City Lights Art Gallery
Promoting local art and education

July 2018

BrushStrokes

Space is the Breath of Art. —Frank Lloyd Wright

The Lowdown from Libby
...a word from our president

It's hard to believe ArtTrain is just around the bend! Preliminary planning has begun. At our first planning meeting we took a look at the evaluation notes we made last year after ArtTrain to determine what worked well and what needs to be improved. Among the "need to improve" we highlighted are

1. The "chaos" that occurs when artists are all trying to hang their art at the same time…
   ⇒ There will be 2 designated "hangers" for each car. Only they will be inside the cars to hang. Tommy Tucker will coordinate this effort.
2. Passenger arrival time and train departure time need to be made clear…
   ⇒ All printed promotional materials will indicate arrival time, boarding time, and departure time. Members are asked to communicate times to everyone they talk to about ArtTrain.
3. Passengers with email confirmations must exchange them for a ticket that will be used to board the train and then to obtain an accurate count of actual passengers. (The railroad will charge us on the number of passengers, not the number of tickets sold.)...
   ⇒ No passenger may board without a ticket. Those with email confirmation printout will be directed to the ticket table to exchange them for tickets, the stub of which will be collected by the conductor upon boarding.
4. If the train's P.A. system is still not functioning, we need to develop a plan for announcing raffle winners to all cars...
   ⇒ Several systems were discussed, including the use of the entertainer's microphones, white board signage for each car, posting all winners at the raffle table for later collection of prizes. No decision has been made. All ideas are welcome.

There is much to be done. I will announce the date and time for the next planning session very soon. More valuable information will be forthcoming in the August and September issues of BrushStrokes as well as in emails to membership.

Let the ArtTrain 2018 Party Begin!

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July Featured Artist Exhibit
"MEMORIES—The Art of Merle Williams"
July 3rd - 31st, 2018

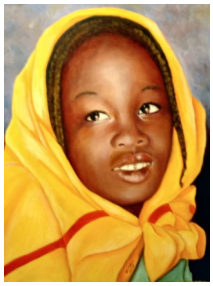
Merle Williams (nee Mulder) (aka Blair) was raised in rural Manitoba, Canada. An artist neighbor influenced and encouraged the creativity that has been an integral part of her life. She pursued a career in Nursing that brought her to Southern Nevada in 1966. She and her husband now reside in Henderson.

The long periods when brushes and easel were stored away ended with her retirement in 1996. Merle is now actively engaged in her passion for art by attending art classes, workshops, developing an art library and joining local art guilds.

She is a past member and Past President of the Boulder City Art Guild. She is a founding member and Past President of City Lights Artists' Co-op and is currently the Gallery Director. She is a past member of the Vegas Artist Guild and the Contemporary Arts Collective in Las Vegas, NV.

Join Merle at her
Meet the Artist Reception
Saturday, July 21st
1:00pm - 5:00pm at the Gallery

Her work has been displayed in many venues and art shows throughout the Las Vegas Valley and has been purchased by art collectors internationally.



OUT OF AFRICA
by Merle Williams

She shows a preference for a realistic style in oil. She has worked with Genesis heat set oils, acrylic and water colors. Oil on leather, usually of animals, is unique to her repertoire. Merle also does commission oil portraits of children, adults and beloved pets.

Merle believes that color enhances our world and the combinations of those colors in a work of art will bring hours of pleasure to the beholder as it did the artist during its creation.

June Member Meeting Honored 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Our marvelously talented 2018 Scholarship winners, Tracie Virgen, Isabel Lytle, and Sydney Burns, were honored with a lovely reception at the June member meeting. Unfortunately, Sydney was unable to attend but she did bring several examples of her work to display. Isabel was accompanied by her proud family:mom, Emmy; sister, Emma; and dad, Iran. Tracie's mom, Maria, accompanied her daughter. In the fall, Tracie will be off to Occidental College in Los Angeles while Isabel will head North to Southern Utah University in Cedar City. Sydney is headed to New York City. We are especially proud to be a part of the continuing education of these exceptional young women. Congratulations to them and their families.

Tracie Virgen

Isabel Lytle

2019 Featured Artists - Reserve Your Month Now!

Merle Williams is compiling the reservation list for the Featured Artists of the Month for 2019. Call her at **702-444-1250** or email her at **painterlady@ureach.com**. As the months are spoken for, there are fewer and fewer choices available so don't delay, act now.

Welcome These New Members

Patsy Hughes **Oil, Watercolor, Acrylic**
Donavon Locket **Photography**
Leila Krenik **Polish Papercutting**

Eric Courtney Enjoys Great Turnout (and Some Sales) at His Meet the Artist Reception

Eric Shares with Guests Elements of Under Water Technique

Eric Courtney expressed pleasure and gratitude for the number of guests that attended his reception. Visitors got to see some remarkable photography in his exhibit, "Under Water." The vibrant colors achieved by photographing subjects in water are breathtaking. In a short presentation, Eric explained some of the techniques he employed, including the use of Alka-Seltzer to create bubbles. He even sold some pieces right then and there!

