

City Lights Art Gallery
Promoting local art and education



BrushStrokes

May 2017

Simplicity is nature's first step, and the last of art.

Philip James Bailey

TUCKERTIME TALES

...a word from our president

Have you seen what's going on out front of our Gallery? Things are a little hectic right now but we're up to the challenge. It's going to be beautiful and full of opportunities for us. Our new setting will definitely generate more traffic to our door and provide us with an outdoor environment conducive to occasional outdoor events, weather permitting, of course. Be assured, life at the Gallery goes on despite the challenges surrounding the construction. Please don't let it keep you from coming in.



Remember, we have two live theatre venues where our artists' work is on display: Theatre in the Valley on Pacific Ave. in Henderson and Las Vegas Little Theatre near China Town in Las Vegas. Go on line to

<http://www.theatreinthevalley.com>

<http://www.lasvegaslittletheatre.com>

to see information about performance times and tickets. Support fellow co-op members and City Lights as well as the actors and others who are supporting us with these endeavors. Before and after the performances and during intermission, mingle with the crowd to talk up the art and the gallery.

Another venue where City Lights artwork is hanging that deserves our support is Firelight Barn, our next-door-neighbor on the corner of Water Street and E. Army Street. The bar-b-que dinner they serve is delicious and the musical entertainment is a hoot! Here's the contact information for the Firelight Barn:

702-518-7464

info@FirelightBarn.com

<http://www.firelightbarn.com>

Just the other day, a small, independent movie company approached us after learning about our existence while over at Theatre in the Valley. They asked to "rent" the gallery →

There's Still Time to Sign Up for the Art Festival

A Mother's Day Tradition

May 13 & 14
9am - 4pm

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION

Fine Arts & Crafts | Live Entertainment
Interactive Imagination Station | Chalk Art Competition
Henderson Events Plaza | 200 S. Water St.



Call the Gallery: (702) 260-0300

Water Street will be closed to all but pedestrian traffic for this great Mother's Day weekend Celebration of Art. We'll have City Lights booths and grids set up, ready for your displays. Booths are 10" X 10" and cost \$200 each. Booth space may be shared with fellow artists. Just let us know when you sign up with whom you'll be sharing. There are no other fees or charges, not even commission to the gallery as the booths are paid for in advance. Proceeds from booth sales go to our Scholarship Fund. **Tommy and Merle are heading up this event: please call to volunteer with set-up and take down.**

**Raffle Prizes are always needed.
Please drop them off at the gallery.**

for a couple days to film some scenes for their short film about an artist who is a photographer. After some discussion about what this would entail from us, the board said, "Let's go for it." The Gallery will, of course, receive a rental fee and be included in the film's credits. We're on our way to stardom!

As always, I want to thank our board of directors, our hosts, our volunteers who carry out the various programs we have going, and our artists, all of whom work tirelessly to make City Lights the great little gallery it is. T.T.



Art Makes a Great Gift!

Featured Artist of the Month in May SUSAN LABUDA

With a degree in art from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, an M.Ed. from UNLV and a 21 year career teaching art in the Clark County School District, in retirement Susan LaBuda still works tirelessly as the School Programs Coordinator for City Lights setting up exhibits of student art at the Gallery and in several other venues around Henderson.



Susan LaBuda

Susan studied with several of the master teachers at City Lights and now shows regularly in the Gallery. Her May show, "A Splash of Color," reflects her affinity for bright, beautiful colors that she boldly adds to her oil paintings. You won't want to miss this exhibit and the chance to say hello to Susan at her Meet and Greet Reception on Saturday, May 6th.



Greek Poppies

**Meet the Artist Reception
Saturday, May 6th 1:00pm - 4:00pm
at the Gallery**



St. Rose Hospital has provided nice, new acrylic frames for the **Sue Morrow Elementary** Show Susan hung there. About 70 folks attended the reception held at the Gallery in April.



Sue Morrow Elementary artists also provided the exhibit currently hanging in the student gallery. This show will hang until the May

8th change-out when the student art from **Fay Galloway Elementary** will be hung. The reception for Galloway students will be held on May 19th. As always, profound thanks to Susan for her hard work and dedication to promoting art in our Henderson schools.

