

## City Lights Artists' Co-op *News Update –February, 2006*

**Reminder.....The Next Membership Meeting** will be held at the Henderson Convention Center on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Our President, Richard Blanchard has arranged for **lunch** and a great teaching video. A notice was sent out telling you about this wonderful video. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and attend this meeting. Bring the questionnaire that has been distributed to you all so that future programs can be geared to your specific needs. Bring an artist friend to participate in this educational opportunity and to join our Co-op. You will be receiving a phone call so that we can estimate how many will be attending for lunch.

**Membership Dues:** *Just a reminder to all Co-op members that your yearly dues for the Co-op were due in January.* \$24.00 must be paid to continue your membership. Membership fees have been prorated throughout the year so that all renewals are in January. You must be timely to retain your artist number and keep your work in the gallery and on the website or any outside venues that we have such as City Hall. Remember that these monies go to support our mini grants and the Board is currently designing regularly scheduled educational programs for the members.

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

*Our Featured Artists for the month of February are Aileen Dike and Al Matwiejow.* Aileen is a wonderful watercolorist and has been the recipient of both Visitor Choice and Artist Choice Ribbon Awards in our Gallery. Al is our valued Assistant Gallery Director and contributes art in many media. He recently had a sale from our City Hall exhibit. Their reception will be on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Your participation in this event will help make it a success and show support for these artists.

*The First Featured Artists for 2006, Barbara Beccue, Artist in Oils and Karl Zemann*, a marvelous photographer, enjoyed their reception on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a nice flow of visitors most of the evening and there were a few sales.

**Welcome New Members:** There are no new members to report in January, but many applications have been handed out to interested artists.

**Ribbon Awards:** Encourage all Visitors to vote....you may be the recipient of this award! The Visitors Choice Award for January was *Barbara Beccue* for her oil painting, "Bird of Paradise". The Artist Choice for the Quarter goes to *Eileen Fischer* for "Happy Red Sweater". Congratulation!

**Gallery Changeover:** The next change over will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone not currently in the gallery should consider showing their artwork in the next quarter. Let Merle know. So that she can start the work schedule.

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylightsart.com](http://www.citylightsart.com) is looking marvelous. When scanning other sites, we can be proud to say ours looks the best! This is due to the diligence of our webmaster, Wendy Adams. Be sure to get your artwork onto the virtual gallery. There is no charge for Co-op

members. Wendy will assist you at [sales@citylightsart.com](mailto:sales@citylightsart.com) Remember to pay your dues so that you can continue to participate and we did have a sale recently!

**Board Meetings:** all members are invited to attend the board meetings. Your input and suggestions are needed and welcomed. The next Board meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at the Gallery.

**Other News:** The Board approved a grant application for a Henderson Art teacher at Foothill High School. We have been enjoying the artwork of her students in the gallery. We would like to have representation from other local high schools. Do you know any of the art teachers that you could approach and have them get their student work in our Gallery?

**The change over at City Hall** will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. You must have your new artwork, 2-3 framed pieces, at the gallery the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> and work must be in the gallery by February 18<sup>th</sup>. You must complete all the paperwork when you drop off your art. The work coming out of City Hall will be available at the Gallery after February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are pleased to report that we have had **another sale of artwork out of the City Hall exhibit**. Get your artwork to the Galley to be included in this Exhibit.

Our President, Richard Blanchard, is hoping to establish one night a month to have a **“Critique Night at the Gallery”**. You can bring in that piece of work that just doesn’t “sing” yet and get constructive input or you can just attend, participate in the critique and learn! What night would be good for you? Do you have any suggestions to make it a fun night as well as instructional? Maybe order in Pizza?

The Board is currently working on having the Co-op and Gallery included in a “coffee table” book, **“Nevada Treasures.”** There will be a narrative and pictures. These books will be available for purchase in the gallery probably late this year and will be available in many bookstores throughout Nevada as well as other states and possibly in Europe as the first printing will be 50,000 books.

**Reminder:**

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.