

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update February 2008

The next Membership Meeting will be held *Wednesday February 27th*.

We will meet at the Gallery at Number 3 Army Street. Plan to attend and enjoy our gallery and meet your fellow artists. Bring an artist friend or two! Put it on your calendar right now!!! An educational program will be announced. Bring a piece of your art work for show and tell. We hope you attended the January meeting with a talk by member Dennis Salon regarding his unique digital art works. It was very interesting.

The Cook Book is available at the Gallery for sale now...\$15.00

donation to the Co-op. Please use check or cash if possible as we have no profit margin on the books and we may want to get another lot printed. Give them out as gifts...they are a great marketing tool!

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in February are prorated to \$22.00 and are good through 2008. **Dues for all Co-op members are to have been paid before the end of January.** Remember you must be a Co-op member to show at City Hall or on the website.*

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Featured Artist for February will be Etel Surany....we all love her exciting approach in any media. Be sure to support her with a visit to the gallery on **Third Thursday, February 21st**.

The Featured Artisans for January was our crafters, **Betty Wahlgren and Carol Hastings**. We had few less visitors in all of downtown on **Third Thursday, January 17th**. Must have been that cold weather. Some potential new member visited.

New Members: Welcome to Clevelle Scherer and Lee Gullickson. We look forward to seeing your work in the gallery and your participation in Gallery and Co-op activities.

Ribbon Awards: January's Ribbon goes to Carole Liccardo for "Cottage by the Sea". Congratulations.

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

We will be re-establishing the "Artists Choice Award" so look for the box and vote when you next sit at the gallery.

Gallery:

The next art intake/changeover will be April 5th. The Board has voted to allow three members to schedule a half space and sitting commitment on a first come basis. This was met with enthusiasm. Two members have already scheduled into the gallery, and another has reserved for next quarter. The changeover on January 5th went well and the new artwork looks lovely.

We have lost some of our artists for this next quarter and hope to see them back in April. Many thanks to those of you who were able to donate some extra time to keep the gallery doors open, although the Board of Directors has voted to temporarily close on Tuesdays to able to meet the schedule.

The gold stickers with our new address are being put our rack cards and we have some card holders so if you have a location where you can put one, please help spread the word about our gallery. You can distribute them wherever you go such as Furniture stores, Art/Craft supply stores, Community Center rooms, where you take painting/craft lessons, etc. This will help to make our presence known. We have more stickers on order so that we can label the last box of cards.

We have had several mini grant requests and two have gone to Treasurer for payment. Perhaps we will be able to display some of their artwork later this year.

The book mark campaign is in full swing and they have been distributed to the Library and Clark County Museum and at the Da Vinci exhibit. You can take some and pass them out as well wherever you go especially art shows. **We need more!!! Make your own bookmarks of your art work on card stock paper weight.** Bring them to the gallery and we will place a notice on the back that the person receiving it can bring the bookmark to the gallery and see if they have won some fine art donated by you the artists.

Some of the bookmarks will be indicated in a way so that the sitters will know if this is a winner. There will be enough winner bookmarks distributed for all the donated art/craft works. There is a notice at the desk in the gallery explaining how you will know if the visitor brings in a winning bookmark.

We have had some winners come in and this resulted in a couple sales as well. This will be an on going program to help make our presence known.

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. The Board is delighted that Wendy has accepted a life-time Co-op membership for all the fine work she does for us in maintaining our excellent web-site.

Remember to renew your membership and keep your work on the website.

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 **Thursday, February 21st at 5pm**

Other News:

Get well wishes to our new vice president who recently had surgery.

We are all glad to see the Kielhorns back on the road to recovery.

Former member Popeye Wong is teaching a cartoon drawing class at Old Town Gallery. Check the bulletin board for this and other opportunities.

City Hall display was delivered on Feb 1st. This is a six month exhibit. Be sure to pick up your artwork that was taken down from the last City Hall exhibit.