

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update –June, 2006

The Next Membership Meeting will be held at the Saturn Dealership in Auto Show Mall at 310 N. Gibson Road in Henderson, second floor conference room, on **Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm.** Please plan to attend and support the board members who do a great deal of work to have these presentations for you. An exciting video presentation will be shown...another opportunity for us to learn and grow! The scheduled presentation will be ***“How Professional Artists Paint Water, Lakes and Rivers”*** by Artist ***Quinton Gregory.*** Be sure to invite your artist friends as we welcome guests. We are allowed to have water ***but no food or drink please.*** This will be the last membership meeting until Fall...we hope by then to have the “Henderson School of Art” open and be able to use the facility to have our meetings. We plan to continue with videos of art demonstrations at every meeting.

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 prorated throughout the year...June dues are \$14.00.

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artists for the month of June are Stephanie Rose and Merle Blair. **Stephanie**, our Co-op Secretary, does unique and marvelous works of art using many facets of glass. **Merle**, our Gallery Director, will show her latest works in oils. Be sure to visit the gallery and attend their reception on Third Thursday, June 15th. A contribution to the food table is welcomed.

The Featured Artists for May, Steve Russell and Angelo Cervantes had a nice reception with a steady flow of visitors and many new faces. Hope you were able to attend.

The work of our Foothill High School Student, Travis Gossage is also on display.

We are also excited about displaying art from another of our Mini-Grant recipients. Teacher, Cheryl Savello from J.M. Ullom Elementary School will display a selection of work from the four 5th Grade classes that participated in the project.

Welcome New Member: Suzanne LeClair

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 Artist Choice Ribbon Award went to Andrea Harne for her lovely rendering of “Daylit Gladiolas”. The Visitors Choice Award for May goes to Anneliese Kielhorn for her Oil painting “Shady Path by the Lake”. Congratulations to you both!

Gallery: next changeover will be in the beginning of July. You can begin scheduling your work days now. Give Merle a call. Remember that all work must be changed if in the gallery for six months. Check the bulletin board as well as the website for news items regarding shows you may be interested in participating. Remember to check the Sitters Instructions as there are occasional changes. Thanks to everyone for doing their share of the housekeeping chores. The gallery always looks clean and visitors have remarked on it!

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 wendy@aweecat.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 June 20th at 5:30 pm at the Gallery.

The committee selected to plan for the Henderson School of Art has not yet met although Merle has volunteered to start working on by-laws as we have received approval from the City. The lease has not yet been signed and there is still a lot of work to do. It will be a big undertaking and any help or suggestions will be welcome.

Art ReMarks:

Just What is Genesis Paint, Anyway?

By Eileen B. Fischer, B.F.A., M.A.

As in any profession, new products pop up every year...it's difficult staying apprised of all that's going on in the products end of art, but being with City lights Art Gallery means gaining more creative info we wouldn't otherwise get. One of the better "new tools" that's come down the pike, lately, are Genesis paints.

Some of our painters swear by them...it's said that if you're going to use oils, this is one of the best ways to go! I'm hesitant, but always open minded, and today ordered a basic set of the paints and a jar of its glazing gel. I'll experiment once it lands and let you know the results. If you plan to do the same, please let me know what you think of them by e-mailing me at ei-by@earthlink.net... all this might be phooey for some of us, but I'm not anticipating any failures...just a joyous and self-fulfilling end result.

Genesis oils don't, as yet, have available the range of colors that standard oils have, but am sure the basic hues are pretty much what most of us use anyway. The paints don't dry until it's "cured". Five minutes, they say, at 250 degrees will do it....you can use your oven, embossing gun, Genesis' own gun, or special curing boxes sized to certain canvases. Me? I'm going to try my hair dryer...which works wonders on watercolors...we'll see what happens with Genesis paints...might end up with a collage of goo, but anticipate the experiment just the same.

For clean-up, soap and water, or 90% alcohol.

I'm told I can use the stuff on sculpture...and will try that, too.

Most interesting about this medium is the rapid drying time and the absence of solvents, which can harm lungs, skin and even hair...for me, that's enough of an endorsement to try the paints. Hope it is for you, too.

Other News:

Our own Anneliese Kielhorn received Third Prize at “Celebrating Life” competition in her category. Congratulations Anneliese.

No further news on the new art gallery on Water Street.

Of course we are in the middle of construction on Water Street, but there is still 2-way traffic. Apparently the cones will be up on the street for 6-8 weeks as they revise the landscaping and street fixtures. Other improvements are to the storm drain system and sewer system as well as new sidewalks, curbs, gutters and asphalt. Water Street will continue to be open with one lane in each direction.

Would you like to be one of the Featured Artists? We have an opening in July. 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 held monthly in conjunction with Third Thursday. 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.