

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update June 2008

The next Membership Meeting will be held *June 26th 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 limited attendance at the last meeting but it was a great meeting with lots of discussion....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 June are \$14.00 and are good through 2008.*

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Featured Artist for June is Loretta DeGrandis. She has filled the foyer with a most colorful oil painting display of cats!! She will discuss her displayed oil paintings at her reception on **Third Thursday, June 19th, 7-7:30pm.** Artists and visitors will find it informative and enjoyable.

We are planning to have the children that come out for the ARTSWALK on Third Thursday do chalk sidewalk paintings with judging and prizes at 8pm.

The Featured Artist for May was Karen Lassen. She has delightful watercolors. There was a nice turnout on Third Thursday, May 15th for her reception

May's Ribbon for Visitors Choice goes to *Clevelle Scherer* for "Lake Mead Pier". Runners up were Dennis Salon for "Pollination" and Bill Ruth for "Sunset Mountain". Congratulations! There were 45 votes for 33 different artworks. It continues to show the diverse likes of our visitors.

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

The **Artists Choice Award** box is ready to receive your votes. Don't forget next time you are sitting the gallery.

Gallery:

The last 3 months sales were over \$500.00 and visitors have been on the rise.

.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.

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 oil painter. If any of you are interested in teaching, ask Merle to e-mail you the instructors form or if you wish to attend a class, fill out a student application form available at the front desk. You will be notified as soon as we have a schedule of classes.

The next gallery changeover will be on June 28th. We are a week early to avoid the July 4th weekend. Remember that all work that has been in the gallery for 6 months must be changed and new work put in. The calendar for the next quarter's work schedule is on the desk at the gallery. Get your days marked as soon as possible so that we can work around your vacation times.

We need a Featured Artist for July and September.

Many thanks to Al for carrying the increased burden of the gallery as Merle is needed at home with her husband and thanks to all that have helped him. A special thanks to Karen and her friend who helped Al with the ARTfest set-up and to all the others who also helped. Although we had no sales at our booth, we had over 20 visitors at the gallery both Saturday and Sunday and had sales at the gallery on Sunday.

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 **June 16th at 6:30pm and will be held on the Third Tuesday of every month.**

Other News:

Don't forget the ARTsWALK Wall Exhibit.

You must register on the artist registry to participate. Go to <http://www.hendersonlive.com> and click on registry. Only artists in good standing with one of our Water Street District galleries will be there.

There is no charge for this venue. The first exhibit is June 6th; the next one will be June 27th. Read the e-mail sent out for all the details.