

# **City Lights Artists' Co-op**

## *The Lantern- News Update November, 2006*

**The Membership Meeting** was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at #10 Water Street and was attended by sufficient members for a quorum. There was much discussion regarding the disconcerting news that we may lose the ability to sublease #10 Water Street as the City might take over the suites. Many suggestions were made as to possibilities of uses that City Lights Artists' Co-op could utilize to have the facility open several days per week, including having classes, and discussing with other organizations such as Vegas Artists Guild an opportunity to show their artwork in return for sitting duties. It appeared to be the consensus of members present that the facility could be of a great advantage to the Co-op and that we should continue to pursue its acquisition.

The Elections were held and the following slate of Officers of the City Lights Artists' Co-op Board of Directors for 2007 was unanimously elected.

President; Robert Cranley

Vice President; Andrea Harne,

Secretary: Libby Garry,

Treasurer: Jacqueline Tritsch,

Gallery Director: Merle Blair,

Asst. Gallery Director: Al Matwiejow,

Member At Large: Richard Kielhorn,

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Membership Director: Open and duties currently being fulfilled by Gallery Director.

Membership Phone Coordinator: (not a Board Member) Joy Prendergast.

Libby Garry agreed to step into the vacant Secretary position this month.

Following the meeting, an excellent film was shown on the artistic techniques of painting mountains using both watercolor and oil.

**The next Membership/Educational Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** This will be held at #10 Water Street, we will be presenting a film. The Board has been seeking other educational speakers within our membership for the meetings. Schedule a date and share your ideas and skills with your fellow artists. Outside speakers will also be sought if the membership is willing to support the efforts to make these arrangements. Let the Board know which day of the month/week is best for you to attend a meeting. Members also are encouraged to bring in a piece of art work for short discussion and critique. If this is helpful to our members we can establish a night for more intensive sharing of ideas as well as critique.

**Membership Dues:** Often while sitting the gallery we are approached by artists interested in joining our Co-op and Gallery. Remember, that new member dues are usually prorated throughout the year but during November and December, the dues will be incorporated into 2007 dues and new members will pay \$24.00.

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

***Our Featured Artists for the month of October are Robert Cranley and John Ribitch.*** We all have been in awe of the beautiful wood turning work that Robert

**has in our gallery. John has some unique photography. Both their displays deserve a visit to the Gallery on Third Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Last month had more than 100 visitors to the gallery and sales were lively....so be sure to join the festivities.**

*The Featured Artist for September, Jack Stiddard and Rainer Bertrams* had a great reception with a steady flow of over 100 visitors and good sales.

*Jan Bennett* was Featured Artist at Asset Realty, where there was an increased flow of visitors. Asset Realty is looking for other artists to do demonstrations at Third Thursday. Please let Merle know when you can participate.

### **Ribbon Awards:**

The Visitors Choice Ribbon Award for October goes to Barbara Beccue for her oil painting, "*Golden Ballerina*". Congratulations!

The Artists Choice Ribbon Award had 19 votes with 13 artists receiving votes! The Ribbon was awarded to new to the gallery artist, Krystina Oborny for her acrylic rendering "*Cowgirl*". So close in votes there must be honorable mention to Felice Sacks for "*Moroccan Theme*" and Barbara Beccue for "*Old Wall Beautified*".

Isn't it wonderful to see our new artists being appreciated by their fellow artists?!

### **Gallery:**

It's time to sign up to be one of the Featured Artists....we have openings any time in the New Year. You must be an exhibiting gallery member. It's a wonderful opportunity to get the window space to display extra artwork and to invite your friends and family to your Featured Artist Reception on Third Thursday. Sales are always better on those occasions. Look for Sherry Richardson and Al Matwiejow in December. Let Merle know what month will be good for you. The new cleaning schedule appears to be working well and we continue to hear compliments as to the cleanliness of our Gallery. Thank you all!

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylightsart.com](http://www.citylightsart.com) is available at no charge to City Lights Co-op members. Be sure to get your work on-line or perhaps, change the work you have there now. Wendy Adams, our very capable webmaster will assist you at [sales@citylightsart.com](mailto:sales@citylightsart.com). Check the website for other news announcements of happenings around town, as well as our Featured Artists. There are some great links to other websites for your perusal.

**Board Meetings:** all members are invited to attend the board meetings. Your input and suggestions are needed and welcomed. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Gallery.

### **Other News:**

We still have a lot of craft supplies that were donated to us available at wonderful prices. You can still visit #10 Water Street and make some purchases. As we may lose the access to the building soon, we suggest that you shop early! Remember, the proceeds of the sale support your Co-op. Al Matwiejow continues to be a marvelous salesperson and we have netted over \$2500.00

If you have news items for the newsletter, please let Merle know before the end of each month.