

City Lights Artists' Co-op

News Update –April, 2006

The Next Membership Meeting will be held at the Saturn Dealership in Car Country on Gibson Road in Henderson on **Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm**. An exciting video presentation will be shown...another opportunity for us to learn and grow! So be sure to mark your calendar as you don't want to miss this.

We are looking forward to the completion of all the necessary paperwork to proceed with the "Henderson School of Art". We will then have a meeting place close to the gallery and will be able to offer a monthly educational presentation. Be sure to let Richard know of your interests and best day for you to attend.

Membership Dues:

Remember, when sitting at the gallery, that new member dues are prorated throughout the year...Aprils dues are \$18.00.

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artists for the month of April are r.j. (Bobbi) Braatz-Strote and Richard Blanchard. Bobbi is displaying her beautiful oil paintings and our talented in multi-medias and President, Richard has on display the largest painting ever exhibited in our Gallery! Their reception will be on Thursday, April 20th. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar and plan to attend. An addition to the refreshment/snack table would be appreciated.

The Featured Artists for March, Mary Villanueva Tuomy and Robert Cranley enjoyed a marvelous reception with crowds of visitors and lots of sales.

The Downtown Henderson Business Association is actively promoting Third Thursday and we are expecting a continued increase in visitors. It is really exciting when the gallery is packed with visitors...come down and join us!

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

We also had one of our members, Victoria doing caricatures. Everyone enjoyed that a lot and we hope that she will be back next Third Thursday. She did a great likeness of our Asst. Gallery Director, Al Who.

Welcome New Members: Charles (Dave) Murphy, Angelia Marlett, Andrea Harne, Jack Stiddard, Rainer (R.B.) Bertrams, Donna Wright, and Dennis Wills

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 Visitor Choice Award for March is our student artist from Foothill High School for his pencil work "Rosa Parks" Congratulations!

Gallery Changeover: The changeover and intake of new art took place the first week of April and we have seven new artists and a couple returning artists. All are displaying great art in the gallery. Thanks to all for helping.

City Lights Web Site: 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 and is it time to change your existing artwork? There is no charge for Co-op members. Wendy will assist you at wendy@awebeat.com. Check the website for other news announcements of happenings around town.

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 April 18th at 5:30 pm at the Gallery.

Other News:

Our President, Richard Blanchard, plans to a visit to the gallery almost daily and visit all the exhibiting members. This will give us all the opportunity to avail ourselves of his vast art knowledge as Richard has a Masters Degree in Fine Art. He will help us with a specific piece that is giving us problems or just discuss any aspect of art or our existing work in the gallery. Do not feel “threatened” by this input as Richard feels that he will learn from us as well!

Would you like to be one of the 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. Discuss with Merle what month would be good for you.

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.

The 2006 Springsational Heritage Parade and Festival will be held Saturday, April 22nd, themed “Henderson: A Place to Call Home”. Water Street will be closed from 11pm Friday, April 21st until 5pm on Saturday, April 22nd from Major to Lake Mead. Sitters, remember to use alternate routes to get to the gallery. There will also be a Classic Car Show starting at 9am on Market Street, the Mayor and Council Pancake Breakfast at 10am on the Henderson Convention Center front lawn and a Chili Cook-off Competition commencing on Market Street at 12:30pm.

Don’t forget to visit the Boulder City Fine Arts Festival in Boulder City Bicentennial Park on April 29th and 30th. Many of our members will have booths at the Art Festival and it is a great art show with food, entertainment, drawing prizes and a great raffle for artwork that supports their scholarship fund.

April will be a month of exciting events...hope to see you all!