

City Lights Artists' Co-op

News Update -September, 2005

Important Announcement...the next Membership Meeting is on *Tuesday, November 8th^h at 6pm at Art a la Cart, #10 Water Street.* The last meeting was not well attended...too hot and too many of you on holidays! It is critical that we have everyone possible in attendance at the next meeting as Elections for the Board of Directors must be accomplished. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month in one of our vacating positions to keep our Co-op and Gallery going. This will be a Pot Luck...fun for everyone; spouses invited.

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. (\$8 in September)

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Third Thursday Reception of August 18th was a great fun!. ***Our Featured Artists, r.j. (Bobbi) Braatz-Strote and Anneliese Kielhorn*** enjoyed an abundance of family and friends as well as Third Thursday visitors. We had lots of food, punch and wine and some sales!

Our Featured Artists for the month of September are Tom McGrath and Steve Hanson. Please plan to attend their reception on ***September 15th*** and support your fellow artists! Your contribution of something for the food table is always appreciated.

A DHBA and Third Thursday committee is meeting regularly to promote this event. Postcards for the September 15th event provided by the City were sent out to some of our visitors list.

Other news:

The City is working on a possible weekly Thursday event downtown that would be located on Pacific Ave. This event has been very successful in St. George and all businesses can benefit from the visitors to the area from 5 to 10 pm every Thursday. We will have to consider a new work schedule for that day, perhaps 12 noon to 8 pm. Have you an innovative idea that will draw people from Pacific down to Water Street and how we can implement it?

The Board approved a new winter work schedule from 10am to 5 pm. (10 to 1:30 and 1:30 to 5 for half day people.) This is due to the early onset of night that is coming soon. We would like to open on Mondays again. We need enough artists to cover the extra 4-5 days per month. Can you work on a Monday?

Expect a phone call and answer some questions about how we all can improve the Co-op and Gallery. We will post the questions on the web site. The suggestions will be acted upon as we are able to do so. Your input is vital.

Welcome New Members: Judith Dettre, Myrna Strasner, Lorraine Tacardon and Dan Varvar. 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 August was Steve Hanson for his Photography, "The Falls". The Artists Choice award for this quarter was Aileen Dike for her watercolor, "Reflections".

Remember to vote for artist choice award for the new quarter in October. All votes from the gallery sitters must be cast by the end of October.

Gallery Changeover: The next quarter change over will be September 24th. (one week early as Merle is going on vacation!) Please bring your artworks to the gallery between 10am and 2pm. All work that has been in the gallery for six months must be exchanged for new work.

If you have a schedule problem with that day, please contact Merle to make other arrangements. **It would be appreciated if some artists would assist the new artists with their inventory etc. on that day.** Call Merle if you can help.

City Lights Web Site: www.citylightsart.com is looking great! 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@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. Many thanks to Wendy for making our website look so good!

Board Meetings and Open Positions: Please remember that all members are welcome to attend our board meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at the Gallery, 6:30pm. (No meeting in October) 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?**

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.

Sitters are reminded of their housekeeping duties so that we maintain a beautiful clean environment for artists and visitors.

Board Positions to be filled:

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 will be electing a new **Secretary** and **Vice-President** as Stephanie and Karen have come to the end of their terms. We only need you to donate a few hours a month to keep a viable Co-op and Gallery.

Merle has agreed to stay on as Gallery Director.

Be sure to attend the November meeting so that you can elect a new Board of Directors.. We really need some participation from other Co-op members to be able to continue. Do you want to lose this valuable opportunity to display and sell your art work?

New Opportunities:

Downtown Henderson Business Association is holding their first annual Water Street District *Celebration of the Arts* in downtown Henderson on October 29th and 30th. If you are not participating, please attend and help make the event a success.

No new outside venues through the gallery...if you have a good contact, please call Richard Blanchard and let us try to get our artwork out in some new places.

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 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.

If you plan to have your artwork in the gallery the next quarter, please schedule your sitting preferences now with Merle for October, November and December.