

# City Lights Artists' Co-op

## *The Lantern- News Update March 2008*

**The next Membership Meeting** will be held *Wednesday March 26th*.

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. I'm sorry that more of you did not attend the February meeting. The information about photography provided by our guest speaker, Gary Reese was excellent.

**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 March are \$20.00 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. If you have not paid you will be removed from the website, and will no longer receive e-mail.*

### **Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:**

The Featured Artist for March is George Markiewicz. He is talented in many media. Be sure to visit his reception on Third Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Featured Artist for February was Etel Surany. We had a good turnout at the gallery on Third Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Ribbon Awards: January's Ribbon** goes to Anneliese Kielhorn for her Giclee reproduction of an oil painting, "Cobblestone Cottage". 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. The votes must be tallied at the middle of March so vote ASAP.

### **Gallery:**

The next art intake/changeover will be April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 .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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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, March 20th at 5pm***

### **Other News:**

**We will be having a free booth space at ArtFest, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We will not be able to sell at the booth but can direct sales down to our gallery. We will need volunteers to man the booth both days as well as workers in the gallery on Sunday. You will be able to hang your art in the booth.

Let Merle know before the end of each month if you have a special announcement.