

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update May 2008

The next Membership Meeting will be held *May 22nd 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 minutes and send in your suggestions. Attendance has been poor at the meetings and it is difficult to have guest speakers with so little participation. There was no attendance at the last meeting...remember this is your Co-op and you should take an active role in these activities

We still have cook books available.

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in May are \$16.00 and are good through 2008..*

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Featured Artist for May is Karen Lassen. She has delightful watercolors. Join us all on Third Thursday, May 15th for her reception

The Featured Artist for April was Aldema Ridge. Many visitors enjoyed the mixed media collection that Aldema presented on Third Thursday, April 17th.

New Members: We welcome *Phyllis Squire*. We look forward to your participation in our Co-op and Gallery activities.

Ribbon Awards: April's Ribbon for **Visitors Choice** goes to the Giclee photograph "Skimmin" by Jacqueline Tritsch. Runners up were Carole Liccardo with Laguna Royale and Bill Ruth for Tranquility. Congratulations!

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

The **Artists Choice Award** for last 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 gold stickers with our new address are being put on 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.

Book marks are still being 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. Be sure to complete the required paperwork that is on the desk that notes visitors and daily sales..

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 and an oil painter. If any of you are interested in teaching or attending 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 ***May 19th 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.
It will be located very near Army Street at the end of the ArtFest booths in the middle of Water Street. Visit our demonstrating artists and those working in the gallery on both days.