

Brush Strokes

You don't know how much artists go through to make it look so easy. It's all in the practice. ♡ Lauryn Hill

TUCKERTIME TALES

...a word from our president

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. That is what has happened with my two terms as president of the City Lights Artists' Co-op. On January 1st our new board will take on the leadership of the co-op and the Gallery. Congratulations to all who were elected after stepping up and accepting their nominations. A special thanks to Susan LaBuda, Eric Courtney, and Merle Williams for their diligent work in securing the nominations.



Libby Chan is our new president. She has been a member of the co-op since 2010 and is a remarkable artist. As Gallery Director earlier this year, she began the process of updating and organizing many of our digital files. No doubt, that and her many ideas will continue to strengthen our operation. Our other newly elected officers are Eric Courtney, vice president; Carolyn Stillwell, secretary. Merle Williams will remain the Gallery director and Chris Mazglad is still the treasurer.

I will neither be gone nor forgotten! I'll be hanging around doing my networking on behalf of the Gallery, arranging outside exhibits and working on other projects as needed. It has been quite an honor to be the president of such an outstanding co-op, full of such extraordinary artists. Thank you to all of you for your support, involvement and enthusiasm that has consistently made my job easier.

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Our Annual Holiday Tradition Members' Best Exhibit and Contest Potluck Celebration

Co-op Members, you are invited to share your favorite work of art in the Members' Best Show during the month of December. Intake for the show is Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The show will be hung on Monday, December 4th.

**Holiday Potluck Party
and Members' Best Contest
Saturday, December 16th
6:30 PM
at the Gallery**

*Invite family and friends
to share in the fun...
Great Art, Great Food,
Great Raffle Prizes,
Great Friends...
and voting for the
MEMBERS' BEST!*

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS!

Miyuki Bullock

Ann Boulais
Photography

William Jerome
Oil

Allan Jones
Photography

Give us a call at the Gallery, **702-260-0300**, to tell us what you'd like to bring to the potluck. We'll do a minimal amount of coordinating to be sure we aren't over or under stocked with specific foods.

Be prepared to vote for your favorite entry by simple ballot. Everybody will receive one vote. First, second, and third place will be determined by vote count.

**Annual Membership Dues Due in January!
\$40.00 Pay online, mail it in, or drop it off.**

ONGOING REMINDERS

- ☆ If you haven't already, **sign up at Smile.Amazon.Com** and support City Lights Art Gallery every time you shop on Amazon, especially during this season of giving.
- ☆ **Share your artwork on our website.** Let the world know what wonderful artists we have at City Lights. Contact Eric Courtney, webmaster, edc856@gmail.com to find out how.
- ☆ **A donation to the Gallery** provides a great deduction as tax season approaches. Share this idea with others you may know who are looking for a deduction. It's easy now with online payments on our website.
- ☆ **Party and Paint** events are available at the Gallery for small groups. They can be arranged by calling or emailing the Gallery. Prices: Up to 5 people - \$35 each; 6 - 10 people - \$30 each.

NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING HELD ELECTION OF NEW BOARD

Congratulations and a hearty thank you to those who accepted nominations to become new board members and were subsequently elected. They are:

Libby Chan, President
Eric Courtney, Vice President
Carolyn Stillwell, Secretary
Chris Mazglad, Treasurer
Merle Williams, Gallery Director

In addition to these five officers, there are several members at large who serve by appointment. These appointments will be among the first order of business in January. Currently our members at **large** are:

Steve Kilgour Susan LaBuda
Stephanie Rose Cat Schelling
Pat Wall George Wilson

We look forward to another event filled year with these fine leaders at the helm

GALLERY LIFE IS EASIER WITH ONLINE PAYMENTS

Also at our November meeting, Eric Courtney outlined the updates he's made to our website's online payment section. When you open the website, click on the PAYPAL tab. There you will have two options: *Donate* and *Membership Renewal*. Choose your option and click on *Add to Cart*. Then follow PAYPAL's instructions. Donations are made in \$5 increments. Just click **+** until you reach the desired amount.

