

City Lights Artists' Co-op

The Lantern- News Update July 2008

Happy and Safe July 4th to all!!

The next Membership Meeting will be held *September 25th at 6:30pm and all fourth Thursdays of every month from now on. So mark your calendars right now.*

There will be no member meetings in July and August.

The June meeting had updates from our president regarding the Downtown Henderson Business Association, updates on the gallery; a possible contact for personal insurance for your artwork was given to the President.

Some members brought in their latest artwork for a "Show and Tell" portion to end the meeting. This was enjoyed by all.

We still have cook books available.

Membership Dues: *Remember that dues for new members in July are \$12.00 and are good through 2008..*

Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

The Featured Artist for July is Aileen Dike. The front entry has an impressive array of watercolor paintings by this talented artist. Please attend her Reception on Third Thursday, July 17th.

The Featured Artist for June was Loretta DeGrandis. She filled the foyer with a most colorful oil painting display of cats!! We had a great many visitors and great sales.

The planned event for the children that came out for the ARTSWALK on Third Thursday to do chalk sidewalk paintings with judging and prizes at 8pm was very successful. It was a little too hot but we plan to do it again in the fall.

Junes **Ribbon for Visitors Choice** goes to *Dennis Salon for his Digital art, "Pollination."*. 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 \$1000.00 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 was on June 28th. The gallery looks lovely. As is usual for the summer months we have had some artists leave for the vacation season and so we are short filling all the work days. If you can work some extra time in the gallery we will allow you to display additional art work in the gallery. Please call Al and volunteer some time.

New Member: Welcome to Marie-Luise White.

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

The last Board meeting had much discussion about the visiting artist program being offered to school art teachers and/or their students. We expect to start this in the fall. Secretary Aldema Ridge is piloting this program.

It was also discussed that City lights Artists should look around their “town” for interesting and/or historical buildings to photograph and/or paint and in 3 months see if we can develop an art show with this theme.

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.

The Third Thursday art exhibit is still available. Call Suzanne to have a space at the City Lights table. They now have a City Lights Banner for us. Art sales must go through the gallery to assure that appropriate sales tax is charged.