

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

Membership Meeting: Please join us on *Tuesday, June 14th 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. Spouses are welcome! After some announcements we will have a program. Bring one piece of your art work; maybe you need some input or just take a few minutes and share your latest endeavors. We had some interesting items at the last meeting. Bring an artist friend to join the Co-op! Many thanks to our Vice-President, Karen Barrett for opening her place of business for us to enjoy these meetings. The next member meeting will be on August 9th, 2005.

Membership Dues: Just a reminder to sitters when they give out applications to prospective members that the Co-op dues of \$24.00 are prorated monthly; therefore new members pay \$2.00 less each month past January when they join so that we are able to keep January as the renewal month. (\$16 in May)

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Third Thursday Reception of April 21st was an exciting event with the gallery milling with people from 4:30 to 8:30pm. *Our Featured Artists, Angelo Cervantes, Stephanie Rose and Rita Malkin and Student Artist, Carolyn LaBuda*, outdid themselves with two tables of food and punch as well as a magnificent display of their unique Artwork. Everyone enjoyed the guitar music supplied by Rade.

Artists willing to demonstrate at other Water Street businesses during the Third Thursday event, please let me know..there is no longer a fee required to do to display and demonstrate at another business on Third Thursday.

Check the website for a list of Featured Artists scheduled for the next six months. All artists who show in the gallery are eligible.

Our Featured Artists for the month of May will be our own Webmaster and artist in acrylics, Wendy Adams and exciting young artist, Neil Kesterson. Please plan to attend their reception on May 19th as we will be having a grand time! Your contribution of something for the food table would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome New Members: Roberta (Bobbi, please) Braatz-Stote, Billie Jo Craig and Sandra Knox. Watch for their beautiful work is in the gallery.

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

All sitting artists, please be sure to vote for the "Artists Choice" award for this quarter, especially with all the new work and new artists now in the gallery. The votes will be counted soon! The *Visitors Choice Award for April is Dolores Nast for "Spanish Fruit"*.

Student Display: we again have the work of a talented Foothill High School Student on display. Allison Knapp's artwork will be displayed in the gallery and on our website for the month of May and she will also invite her friends and family to the Third Thursday celebration on May 19th.

Gallery Changeover: We will have the next changeover on June 25th 10-2pm...a week early due to the July 4th long weekend. Remember, special arrangements must be made in advance if you cannot make that date. Work that has been in the gallery for 3 months may be changed; work that

has been in the gallery for 6 months must be changed. We need volunteers to help first time artists with paperwork and to hang the artwork.

City Lights Web Site: www.citylightsart.com We have a couple more new artists in the virtual gallery. Now is the time for you to get in there!!! Our webmaster, Wendy Adams will be happy to help you at 493-0609 or wendy@awebcat.com. Let her know if you have a website that can be linked to City Lights. You only have to be a City Lights Artists' Co-op member to be in the virtual gallery and not necessarily in the City Lights Art Gallery and there is no charge at this time!!!. Let us know if you have an individual show or item to put in the news letter or website calendar. Check out the website frequently as we are always posting new items about art shows to participate in or to visit as well as Co-op and Gallery news. Newsletters are mailed only to our members who do not have e-mail.

Board Meetings and Open Positions: Please all remember that all members are welcome to attend our board meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at the Gallery, 6:30pm. We welcome your ideas, input and help.

We are still in need a volunteer to take on as **Advertising and Publicity Director** for the Co-op as well as some help for Richard Blanchard who is acting **Outside Venue Co-ordinator**. A **Hospitality Director** to co-ordinate the monthly events would be of great help to re-distribute some of the many hours that is put forth by a few people to assure successful events at our Gallery. Your help can always be used when sitting at the gallery for smaller tasks...check with Merle.

We are actively seeking a Henderson artist to be **Gallery Director** as it is necessary that this person be easily on-site to assure the co-ordination of the daily as well as the special events of the Gallery. Please contact the Board with your interest. Prior experience not required and lots of assistance will be provided to get started.

New Opportunities: The Board is putting together plans so that the members may have a private show of their artwork in the gallery on a Sunday. The basic premise is that you may have a private or joint show, provide a donation to the gallery for its use, all advertising and sales of your work would be your responsibility, all gallery items sold during your show would be put through the gallery as usual, you would be responsible for having a Co-op member present for these sales. Stephanie Rose has already booked the first weekend in December.

Downtown Henderson Business Association is planning a fall art show. City Lights will have a free booth and our artists will have discounted booth space (\$225 instead of \$275) as well the jury fee being waived. This event will probably be Halloween weekend. Watch for more information. Are you in the Clark County Cultural Department Registry? Call 455-8175 for more information. Check our website regularly for new opportunities around the valley.

Members in the News: Dolores Nast was chosen as one of the artists for ZAP, a Street Furniture Art Project in the Winchester Arts Neighborhood. Congratulations!

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 before the end of that time. However should an emergency situation exist, you must contribute to the sitters fund to pay for some-one to sit in your place. You can schedule for the next quarter now.