The Gallery pays a tiny transaction fee to PayPal for this service, so small in fact, that we are not concerned when weighed against the convenience of it all. However, if you want to avoid our having to pay it, and you have your own PAYPAL account, just log into your account, click on **Pay or Send Money**, then click on **Send to Friends or Family in the US**. Follow the simple instructions. The name of our account is **citylightscoop@centurylink.net**. DO NOT SELECT THE DONATE OPTION as that will involve the fee.

A FRESH START IN THE GALLERY FOR 2018 by Merle Williams, Gallery Director

Here it is December and a new year is almost upon us. We will start the New Year fresh with all new work in the gallery. This means that all work including cards and prints will be removed and replaced with new items. All new artists Record Sheets will be established.

We will be adhering to the gallery rules that are handed out to all new members when they join our Co-op. Stipulated in these rules are the policies that 10 sleeved (prints and/or original) and 25 note cards are charged as a full panel and 5 sleeved and 15 note cards equal a half panel. You must be a hanging gallery member to have sleeved art work and note cards in the gallery.

All non-hanging gallery members with art work in the Gift Shop must exchange their items and must pay \$10 per quarter. There is no hosting requirement.

The first quarter for 2018 (only 2 months as March is, again, our Juried Show) will have art intake on January 5th and 6th. **As we have no hosting calendar started for January, we will need hosts for Jan 2nd through 7th. Please notify me (Merle) or Libby if you can help on any of those days.**

I have found art, sleeved art work of non-members, of non-hanging members around the Gallery and gift shop. Some artists are way in excess of the 10 allowed items. So, with this endeavor to clean out the old and bring in the new, we are looking forward to seeing some new member art work in the gallery in 2018.

Like City Lights Art Gallery on Facebook!

HENDERSON HOLDS ITS FIRST SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY EVENT by George Wilson

The first Shop Small event that took place on November 25th from 10am till 3pm was a success. We even had some sales! The weather was beautiful. There were over 30 booths on the plaza so we all had fun meeting new people and learning about their businesses. We handed out over fifty pamphlets about the gallery. It was a great way to advertise that Henderson has an Art Gallery and where we are located.

I would like to thank all the members who participated in the event and helped me pull it together, especially, Stephanie Rose, Jan Schaeffer, Stache, Stan Kaules, Tommy Tucker, Merle Williams, and Susan Labuda.

Many small businesses were represented at this first time experience. We look forward to even greater numbers next year as we work together promoting the Water Street Business District.

Another huge thank you goes to George Wilson for taking the reins on this and making it happen. ■Ed.



City Lights at Smile.Amazon.com
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-4266090>

STEVE KILGOUR THROWS A GREAT PARTY AT HIS ARTIST OF THE MONTH RECEPTION

On very short notice, Steve Kilgour stepped in to be our featured artist of the month for November. The exhibit consisted of Steve's unique abstracts – ablaze with color, bold in form. More than 60 friends attended the reception. Folks from his UNLV ukulele and art classes and from his Tai Chi club feasted on the beauty of Steve's paintings and on the tasty buffet provided by Sandy Kilgour that featured her renowned meatballs. For many of these folks it was their first visit to the Gallery. They had a great time and were quite impressed with our operation.

Many thanks to Steve and Sandy for putting together a great show and party, especially on such short notice. It's a wonderful thing when we have the opportunity to let so many know about our existence tucked in a corner of Downtown Henderson.

CITY LIGHTS ARTISTS' CO-OP HONORS STUDENT ARTISTS FROM BURKHOLDER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mayor Debra March listens as Burkholder Middle School art teacher, Melissa Wilkinson, describes the interesting art project in which her students participated. On display were reimagined 33 rpm vinyl record jackets. The students painted their jackets, then painted the records inside in the matching theme.

Several students stopped by with their parents to meet the

mayor and enjoy the cookies.

As a member at large on our Board of Directors, Susan LaBuda serves as School Programs Coordinator for the co-op. In this capacity Susan works diligently to "keep art alive in our schools" by regularly arranging student art exhibits in City Hall, hospitals, libraries, and in our Gallery. Recognizing these students and their work motivates and inspires those who would follow their passion in the world of art.

