

# City Lights Artists' Co-op

## *The Lantern- News Update February 2010*

### Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:

**City Lights Artists' Co-op Board Members** are our Featured Artists for February. What a nice presentation of different media and styles. Third Thursday Reception is on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 pm. Be sure to attend and enjoy some time with your fellow artists.

March is the Fine Art Show so no Featured Artist.  
May will be Jan Schaeffer.  
Have you signed up to be Featured Artist in June?? Give Al a call and get scheduled.

**Membership Dues:** *Remember that dues for new members in February are \$22.00 and are good through December 2010. Many members have not renewed their membership. If you are one, you will not receive further e-mails, newsletters and will be removed from the on-line gallery.*

### Classes:

Ed Klein is now conducting 3 watercolor classes, all at the gallery; Tuesday AM; Tuesday PM and Saturday AM.

Jan Schaffer has started the new water-media abstract class on Saturday PM There are a couple spaces left, join and have some fun!

There is also Beginners Oil Painting with Charme' Curtin on Thursday. Call Charme' or the gallery to sign up.

We are developing guest speakers and guest artists to present classes so watch for notice of these events. We hope to start the monthly member meetings with art films or speakers soon.

**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). Or use <http://www.citylightsart.com/formsubmission.html>

**Visitors Choice Ribbon Award:** Foothill High School student, Pakleema Lavanghananda won for her artwork, "Birds". Her friends came and voted!!!!

**Board Meeting:** was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. All Board meetings will be held at the gallery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 4:00pm unless otherwise posted. All Co-op members are invited....your ideas and input are needed.

The Board requests that all Co-op members who plan to participate in the March Fine Art Show please notify Aileen or Ed or Al so that we can plan the budget for the event.

It was decided that April will be our “Spring Fling”!!! This means that all artwork in the gallery will have a Spring theme...there is no fee...art work will be judged and a monetary prize will be awarded! More about this will be sent out soon.

The Co-op/Gallery will soon have its computer on line. It will be password protected as we cannot have everyone on-line as we need to protect us from the illnesses that computers are prone to get!

Ed is working with Maxine Davies of the Clark County School District to have a High School Art Competition sponsored by City Lights Artists’ Co-op and he is working toward a possible November date.

We are going to dedicate one room in the gallery as a classroom. We plan to obtain more slat board and will be able to expand artwork hanging in the rest of the gallery. Classroom wall space could be used to show current students artwork. The artwork of the instructors will be hung for demonstration, illustration and sale.

Our request to the IRS for 501c3 status for the Co-op is still in an active mode but it may be a while before we hear back from them.

It was suggested that we turn our car port into an outdoor art show for the Henderson ArtFest on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We will need not only extra art participation but also sitters for this event especially on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. As many people park in the areas in front and behind the gallery, we will be the first booth the may see. If you have suggestions to make this a great success please contact Ed.

It was also been suggested that we start an Art Library for our members.

## **Other News:**

### **The Juried Fine Art Show will be held in March at the Gallery.**

.Art work is being accepted at the Gallery on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> and Juried and hung immediately following on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The show will run until the April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers to help take in the art and to hang are needed. Please contact Aileen to help. Post card will be available for the artists to invite guests to the **Reception on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm** when the prizes will be awarded.

We have increased the value of the cash prizes in all 6 categories. Artists may submit 3 pieces of art work, no greater in size than 30x36 inches. Jury fees are \$20.00 for first piece and \$10.00 each for the other 2 pieces. As Co-op gallery members have already paid their shared expenses for March, they will be credited \$20.00 toward the next quarter if participating and continue to sit the gallery as scheduled.

Aileen has selecting a jurist.

We have a **Biography Book** at the gallery and all gallery members should have a Bio on record. It does not have to contain personal information that you are not ready to divulge, but people buying art like to know a little about the artist. Please check and update your

current biography. There are generic forms to help you get started or see what other artists have done. We also have a place for your business cards.

### **Artful Gift Shop**

Our Secretary Jane Marquez is doing a fantastic job managing the gift shop. No items should be placed in there without her approval. The Gallery Director, Al Matwiejow and Jane will coordinate the placement of artwork in the gift shop.

We have gift bags and tissue paper available for gift shop sales.

Post cards have been developed and are available at the gallery. Please take some and distribute to friends and any other place that would be a good place to stimulate visitors to the gift shop and gallery.

A complete list of the art supplies for sale at discounted prices is available at the gallery. Supplies include mats, backing boards, sleeves, and note cards, mounting tape, wire, hangers and screws. We also will do special orders of larger quantities. These supplies are for Co-op members only.

**A Reminder to All Gallery Sitters:** you are responsible for arranging your own replacement if you are unable to keep your commitment to work in the gallery.

We have are developing a list of members who may be available to call upon to work for you. You may trade days with another person or pay some-one on the list \$20.00 to work for you. The money exchange for this is not a gallery transaction, but between the artists and it is suggested that the sitter be paid in advance.

Let Al or Andrew know if we can place you on the list and it will be made available to all sitters. To those artists who have been so generous and have been sitting extra days at the gallery, thank you. Your assistance is so helpful and it is people like you that keep the gallery open and assist it to thrive in the future.

Memo from Merle:

It is so great to be back and somewhat active again in the Co-op and Gallery. Most of you know that as one of the founding members of the Co-op that this entity means a great deal to me. It is unfortunate that the current economic problems of the country have to also affect us both personally and as a business. We are very fortunate to have the association that we do with the City of Henderson so that we have not had to increase our rates. If you have checked the treasurer's report at the gallery, you know that the gallery operates at a loss. We have a few less artists in the gallery, and it is difficult to fill the sitting schedule, but the quality of the art has got better! It was wonderful to come back and see all the great physical changes that have occurred, as well as the new classes on going at the gallery. It is also so wonderful to be part of and to work with this dynamic Board. They are constantly working to develop new ideas to make the gallery more esthetically pleasing, to develop ways to attract new members, to develop new educational programs for our members, to develop our customer base and to continue to be active in the art community. The Fine Art Shows that we have sponsored are a good example. All of these bright City Lights twinkling on the art scene are the results of people with vision who are working hard to provide all of us artists with these venues at a

reasonable cost .....I hope you all realize how fortunate we are and that you will continue to participate in the gallery and Co-op. Together we can not only survive these times, but come out of it stronger and better than before.