

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

**Did you Remember?...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. (\$10 in August)

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

The Third Thursday Reception of July 16<sup>th</sup> was a great fun! **Our Featured Artists, Norm Johnson and Esther (Etel) Surany**, enjoyed an abundance of family and friends as well as Third Thursday visitors. We had lots of food, punch, wine and the guitar music supplied by Rade. A nice write-up in the Sun about City Lights was done by one of Norm's guests.

**Our Featured Artists for the month of August will be Anneliese Kielhorn and r.j.(Bobbi)Braatz-Strote** . Please plan to attend their reception on August 18<sup>th</sup> and support your fellow artists! Your contribution of something for the food table is always appreciated.

**Welcome New Members:** Dwain Seppala has joined the Co-op. 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 July was "Whales Tail", a sculpture by Norm Johnson. The Artists Choice award for this quarter was Aileen Dike for her watercolor, "Reflections".

**Gallery Changeover:** 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) is looking better than ever! We are adding new items all the time. 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@awebcat.com](mailto:wendy@awebcat.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. 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! Repeating yet again...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, and provide a donation to the gallery for its use. The policy has been approved and is available on-line, posted in the gallery and mailed to those members with no computer.

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 October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. They have extended the deadline so you can still get in.

We have the opportunity to have free booth space at "Jazz at the Highlands", August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Dragon Ridge Country Club. We need volunteers for the booth and you can display and sell your artwork. Call Merle ASAP.

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