New Artists are Inspired by Oil Painting Workshops



Participants in the "This is My Jungle" Oil Painting workshop with Georgia Lawson are off to a good start. The lady on the left (sorry, name unknown) is brand new to painting. Good Job, ladies!

Member Meetings

Dr. Drina Fried presented a humor filled talk on how she became inspired to be an Embellished Fabric Collage artist. She showed members the tools and some fabric samples she uses, and shared some important do's and don'ts for working in this medium. Thank you, Drina, for sharing your time and talent with us.



Drina shares tidbits about her art with members.

Our next Member Meeting will be Thursday, May 18th at 6:30. Eric Courtney and Cat Schelling will talk about the importance and impact of social media and email marketing in the on going success of City Lights Art Gallery.

Welcome Our New Member

Aerika Diodati

Acrylic Painting, Drawing with charcoal & pastel

Spraying Artwork Can Be Dangerous

Delia Price shared with the board at our last meeting an article she read about an artist who neglected to work in a ventilated space while spraying her art with fixative. This person became quite ill but her symptoms did not develop immediately. It took some time for her and her medical team to figure out what had happened to her. After much agony, it was finally determined that she was suffering from the toxicity of the can's contents.



We decided to pass this reminder along to everyone. The sprays that we use, adhesives, conservatives, glazes and finishes, are highly toxic and must always be used in well ventilated areas, preferably outdoors. Read the labeling on the can for information about the particular effects of the contents and any precautions that should be taken during use. If you feel dizzy or nauseous, even a little bit, while spraying or after, stop, get away from your spraying area and breathe some clean air. Go back to spraying only after you have addressed your ventilation issues. Some like to spray in the garage, thinking it's a large enough space to allow for the needed ventilation. But remember, the fumes



ALWAYS READ THE LABEL

from the sprays build up, especially when doing a lot of spraying at the same time. And garages often have water heater pilot flames under them that could lead to a very big BOOM! Stay healthy, spray safely!

Meet City Lights Artist Stuart Bronsdon



Stuart Bronsdon

It's sometimes amazing to see which simple gestures of a caring parent launch lifelong ambition in a child. In Stuart Bronsdon's case, his mom bought him a coloring book. Then, least expected events can spur that ambition even further. Stuart was offered \$100 by a visitor to his Jr. High School art exhibit for a collage he placed in a show. He didn't sell it but he certainly was rewarded with a leap in self-confidence. Eventually, motivated by a dad concerned that art was not a "real job," Stuart enrolled in business school in Colorado and graduated a certified computer programmer. Today he works in data management for United Health Care.

Fortunately, for him and for us as fellow artists, he has discovered himself to be part of a global community known as multipotentialites: folks who find they are just not "wired" to conform to the cultural norm of settling on one career path for their entire lives. (Watch *Emilie Wapnick: Why some of us don't have one true calling* on YouTube.)

Eventually Stuart found his way back to art *with* his computer. He became a graphic artist in the electronic age and worked designing T-shirt art. A prominent characteristic of multipotentiality, however, is boredom after periods of deep-diving into a subject. This, combined with intermittent spaces between employment, and the occasional need to save an artistic creation, led to a series of deep dives into various mediums. For example, a watercolor destined for the dumpster was saved by experimenting with oil paint that inspired even more creations in oil. A dive into etching that created many beautiful works eventually gave way to Comic Art inspired by a new interest in survivalism. Stuart became a self-published author and artist of *Smithee Zombie Hunter*, stories about survival skills. During this time, he also produced comic fan art for his following.

Stuart's current dive is into figure sculpture, inspired a library book about Auguste Rodin. In addition, last year, wondering what else he would do next, Stuart opened Henderson Happenings, closed his eyes and dropped his finger on the Heritage Park Senior Facility where he again studies watercolor. Here he met Walter Stevens, a City Lights artist who brought him to our Gallery where he is now a member and plans to continue showing and putting his sculptures in the gift shop.



The Gardener, left, took 3rd place in Other Media in the 2017 Spring Juried Show.



Spiderman, right, is from Stuart's Comic Fan Art days.



