to our board meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at the Gallery, 6:30pm. just to share your ideas and provide new insight.

We will take advantage of selective advertising so anyone knowing of these opportunities, please bring it to our attention. We really need a volunteer to take on Advertising and Publicity for the Co-op and Gallery.

Please call Merle at 558-0945 or painterlady@ureach.com with information or comments.



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Cooperation is the heart of a Co-op.

Upcoming Events

- **February 1** 6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
- **February 8** 6:00 p.m. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
Finger Food Pot Luck at Art à la Cart, 10 Water Street**
- **February 17** 4:00 – 9:00 **Third Thursday - Featured Artists
Reception for Kerry Pollei and Jacqueline Tritsch; please
bring a dish to pass.**
- **March 1** 6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
- **March 12** Noon-2:00 **Stroll Down the Avenue Sidewalk
Easter Parade**
- **April 12** 6:00 p.m. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Finger Food Pot Luck at Art à la Cart, 10 Water Street**

Art ReMarks
By Eileen Fischer

Signing Your Work

Have you ever wondered about the way you should sign your artwork? There are several ways to do so, but always keeping in mind that it should never overwhelm the piece. Size of your signature or logo should be small, located somewhere on the side and bottom of the work itself. The signature should be natural and easily identifiable with you, but be careful of the signature color-- many artists use black, but that color may be too invasive. Instead, opt for a softer tone that better flatters your work. If you wish to add day and date as part of your signature, please do so, but it is not necessary.

The signature does two things: it automatically copyrights your work and lets the viewer know who did it as well. Forget to sign the work?!--not to worry... authentication and evaluation papers on the back covers you, but if you CAN take the work apart without too much fuss in order to sign the piece, do so. (More later on authentication and evaluation papers).

Mark Your Calendar for Future Third Thursdays

February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15