Co-op Artists on the Move!

A Sizzling Summer Special From Judi Moreo and Ruthie Moller

For artists who want exposure, Co-op members Judi Moreo and Ruthie Moller, are offering a sizzling summer special. Show your art on their popular WorldofArttv.com show along with a 25-minute interview with you, the artist, a stunning writeup in Choices Magazine, and an interview on Judi's Choices podcast.... all for $250.00. But hurry. This offer is good only through July. Several of our artists have already done this and have loved the opportunity. You get links to the shows and magazine for your website.

For more information or to sign up for this special, contact Judi Moreo at (702) 283-4567.

Judi has written some terrific blogs on different aspects of marketing your art on Facebook: 10 Tips for Marketing Your Art with **Facebook Advertising**, with **Facebook Groups**, and through Your **Facebook Profile**. Soon, these blogs will be posted on **TheWorldofArt.com** where you can read them and take full advantage of the wisdom Judi has gleaned in her years of internet marketing experience.

Join the Fun at City Lights Life Drawing Sessions!

Life drawing/figure drawing is one of the most challenging subjects an artist encounters. Our Life Drawing sessions offer a unique experience at City Lights Art Gallery. First of all, our Life Drawing sessions are not a classes. They are experiences, opportunities, for artists of all levels of accomplishment to hone their skills at drawing the human form in an informal, relaxed setting. Instead of drawing from a photo, a nude, live model offers artists the chance to draw from different vantage points by moving around the room if they want, and to see the shifting interplay between light and dark values rendered by the existing lighting. A typical 3 hour session begins with a series of short poses – 5 minutes and 10 minutes. After a short break, longer poses of 15 and 20 minutes are struck. Another quick break is followed by the long pose of 30 minutes. The model will switch between standing, sitting, or reclining poses during the session that emphasize different aspects of the body in various positions. In short poses, the idea is to grab the essence of form and relative aspects. In longer poses, artists may focus on the correctness of details. All drawing mediums are used by artists in our sessions; graphite, charcoal, pen and ink, colored pencil. Watercolor pens are sometimes used to enhance the drawings. The session atmosphere is relaxed with sitting at tables, some with easels; some sit on the floor. Bill Bon, our session leader, secures the models for each session, organizes and times the poses, and draws during the session. Artists, especially those new to life drawing, may watch him draw and ask questions.

Sessions are on 2nd Fridays 6-9pm Next: July 13th

$15 per person

Pay at the door or on Meetup

www.meetup.com/Henderson-City-Lights-Art-Gallery-Meetup/

Meet Mikaela Burt, Our First Intern

Mikaela Burt is a student at the Art Institute of Nevada in Henderson. In addition to her other classes, she is part of the institute's intern program and as such, approached City Lights Art Gallery looking for a place to actually intern. Her studies at the institute include Media Arts and Advertising and Visual Effects and Motion Graphics. An email vote by the board indicated this would be a great idea for us. Merle Williams worked with the institute internship coordinator to iron out the details regarding the expectations of the intern and those of the gallery.

Mikaela Burt

Mikaela began her duties by attending the June board meeting where we could meet her in person. Her internship requires 99 hours dedicated to a supervised learning experience within the parameters an Art Co-op and Gallery. She will be learning the daily functions of the gallery such as opening and closing, welcoming visitors, answering questions, making and recording sales. She'll learn about gallery governance by the board. She'll also be involved in art intake and hanging, monitoring our classes, reporting on activities of neighboring galleries, and participation in our fund raising projects.

Throughout the intern experience, Mikaela will receive instruction, guidance and supervision. Midterm and final evaluations will be completed by gallery personnel with whom she works. Regular constructive feedback will be provided to assure satisfactory progress. At the end of this first experience with an intern, City Lights and the Art Institute intern program staff will evaluate the overall program with an eye on continuing it. Because we are a 501(c)3 entity, no remuneration will be afforded the intern.

Welcome to the team, Mikaela! We look forward to sharing with you the workings of our co-op and gallery. Most of all, we anticipate your experience will bring many ideas that will benefit our operation.

ArtTrain 2018

Saturday, September 22nd
6:00 - 8:00 PM
on the
Nevada Southern Railroad
600 Yucca Street
Boulder City, NV 89005
Tickets: $35/person

Co-op Members:
Share with everyone you invite to ArtTrain
Arrive on platform at 5:00 pm to check in.
Board the train at 5:30 pm,
Train departs promptly at 6:00 pm.

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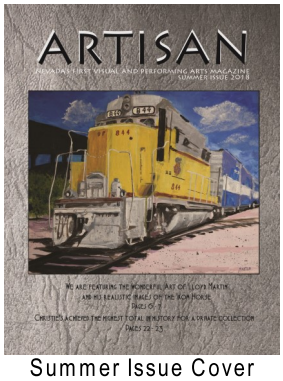
Pat Wall Shares the Good News About Artisan!

ARTISAN donates $ 3000.00 per quarterly issue in complimentary advertising space to membership activities. The two inside front cover pages are reserved for City Lights artists each issue and are supported by four artists at $175.00 each for their quarter page.

