

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update January, 2007

The next Membership Meeting will be held January 11th at 6:30 pm at #10 Water Street. We will be having a film presentation. All artists are encouraged to bring a piece of art work for show and tell....perhaps get some friendly advice.

At this time we are scheduling all membership meetings, including educational presentations for the second Thursday of the month. So mark your calendars and plan to attend regularly. Not a good day for you? Let us know for future scheduling.

The lease for "City Lights Too" at #10 Water Street will be signed the first week of this New Year. The area will need to be cleaned up and the rest of the supplies gone through. We will save those items that can be used for future classes and box up the rest to be donated to possibly the School District. Your volunteer time of a couple hours to accomplish this task will be greatly appreciated.

We are so fortunate that all the furnishings have been donated to us, so we have a great start at opening this new business as an extension of our Art Gallery.

We are planning to display and sell crafts as well as fine art so all of you talented people will have a place for your other creations. We believe we will become well known for our handmade jewelry as we already have a member, Robbie Bustos, recently elected at the last Member Meeting to the Board, who will spearhead this activity. We have people interested in teaching classes and we will set aside space for that as well as meetings. Be sure to let us know the most convenient days for you for both classes and meetings.

Be sure to tell all your friends that space will soon be available for both fine artists and crafters. Do you or do you know anyone who would like to teach a class?

Another project that we have been discussing is the development of a cookbook that will be a tribute to Tom McGrath. Tom was a Co-op member whose family had donations made to the Co-op in his memory.

The cook book will provide our artists an opportunity to not only share your favorite recipe, but also feature some of your artwork. They then will be sold as a donation to the Co-op and continue to support our mini-grant program.

We need a volunteer to collect the recipes and another to collect digital imagery of the artists work to be displayed in the cook book. We are beginning to get some ideas of our costs as well as a bid for the printing of the book and will know more when we know how many participants.

Membership Dues: *Its time to renew your membership in the Co-op. The \$24 is due in January. Artists who joined in November and December are paid for 2007. After January, the dues are prorated at \$2 less each month.*

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

Our Featured Artist for the month of January is Merle Blair. You all know Merle, our Gallery Director and her work in oils found in the gallery. She would appreciate any donations to the food table, and would love to see you all on Third Thursday, January 18th.

The Featured Artists for October were Al Matwiejow and Sherry Richardson. They had a fun reception, lots of good food and some good sales. We had about 60 visitors who braved the cold weather. \ and appeared to have more visitors than some of the other galleries.

New Members: Sara Smith, Vince Zocco, KC Knight and Aldema Ridge. Welcome.....we look forward to having your work in the gallery and hope that you will participate in Co-op activities.

Ribbon Awards:

The Visitors Choice Ribbon Award for December goes to *Bill Ruth for "Silent Place"*. Also to be mentioned were Barbara Beccue, Al Matwiejow, Jack Stiddard, Felicia Sach, Sherry Richardson and Lynn Starr. Congratulations!

Be sure to remind visitors to vote, the next ribbon winner could be you.

Gallery:

Its time to sign up to be one of the Featured Artists.....we have openings any time in the New Year. You must be an exhibiting gallery member. It's a wonderful opportunity to get the window space to display extra artwork and to invite your friends and family to your Featured Artist Reception on Third Thursday. Sales are always better on those occasions..

Remember there will be an art changeover on January 6th, 2007 from 10-2pmall work that has been in the gallery for 6 months must be changed. New artists will bring their artwork in from 10 am to 12 noon..

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 sales@citylightsart.com. Check the website for other news announcements of happenings around town, as well as our Featured Artists. There are some great links to other websites for your perusal.

Board Meetings: all members are invited to attend the board meetings. Your input and suggestions are needed and welcomed. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 5:30 pm at the Gallery. As we are taking on some new projects, your help is even more critical.

Other News:

We still have a lot of craft supplies that were donated to us available at wonderful prices. You can call and make an appointment to visit #10 Water Street and make some purchases.

Don't forget to visit many of our members exhibiting at the Winter Art Festival at Boulder Creek Golf Course in Boulder City on January 13th and 14th. Come and support your fellow artists and enjoy a visit to Boulder City.

If you have news items for the newsletter, please let Merle know before the end of each month.