

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update December, 2006

The next Membership Meeting will be held December 7th at 6:30 pm at #10 Water Street. It will be a POTLUCK....everyone is invited and bring your significant other! Bring a \$10 wrapped Christmas gift labeled with the same sex as you, i.e.: labeled for male if you are one and ladies you know what to do! We will have a gift exchange, some prizes and a raffle. The business meeting will be short as we discuss plans for #10 as the City has agreed to lease the facility to the Co-op. ALL the contents, furnishings as well as craft supplies, books, etc. have been donated to the Co-op....so we have almost everything we need to start this new business as an extension to our gallery.

We are planning to display and sell crafts as well as fine art so all of you talented people will have a place for your other creations. We believe we will become well known for our handmade jewelry as we already have a member who will spearhead this activity. We have people interested in teaching classes and we will set aside space for that as well as meetings. Be sure to let us know the most convenient days for you for both classes and meetings. Be sure to tell all your friends that space will soon be available for both fine artists and crafters. Do you or do you know anyone who would like to teach a class?

The other project that we will be discussing is the development of a cookbook that will be a tribute to Tom McGrath. Tom was a Co-op member whose family had donations made to the Co-op in his memory.

The cook book will provide our artists an opportunity to not only share your favorite recipe, but also feature some of your artwork. They then will be sold as a donation to the Co-op and continue to support our mini-grant program.

Plan to attend and share your creative ideas and a little of your time we plan these activities.

Membership Dues: *Its time to start renewing your membership in the Co-op. They are due in January.* 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 December are Sherry Richardson and Al Matwiejow. We all have been thrilled by the imaginative glass work Sherry has on display in the gallery. Our Assistant Gallery Director, Al, who we would not survive without, has some new work in the window. Both their displays deserve a visit to the Gallery on Third Thursday, December 21st. It's a great time to do that last minute Christmas shopping!

The Featured Artists for October were Robert Cranley and John Ribitch. They had a fun reception and some good sales.

Asset Realty is looking for other artists to do demonstrations at Third Thursday. Please let Merle know when you can participate.

New Members: Norma Sigretto and Arlene Mc Kinley. Welcome

Ribbon Awards:

The Visitors Choice Ribbon Award for November goes to *Barbara Beccue for "Old Wall Beautified"*. Congratulations!

Be sure to remind visitors to vote, the next ribbon winner could be you.

Gallery:

Its 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.

Remember there will be an art changeover on January 6th, 2007 from 10-2pmall work that has been in the gallery for 6 months must be changed. New artists will bring their artwork in from 10 am to 12 noon. *You all may begin scheduling your work days in the gallery with Merle now.*

Assistant Gallery Director Al Matwiejow is in need of some assistance. It is extremely difficult for him to climb ladders anymore; in fact he recently took a tumble off the ladder in front of the gallery putting up Christmas decorations. If you can help him out please give him your phone number to call for some assistance. Your help is really appreciated.

City Lights Web Site: 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 web-master will assist you at 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, December 19th at 5:30 pm at the Gallery. As we are taking on some new projects, your help is even more critical.

Other News:

We still have a lot of craft supplies that were donated to us available at wonderful prices. You can still visit #10Water Street and make some purchases. Come to the Potluck on the 7th and stock up on supplies at a great price.

Eileen Fischer recently illustrated a book, including the cover, titled "Up the IV Pole" that will be going to press soon.

Check out the Saatchi on-line Gallery from London, England. Several of our members have their work on this web site.

The Winter Art Festival in Boulder City on January 13th & 14th still has a few spaces available, especially a couple good ones for glass and jewelry artists. Call Boulder City Art Guild at 293-2138 for more information. This is an inside show, smaller space and reasonable cost.

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