

## City Lights Artists' Co-op *News Update -December, 2005*

**The Membership Meeting** on *Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Art a la Cart*, after enjoying the good food provided by our members, completed the voting for the new slate of officers for the Board of City Lights Artists' Co-op for fiscal year 2006 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2006.

The new Board members are:

President: Richard Blanchard

Vice President: Robert Cranley

Secretary: Stephanie Rose

Treasurer: Jacqueline Tritsch

Gallery Director: Merle Blair

Asst. Gallery Director: Al Matwiejow

Members at Large: Bobbi Braatz-Strote and Richard Kielhorn

Volunteer Position: Membership telephone communication: Joy Prendergast.

**Membership Dues:** *Just a reminder to all Co-op members that your yearly dues for the Co-op are due in January.* \$24.00 must be paid to continue your membership.

Membership fees have been prorated throughout the year so that all renewals are in January. You must be timely to retain your artist number and keep your work in the gallery and on the website. Remember that these monies go to support our mini grants and educational programs that are being planned for you the artist.

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

The Third Thursday Reception of November 17<sup>th</sup> was a good night!. *Our Featured Artists, Lynn Starr and Bill Ruth* displayed their beautiful works of art.

*Our Featured Artists for the month of December are Eileen Fischer and Joy*

*Prendergast.* Please plan to attend their reception on *December 15<sup>th</sup>* and support your fellow artists! Your contribution of something for the food table would be welcomed.

Invite all your friends to attend Third Thursday and the Featured Artist Reception and do some Christmas shopping!

### **Welcome New Member: Steve Russell**

**Ribbon Awards:** Encourage all Visitors to vote....you may be the recipient of this award!

The Visitors Choice Award for November is Barbara Beccue for her lovely oil painting "Old Wall Beautified".

**Gallery Changeover:** will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006. No work can be in the gallery more than six months. Your artwork may be all or partially changed on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm.. Notice to all artists...**you must make new inventory sheets on this date.** You may transfer your data, but new sheets must be done. Volunteers to help on this day are needed. Thank you.

All artists planning to show in the gallery may schedule their work days for the next quarter now. Would you like to be one of the Featured Artists in the next six months? Schedule your preferred date with Merle NOW.

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylightsart.com](http://www.citylightsart.com) is looking marvelous. Be sure to get your artwork onto the virtual gallery. There is no charge for Co-op members. Wendy will assist you at [wendy@aweecat.com](mailto:wendy@aweecat.com). We are pleased to announce that we have had a sale from the website. Remember to tell clients that the sales from the website are subject to Nevada sales tax and shipping charges.

**Board Meetings:** all members are invited to attend the board meetings. Your input and suggestions are needed and welcomed. The next Board meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Gallery.

As the reins of leadership are being passed to Richard Blanchard, the Board discussed where we would be concentrating our efforts in the next year. Items discussed included a progression of the chairs to provide a stronger continuity; the promotion of artists custom and commissioned work; development of programs and speakers for our member meetings to encourage participation; having special events; having critique sessions.

Richard is planning a member meeting in February that will be spectacular...plan to attend!

**Other News:** Richard and Merle attended the Downtown Henderson Business Association meeting on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and contributed to ideas to improve the Water Street District. We heard about the redevelopment plans for the area that includes a new events center by the Convention Center, new street lights, increased pedestrian lighting, wider sidewalks, street furniture, sidewalk shade trees, as well as all the new buildings that are in the process of being built or planned for the near future. Many of the buildings will have retail on ground floor, offices on second floor and residential above (built in customers!). Some new restaurants are expected and the area we currently occupy will be geared toward entertainment as well as retail.

The City Lights Artists' Co-op and Nevada Arts of Nevada co-hosted a luncheon and auction last month and raised money for six mini grants for Henderson and Las Vegas Art teachers. Some of these projects will be show cased at receptions at the Gallery in the New Year. The Board approved that the requests for grants that came in late for the event will be honored by City Lights Artists' Co-op.

The change over at City Hall will occur in January...dates for delivery of new art and pickup of your art coming out of City Hall will be announced.

**Reminder:**

If you need to make gallery sitting schedule changes, remember it is your responsibility to exchange your sitting date with another artist. Merle will help you and needs to know of the changes you make.

Remember that your commitment is for the quarter and it is not appropriate to "quit" the gallery or to remove your artwork before the end of that time.

If your artwork from the gallery during your quarterly commitment is sold outside the gallery, 20% commission is due the gallery.

Should an emergency situation exist that prevents you from sitting, you must contribute to the sitters fund to pay for some-one to sit in your place.