WINTER ARTISAN TO FEATURE FOUR CO-OP ARTISTS

Artisan Magazine, published by our own Pat Wall, will once again promote City Lights Art Gallery by featuring four of our talented artists! New Member and winner of Best in Show in the Fall Juried Show, John Whalen will be among those featured. Others will be Charmè Curtin, Lloyd Martin, and Drina Fried.

This winter edition goes to press the 2nd week in December. You'll be able to view it on our website as soon as it is available.

The lead story is about the new book, released on November 1st, on the life of Leonardo Da Vinci and the movie soon to be produced by Paramount. Artisan is proud to be among the first publications to promote this event.

Coming in January...
Oil Painting Workshop with George Ameal Wilson

PORTRAITS IN OIL

A 2 Day, 3 Session Workshop
with George Ameal Wilson
at City Lights Art Gallery
3 E. Army St., Henderson NV 89015



Portrait for this Workshop

\$60 for all three sessions
Does not include materials.
Supply list will be supplied upon registration.
A minimum of 5 people are required
for this workshop.

Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, January 3rd

Session 1 > 9:00am - Noon

Drawing (or tracing if preferred) the image.

Session 2 > 1:00pm - 4:00pm

after lunch break

Build layers with translucent color paint.

(Building layer upon layer produces a brilliant finish!)

Wednesday, January 10th

Session 3 > 9:00am - Noon

*Finalize layer with color paint
and finish detail to finalize image.*

Call George to register: (425) 890-2019
or contact the Gallery: (702) 260-0300
citylightscoop@centurylink.net

Portraits by *George Ameal Wilson*



Morgan Freeman



Sammy



Indiana Jones

City Lights Events

December 4th - January 1st

Annual Members' Best Art Exhibit

December 1st & 2nd 10am - 4pm each day

Intake for Members' Best Exhibit

December 1st, Friday 2:30pm

Marketing Meeting - All are invited!

December 4th, Monday

Hanging Members' Best Exhibit

December 12th, Tuesday 3:30pm

Board Meeting - All are invited!

December 16th, Saturday 6:30pm

Holiday Party celebrating the Members' Best Show
See page 1

IN THE FUTURE...

January 1, Monday

New Board of Directors' Term begins.

January 3rd & 10th

Portraits in Oil Workshop with George Ameal Wilson
See page 3.

January 5th & 6th, Friday and Saturday

1st Quarter Intake **10am - 4pm each day**

January 9th, Tuesday

Board Meeting 3:30pm

January 18th, Thursday

Member Meeting 6:30pm

A Reminder About Classroom Courtesy...

We all know our gallery is small. Through the classroom is the only way to the kitchen. Of course, all activity in the Gallery can't stop when a class is in session, so when we have to go into the kitchen while a class is in session, let's all remember to do so as unobtrusively as possible and not disturb what's going on in class.

A Couple More Reminders...

- 1) Annual dues is due in January. Pay online on our website, mail it to the Gallery, or drop it off.
- 2) Sign-up to host January 2nd—7th before 1st Quarter intake as that's not until the 6th.

Art Classes, Workshops, & Open Painting

Oil on Monday **Linda Land, Instructor** **\$20/class**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Watercolor on Tuesday **Jan Schaeffer, Instructor** **\$20/class**

9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Life Drawing Sessions with Bill Bon

Life Drawing is on hold for now. Stay tuned.

Acrylics on Saturday **Judi Moreo, Instructor** **\$35/class**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Water Media on Sunday **Jan Schaeffer, Instructor** **20/class**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4th Thursday Painting Workshops with Georgia Lawson **\$75**

Georgia's workshops are on hold for now. Stay tuned.

Paint Parties are available for small groups up to 10 people.
Call or email the Gallery to schedule.

Open Painting on Thursday **\$5/day**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm **When workshops are scheduled on Thursdays, there is no open painting.**

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Henderson NV

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Sunday, Noon—4:00pm

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