

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

**The Membership Meeting** held at the Henderson Convention Center on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm was very well attended with about 50 artists and friends there to enjoy the wonderful luncheon spread that President Richard Blanchard provided. The video presentation by Daniel Greene demonstrating his technique on portraiture was great and all who attended took home new ideas and incentive. We also saw part of a filming of sculpture by our own Bill Richardson. He does amazing work!

Richard also discussed the plans to establish a “Henderson School of Art” to be located at 6 Water Street, Just down the street from the Gallery. He has met with the City and has submitted paperwork to the Planning Commission. This will be an exciting venture in which all of us will have an opportunity to participate. More news will be forth coming about opening dates for classes, meeting space, etc. Your help get the place ready for occupancy once we get the key will be appreciated

**Membership Dues:** *Just a reminder to all Co-op members that your yearly dues for the Co-op were due in January.* Those members who do not renew by March 15<sup>th</sup> will be dropped from the membership roster and will not receive e-mails, etc., so please remit your \$24.00 to the Gallery as soon as possible. You do not want to miss all the exciting opportunities that your membership provides.

Remember, when sitting at the gallery, that new member dues are prorated throughout the year...March dues will be \$20.00.

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

***Our Featured Artists for the month of March are Robert Cranley and Mary Villanueva Tuomy.*** Bob, our Vice President, is a wood turner and his beautiful bowls add so much to our Gallery. Mary is a marvelous artist in oil and we all enjoy her paintings of Italy and other places she has traveled. Their reception will be on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. An addition to the refreshment/snack table would be appreciated.

***The Featured Artists for February, Al Matwiejow (Al Who) and Aileen Dike***, enjoyed their reception on February 16th. We had a nice flow of visitors most of the evening and there were a few sales.

We are also planning to have the artwork of one of our mini-grant recipients from Robert Lake Elementary School displayed on Third Thursday. This is the first that we are showcasing and hope that we will be able to have more in the future.

**Welcome New Members:** Donna Wright and Rainer Bertrams.

We look forward to seeing your artworks 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 January was ***Barbara Beccue*** for her oil painting, “Bird of Paradise”. And it sold! The Visitor Choice Award for February is ***Dwain Seppala*** for his much remarked upon painting “***Man Who Yells at His Children***”. Congratulations!

**Gallery Changeover:** The next change over will be April 8<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. If you expect to be out of town on that date please call Merle to plan an alternate date.

**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 [wendy@aweecat.com](mailto:wendy@aweecat.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 March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Gallery.

### **Other News:**

*The change over at City Hall* was on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your artwork that was taken down is available for pickup at the gallery now. We submitted 45 pieces and 3 were returned as they had been previously hung at City Hall and they want new work each hanging. Be sure to go over to City Hall and view our exhibit. City Hall employees also have an exhibit now.

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Our President, Richard Blanchard, plans 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? Please respond so that this educational venue can be made available to all our members.

The Board is looking at two new outside venues including the Chamber of Commerce. We will let you know more details and when to submit your artwork.

Don’t forget to schedule with Merle to be one of our Featured Artists. You must be showing in the gallery for the quarter that you are featured. It is an excellent opportunity to have your work displayed in the window and extra sales are generated at the reception.

The Co-op and Gallery have been selected to be 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.

City Lights member, **Ernie Leissa**, is Featured Artist in the Boulder City Art Guild Gallery in the Boulder Dam Hotel. His reception is Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Our webmaster, **Wendy Adams** has a one person show coming up at Liberty Pointe Gallery.

If anyone has a show coming up or something to brag about, let Merle know by the end of the month to get it in the next newsletter. Its always fun to visit other exhibits and support our artist friends.

Don't forget the Visiting Artist exhibit at the Art Center in Boulder City at ABC Park, next to the Library on Adams Blvd. in Boulder City. The reception is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm with **Chinese Brush Painting** demonstration by Boulder City Art Guild member Douglas Sneed at 2pm.

**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.