

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update April 2008

The next Membership Meeting will be held *April 24th at 6:30pm and all fourth Thursdays of every month from now on. So mark your calendars right now.*

You have received your questionnaire as to what topics you would like to have presented at the meetings. Please take a few minute and send in your suggestions. Attendance has been poor at the meetings and it is difficult to have guest speakers with so little participation..

We still have cook books available.

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in April are \$18.00 and are good through 2008.* All members who did not renew have now been dropped from the rolls.

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Featured Artist for April is Aldema Ridge. You will all enjoy the mixed media collection that Aldema is presenting. Join everyone at her reception on Third Thursday, April 17th.

The Featured Artist for March was George Markiewicz. He is talented in many media. His reception on Third Thursday, March 20th had more than 60 visitors and some sales.

New Members: We welcome *Summer Oden and Loretta De Grandis*. We look forward to your participation in our Co-op and Gallery activities.

Ribbon Awards: March's Ribbon for **Visitors Choice** goes to *George Markiewicz* for his painting of a lovely Tiger. Congratulations. There were 43 votes and many close runner-ups!

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

The **Artists Choice Award** for this quarter goes to *Dennis Salon* for his Digital Art, "Isosceles" It's the new quarter and a vote for the next Artist Choice Ribbon begins on April 15th. All sitters please vote. Only about half of you voted last month..

Gallery:

The art intake/changeover was April 5th. It went smoothly with new artists' intake. The gallery looks great! Thanks to all who helped to get it all done in one day.

We will continue to close on Tuesday this next quarter and again need some volunteer time to keep the doors open in May and June. Al is doing the schedule this quarter.

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 a few 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.

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

We have received \$4000.00 from the City of Henderson as part of their gallery assistance program. The Board is looking at how to best spend the money and meet the Cities requirements. One thing we must do is provide a list of how our patrons found our gallery. A form is at the desk and this tally began April 1st.

We are also hoping to be able to offer classes at the gallery in the near future. We have been approached by a great watercolorist already. If any of you are interested in teaching a class, please let a Board member know.

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.

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 *April 15th at 6:30pm and will be held on the Third Tuesday of every month.*

Other News:

We will be having a free booth space at ArtFest, May 10th and 11th.

We will not be able to sell at the booth but can direct sales down from Water Street 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. There is no cost to the artist and you need only to be a Co-op member and do not need to be hanging in the gallery.

We need to have some of you do demonstrations at the booth as this attracts visitors. Please let Al know asap if you would like to participate.