Our circulation has grown an additional 10,000 in readership in the last quarter bringing our circulation to 260,000. We received exciting news from Christies of New York, one of our ongoing two-page advertisers. Their recent auction of the Rockefeller estate garnered the most money every raised making it the largest private sale they ever had. One hundred percent of the items were sold! They plan to be with Artisan a long time.



Summer Issue Cover featuring "Williams Train" by Lloyd Martin

Lloyd Martin's stunning paintings of historic railroad images make him sought after by art collectors throughout the country. Lloyd is also a dedicated supporter of the inside front covers of ARTISAN. This issue features one of Lloyd's images on the front cover and two pages of his vintage railroad images inside the front cover. Also featured are some of his beautiful landscapes from the Laughlin area. Along with Lloyd, we are happy to have new member, Gina Geldbach-Hall share some of her work in the summer issue.

Long time advertiser, Art Encounter, has a special running in the summer issue of ARTISAN that all working artists will want to know about. They are offering a coupon in their ad giving artists a 25% discount on ALL framing through August. Take your coupon with you when you order your framing.

ARTISAN is donating an HO gauge electric train set valued at $180.00 for the ArtTrain raffle. Finally, Artisan has arranged for A DESTINATION TRAVEL in Henderson to donate a three-night, four-day cruise to Cabo San Lucas as the ArtTrain grand prize.

We are busy at Artisan Magazine promoting the visual and performing arts in Nevada. Our goal is to make City Lights Art Gallery the best known Gallery for local artists in Nevada.

Our Jewelry Display Case will arrive Friday, June 6th. Watch for a call for jewelry that will be emailed as soon as it is installed.

The Canopy is Really Coming - Soon!

Anthony Malloy, our friend at the Redevelopment Agency, has, once again, stepped into help us. He has secured a sign company that is, right now, creating the canopy for our entryway. Artwork for the canopy has been submitted by Cat. It's on its way!

City Lights Events in July

July 3rd—30th

Artist of the Month Exhibit features
MEMORIES, THE ART OF MERLE WILLIAMS

July 10th, Tuesday

Board Meeting 3:00 pm

July 13th, Friday

Life Drawing Session 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

July 21st, Saturday

Merle Williams' Meet the Artist Reception
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

As you can see, there's not a lot going on in July. Libby will be scheduling the next ArtTrain planning session very shortly. Watch for an email about it.

What's Not Happening:

Member meetings are on hiatus for July and August.

Judi Moreo's Acrylic Classes are suspended until September 8th.

Jan Schaeffer's water media will not meet on July 8th.

In the meantime, here's to a wonderful summer for everyone. Stay hydrated! Have a safe 4th.

IN THE FUTURE

ArtTrain 2018!

September 22nd 6:00 - 8:00 PM Check in at 5:00 pm

Board 5:30 pm Train Departs 6:00 pm

Like City Lights Art Gallery on Facebook!

Party & Paint

at City Lights Art Gallery

Gallery Director, Merle Williams, is the person to call to arrange a paint party at the Gallery. Members are encouraged to remember this offer exists and, as you're out and about, offer it to friends and acquaintances. Merle's number:

702-444-1250

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Art Classes, Workshops, & Open Painting

Oil: Mondays **Linda Land, Instructor** **$20/class**

9:00am - Noon

Watercolor: Tuesdays **Jan Schaeffer, Instructor** **$20/class**

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

Drawing: 1st Wednesdays Tommy Tucker, Instructor $20/class

9:00am - Noon

Life Drawing Sessions: 2nd Friday, July 13th **$15/session**

6:00pm - 9:00pm Maximum 8 artists. Must be 18 yrs +

Acrylics: Saturdays **Judi Moreo, Instructor** **$35/class**

On hiatus July 7 - Sept. 1 Will resume Sept. 8th

Water Media: Sundays **Jan Schaeffer, Instructor** **$20/class**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm No class on July 8th.

Special Workshops This Month

George Wilson workshops are on hiatus for the summer. Watch for new workshops in the fall.

There will be no Georgia Lawson July workshop as Georgia will be out of town on her workshop day.

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

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

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

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July 2018 Classes and Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Featured Artist This Month Merle Williams						Acrylic Classes Hiatus until Sept. 8th
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Water Media Class 1pm—4pm No Class Today	Oil Class 9am—Noon	Board Meeting 3pm Watercolor Classes 9:30am-12:30pm 1pm—4pm	Drawing Class 9am—Noon		Life Drawing Sessions 6pm—9pm	Acrylic Classes Hiatus until Sept. 8th
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Water Media Class 1pm—4pm	Oil Class 9am—Noon	Watercolor Classes 9:30am-12:30pm 1pm—4pm				Meet the Featured Artist Reception Merle Williams 1-5pm Acrylic Classes Hiatus until Sept. 8th
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Water Media Class 1pm—4pm	Oil Class 9am—Noon	Watercolor Classes 9:30am-12:30pm 1pm—4pm				Acrylic Classes Hiatus until Sept. 8th
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