

# City Lights Artists' Co-op

## *News Update - April, 2005*

**Membership Meeting:** Please join us on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Art a la Cart, 10 Water Street for our every other month member meeting. Bring some finger food for all to share, and visit with your fellow artists. Spouses are welcome! After some announcements we will have a program. Bring one piece of your art work; maybe you need some input or just take a few minutes and share your latest endeavors. We missed some artists last meeting, so let us know if you have something to share. Bring an artist friend to join the Co-op! Many thanks to our Vice-President, Karen Barrett for opening her place of business for us to enjoy these meetings. The next member meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**Membership Dues:** Just a reminder to sitters when they give out applications to prospective members that the Co-op dues of \$24.00 are prorated monthly; therefore new members pay \$2.00 less each month past January when they join so that we are able to keep January as the renewal month.

**Third Thursdays and Featured Artists Reception:** Congratulations to Al Matwiejow and Mary Tuomy. The March 17<sup>th</sup> event was a great success with 75-100 people attending. The student artist, Jessica Thompson also invited many of her friends and everyone seemed to have a great time. We are seeing more new people coming in all the time.

The next Third Thursday Reception is April 21<sup>st</sup> and the window display is wonderful. We are excited to have our first Triple Featured Artist month. We are also hoping to have a new student artist to present as well. Our Featured Artists are Angelo Cervantes, Stephanie Rose and Rita Malkin. Please attend to show thanks to Rita for all the time she contributed as Treasurer and for Stephanie as our current Secretary, and we all have been admiring Angelo's beautiful jewelry. I hear he has something special to display. Come by on Third Thursday and enjoy their tremendous talents. A contribution of some finger food will help to make theirs a successful event.

Be sure to visit and support the other downtown businesses, Anneliese was demonstrating in the window of Gold Casters last month!! All the businesses must thrive if we are to thrive.

Artists willing to demonstrate at other Water Street businesses during the Third Thursday event, please let me know..there is no longer a fee required to do to display and demonstrate at another business on Third Thursday.

Artists who exhibit in the gallery are eligible to be featured artists and should call Merle to get on the schedule.

**Welcome New Members:** Jan Butler, Norm Johnson, Lenny Michelson, Joy Prendergast, and Judy Sampson.

**Ribbon Awards:** All sitting artists, please be sure to vote for the “Artists Choice” award for this quarter, especially with all the new work and new artists now in the gallery. The Visitors Choice Award for March was won by Richard Blanchard for “Celebrations”.

**Student Display:** we again have the work of a talented Foothill High School Student on display. Carolyn La Buda’s artwork will be displayed in the gallery and on our website for the month of April and she will also invite her friends and family to the Third Thursday celebration.

**Gallery Changeover:** We took in more than 70 new pieces of artwork on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the entire gallery was rehung. It looks great! Reminder, you must make arrangements with Merle if you can not be at the scheduled changeover and you must not change your artwork mid quarter.

**City Lights Web Site:** [www.citylights.com](http://www.citylights.com) Our webmaster, Wendy Adams will be happy to help you at 493-0609 or [wendy@awebeat.com](mailto:wendy@awebeat.com). Let her know if you have a website that can be linked to City Lights. You only have to be a City Lights Artists’ Co-op member to be in the virtual gallery and not necessarily in the City Lights Art Gallery and there is no charge at this time!!! We are seeing more activity all the time, so get your artwork displayed for sale. Let us know if you have an individual show or item to put in the news letter or website calendar. Check out the website frequently as we are always posting new items about art shows to participate in or to visit.

**Board Meetings and Open Positions:** Please all remember that all members are welcome to attend our board meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at the Gallery, 6:30pm. We welcome your ideas, input and help. Our Gallery Director, Eileen Fischer has resigned due to health reasons and we are seeking a new Gallery Director. Submit your qualifications to the Board. Merle will continue as Acting Gallery Director with the able assistance of Assistant Gallery Director, Al Matwiejow until a new appointment is made. We are still need a volunteer to take on Advertising and Publicity for the Co-op.

**Outside Venue:** Richard Blanchard has agreed to assist to get our work displayed at Silver State Bank. Call the gallery by April 12<sup>th</sup> to get on the list and bring one piece to gallery on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The committee will jury and hang the work. Remember that if you visit Silver State Bank, no pictures are allowed. You may not remove your work, it must stay in place until removed by the committee.

If you need to make gallery sitting schedule changes, remember it is your responsibility to exchange your sitting date with another artist. Merle will help you and needs to know of the changes you make. Remember that your commitment is for the quarter and it is not appropriate to “quit” the gallery before the end of that time. However should an emergency situation exist, you must contribute to the sitters fund to pay for some-one to sit in your place. You can schedule for the next quarter.