The occasional photographer!

The Comforter, right, reflects a spirituality concerned with God's interaction with man through angels. The angel wings reflect an early interest in drawing birds. The message reflects an ongoing interest in neo-classic art forms.



Theatre in the Valley Shows City Lights Art

Tommy Tucker and Jeanne Ham have their art in the window at Theatre in the Valley and Susan Hamilton's work was on state for opening night of *Art of Murder*. Many more City Lights pieces hang in the lobby. Thanks to Tommy for putting this opportunity together for us.



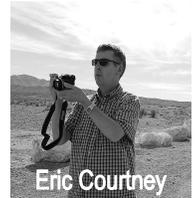
So Long and Many Thanks to the Longwells

Jim Longwell, gallery and co-op member since 2009, and his wife, Terry, are headed south of the border to their new digs in Mexico. Jim will be fondly remembered for his beautiful creations in the unique medium of Encaustic Beeswax that have graced our Gallery on many occasions. But more than just an artist, Jim as been a hard working contributor to the well being of the Gallery. Under Jim's leadership, our curatorship of the Henderson City Hall First Floor Art Exhibit has provided our artists a great exhibiting venue and the public who visit City Hall a great fine art experience. Many other outside events owe their success to Jim's assistance in transporting and setting things up. Many thanks, also, to Jim who has graciously donated his grids and tent to the Gallery. Jim and Terry, you will be missed!

Eric Courtney to Teach Digital Photography Class

A new class in digital photography will be offered at City Lights. Eric Courtney, our Vice President, Webmaster and award winning photographer has put together an introductory course where students will learn how a digital camera works and explore many possibilities the camera provides beyond just shooting in "auto mode." The course will include weekly assignments to be brought back to class and shared as learning tools. The actual dates and times are posted on our website under Art Classes.

Originally from Chicago, Eric now pursues his passion of many years in the land of sunshine, Las Vegas, where he has been a member of City Lights since 2016.



Eric Courtney

Tell your friends to us on Facebook, too!

City Lights Events

May 1—30

Artist of the Month Susan LaBuda: "A Splash of Color"

May 6, Saturday

Meet the Artist Reception for Susan LaBuda
1:00 pm - 4:00pm

May 9, Tuesday

Board of Directors Meeting 3:00 pm All are welcome!

May 10, Wednesday

Water Street Business Association Meeting at Gallery
6:00pm See below for details.

May 13 & 14, Saturday & Sunday

City of Henderson Art Festival
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day

May 18, Thursday

Member Meeting 6:30pm See page 2 for details.

May 19, Friday

Reception for Student Artists from
Fay Galloway Elementary Exhibiting in the Gallery

IN THE FUTURE...

June, 2017

Artist of the Month will be an invitational featuring the artists from the Mesquite Fine Arts Center in Mesquite, Nevada.

ArtTrain is tentatively scheduled for September 30th.

Water Street Business Asso. Meeting at Gallery



On Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:00pm, the Water Street Business Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Gallery. These meetings are of a social mixer nature - an opportunity to meet and chat with our business neighbors on Water Street. All Co-op members are encouraged to attend.

Look What They're Doing to the Place!



Imagine beautiful stamped concrete surfaces, trees, benches, evening lighting and music in our new plaza!

City Lights Art Classes & Open Painting

Oil

Monday
9:00am—Noon and 12:30pm—3:30pm
Instructor: Bob O'Neill \$20 per class

Watercolor

Tuesday
9:30am—12:30pm and 1:00pm—4:00pm
Times are tentative; watch for further information regarding time changes. Call before you come.
Instructor: Jan Schaeffer \$20 per class

Acrylics

Saturday
12:30pm—3:30pm
Instructor: Jan Schaeffer \$20 per class

Water Media

Sunday
1:00pm—4:00pm
Instructor: Jan Schaeffer \$20 per class

Drawing

Drawing classes have been temporarily suspended.

Open Painting

Thursday
10:00am—4:00pm \$5 per day
At open painting, members and friends to paint together sharing ideas and friendly critiques of each other's work.
Workshops are occasionally scheduled on Thursdays. On such days, there is no open painting.

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