

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update August, 2006

The Next Membership Meeting will be held at the new Henderson School of Art facility at #6 Water Street on Saturday, September 16th. At 6 pm. **This will be a potluck.** We will have the use of any day of the week so make your preference of meeting date and time known as soon as possible as it is the intent of the Board to make these educational meetings available to as many artists as possible...this includes students and other non- Co-op members.

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...August dues are \$10.00

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artists for the month of August will be Andrea Harne and Elizabeth (Libby) Garry. Libby, a multi- talented artist uses many media as you have seen hanging in our gallery. **Andrea** has works in oil in the gallery and does mural work as well. Be sure to visit the gallery and attend their reception on Third Thursday, August 17th. A contribution to the food table is most welcome. Thanks to all who contribute regularly.

The Featured Artist for July, Esther (Etel) Surany had a nice reception with a steady flow of perhaps 80 visitors and many new faces. Hope you were able to attend. Libby Garry was Featured Artist at Asset Realty. They did not have a large number of visitors so be sure to encourage visitors to visit the other businesses as well. Richard Blanchard will be Featured Artist there in August.

Welcome New Member: John Ribitch

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 must be voted for by all the artists sitting in the gallery so be sure to cast your ballot when you next sit in the gallery before August 15th. The Visitors Choice Award for July goes to Foothill High School Student Carolyn LaBuda for her drawing entitled "Ada"...Congratulations.

Gallery:

Remember to read the Sitters Instructions as there are changes in the Cash Register use. As you may have heard, our Gallery was broken into...a rock thrown through the front door...and the cash register and the donation jar were stolen. Our alarm system did its job as the thief left quickly (you know what a piercing sound that alarm makes!), doing no damage within the gallery. All has been submitted to our insurance company.

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 August 22nd at 5:30 pm at the Gallery.

The Board continues to plan for the new Henderson School of Art and all Co-op members need to thank Richard Blanchard not only for his vision to start this worthwhile endeavor but also for all the work he has done and is doing to make it come true. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to establish a new business and we still have much to do. We are in desperate need of tables and chairs, so if you have any contacts that may be able to donate them and anything else that can get us started, please be sure to pass this information on to the Board.

Other News:

Art Remarks:

By Eileen B. Fischer

“Creating a New House”

What a great history we artists share...the Bauhaus, Impressionists, Cubists and so on...schools of thought brought together by the likes of you and I...deliberately or by “planned accident”, to create the creative dynamisms that raise the bar of art one more notch.

Our upcoming school will not only place our mark on the history pages of Henderson, but bring together ALL artists to learn, to teach, to create far beyond our wildest dreams.

How often have we been “stuck” as what to do, what to paint, chisel, draw, and look backward to the Schools for creative solutions. We are in a position, now, to collect ourselves and learn from one another, to create a new “house” of creative minds, to mutually inspire.

Looking over our shoulders as to whether or not this is the politically correct thing to do, worrying about someone stealing our ideas, is a thing of the past...all of us have learned from history, the Masters, and now it is time for us to learn from each other. What a great opportunity we have in our brand new enterprise....The Henderson School of Art.

Have courage, do not be fearful, take that first step to belong and share in the information of many galleries, others have a wealth of experience they wish to share. You will see how wonderful and adventurous you all are...and what an exhilarating and dynamically creative person you can be with that first step, up, into teaching and learning.

Our school is our stepping stone to create a school, a field of art that can influence the world and future generations. You don't think so? Take the first step, dear friend, and see....!

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. It's always fun to share the successes of our artist friends or to visit other exhibits.