

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

**REMINDER...the next Membership Meeting** is on *Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 have a program. We had an interesting demonstration from Karen and some sharing of artwork. Bring one piece of your artwork for "Show and Tell". 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. (\$12 in July)

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

The Third Thursday Reception of June 16th was a great fun! *Our Featured Artists, Merle Blair, Richard Blanchard and student artist, Corielle Thomas*, enjoyed family and friends as well as Third Thursday visitors. Everyone enjoyed the abundance of food, punch and the guitar music supplied by Rade.

*Our Featured Artists for the month of July will be Esther (Etel) Surany and Norm Johnson.* Foothill student, Carolyn LaBuda is also back with us. Norm says he will be e-mailing about 400 people so we expect a great crowd! Please plan to attend their reception on July 21st and support your fellow artists! Your contribution of something for the food table is always appreciated.

**Welcome New Members:** Robert Dawson, Nancy Dawson and Patricia Lee. 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 June was Richard Blanchard for Creation. All sitters are reminded to vote for their favorite artwork.

**Gallery Changeover:** on June 25<sup>th</sup>, was accomplished in one day thanks to the wonderful help of Jan Butler and Anneliese Kielhorn who helped the new artists with inventory; and Richard Kielhorn who manned the desk and kept all the "shared expenses" fees straight and many thanks to Dick Barrett who helped with the moving and hanging of all the artwork. Merle is forever grateful for your wonderful help! The next quarter change over will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. (early by 6 days as Merle is going on vacation)

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylightsart.com](http://www.citylightsart.com) Now is the time for you to get on the virtual gallery!!! Our webmaster, Wendy Adams will be happy to help you at 493-0609 or [wendy@aweecat.com](mailto:wendy@aweecat.com). 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 a web site you would like linked to ours or 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. Many thanks to Wendy for making our website so great!

**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. Many members have had some wonderful suggestions but we need help to accomplish them!

How about someone willing 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 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. Please consider volunteering some of your time.

**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. You may have a private or joint show; provide a donation to the gallery for its use. Expect to see the Policy and Procedure soon online. 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Your work must have been at the gallery by Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

The **Henderson Chamber of Commerce** held a "mixer" for the **Downtown Henderson Business Association** (we are members of both organizations) at Asset Realty on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. City Lights had an ad in the "Passport" handout and a narrative about the Gallery during the Tram Rides as well as one of our brochures in each of the giveaway bags that about 200 Henderson business representatives received. We also gave away two Gift Certificates. Your President attended and won a small flower display!

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, you can schedule your sitting preferences early with Merle for October, November and December.

ArtRemarks, by Eileen Fischer

"Making the Artist"

"Author W. Fifield speaks of Modigliani (painter, sculptor,

19th c)in his book, in the following manner, emphasizing the primary goal of what is described as that of the "serious and aspiring artist."

"The elan vital had been misunderstood...The artist's creation was the artist, and he must ever surpass himself. The artist he made would make the art, in that rapidity of arabesques too swift for seeing. But the artist he made had to be an increase of himself."

The elan vital is the creative force within the artist: always growing and producing results to be expressed by the artist. Whether you use art as a creative hobby or plan to produce art for posterity--and income--the elan vital comes into play in spite of your self. With each work we produce, we increase our artistic prowess and sharpen the elan vital...  
in other words, we get better and better whether we planned on doing so or not.

Here's to the mysterious elan vital---may it produce for us creations for fun, profit, and posterity...and an increase in the understanding of ourselves."