

City Lights Artists' Co-op News Update -June, 2005

REMINDER...Please be at the Membership Meeting 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 a brief meeting, we will have a program. We had some fun stuff at the last meeting. Karen promises us an interesting demonstration! Bring one piece of your artwork; maybe you want some in-put on a troubled area or to just share your latest endeavors. Ask an artist friend to join us for the evening and join the Co-op! Many thanks to our Vice-President, Karen Barrett for opening her place of business for us to enjoy these meetings.

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. (\$14 in June)

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Third Thursday Reception of May 19th was a great event with live broadcasting by KWNR from Art ala Carte right on Water Street. *Our Featured Artists, Wendy Adams, Neil Kesterson and student artist, Allison Knapp*, enjoyed the multitudes of people and everyone enjoyed the food, punch and the guitar music supplied by Rade.

We have a vacancy for a Featured Artist in August...Please call Merle.

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 June will be At Large Board Member, Richard Blanchard and President, Merle Blair. They have both sent out a bundle of invitations and we expect a great crowd! Please plan to attend their reception on June 16th and support your board members! Your contribution of something for the food table would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome New Members: Barbara Beccue, Elora Broyles, Sandra Knox, Cyd Madsen, and Scott Nadeau .We look forward to seeing your artwork in the gallery and your participation in Co-op activities.

Ribbon Awards: Encourage all Visitors to vote...you may be the recipient of this award! The Visitors Choice Award for May as well as the Artists Choice Award for the Quarter goes to *r.j. (Bobbie) Braatz-Strote for her painting "Morning Coffee"*. Congratulations!

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 to bring your work in early 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. Please contact Merle if you can help.

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@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 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 value and welcome your ideas, input and help.

We are still 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-coordinator**. A **Hospitality Director is needed** to co-ordinate the monthly events and 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. Your **President**, Merle Blair, is coming to the end of her second term and our by-laws require that a new member be elected as President for next year. She promises to give the new President a lot of help!

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 holding their first annual Water Street District **Celebration of the Arts**. 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 be Halloween weekend. You should have received information in the mail; if not there is an application form on the bulletin board in the gallery. We need volunteers to man the Gallery booth.

There will be a change over of the **City Hall Art Display** the week of July 11th. You will be notified when to bring your art to the gallery and to fill out all the necessary paperwork. We need some volunteers to help with this project.

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.

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. If you plan to have your artwork in the gallery the next quarter, please schedule your sitting days with Merle now for July, August and September.