



BrushStrokes

May 2023

To draw you must close your eyes and sing. Pablo Picasso

News from Our President! Kristi Watson

So the debate over AI generated art continues. In an article I read on [VICE](#) through Apple News, it stated that an artist was kicked off the platform of a *subreddit* of [Reddit](#) for posting what someone deemed as **AI** generated art. In case you don't know already, [Reddit](#) is an American social news network, where people post content and members vote the content up or down.

You can find the article about the artist **Ben Moran** here: [Reddit/Art](#). It was an interesting read because Mr. Moran "**Tweeted**," he was banned and then the post went viral and the debate ensued over what constitutes **AI** art and what is real art or not art at all. Mr. Moran contends his image was completely made up by his own imagination.

One of my favorite *subreddits* is the, "**Am I the Ass*!^&**" where people post situations they are in and write about their feelings over their circumstance. Most people who write don't expect the viewers to deem them the "**Ass*!^&**." Viewers chime in on their different perspectives, and if the person is the "**Ass*!^&**" or if their partner is. It makes a quick and sometimes unbelievable read, because amusing and jaw dropping life stories are posted. Names are actually pseudo names, so you don't have to reveal your identity.

In another article I read on [PetaPixel](#), Boris Eldagsen, who is from Berlin, won the **World Photography Organizations Sony World Photography Award** and refused his award because he used AI generated imagery, even though the guidelines said he couldn't submit it. He did it to prove a point, that a separate category should be used for AI generated imagery. He said he follows a complex process to generate his "images" as he calls them, and that

they are not photographs at all. He said that AI should and photography should not be competing in a show like this. You can find this story here: [Sony World Photography Awards](#).

Which brings me to a point and makes me ask, how does **City Lights Art Gallery** want to handle and deal with AI imagery? Should an artist have to declare the use of **AI** in creating their work? Should images generated in **AI** be in its own category? We have an upcoming photography show and the way I personally see it, once an image has been manipulated to the extent that it looks more like a work of art, than a photograph, it is no longer considered to be a photograph, but a digitally manipulated fine work of art because it is produced using technology. I believe we should have a separate category for digitally manipulated images in our gallery shows. From what I understand, this is a complex issue limited by categories and award money. I don't believe that an altered photograph should be put in a mixed media category, it is a digitally manipulated image and should stand in a category on its own merit. Boris

Eldagsen proved that an image can be made by **AI**, yet fool everyone including the judges as to how it was shot. The art world is once again, getting complex, just like performance art made it that way so many years ago.





And Upcoming Events

Join us for our 'May Flowers' themed Artist Reception on Saturday May 6, 1-3pm. Bring a dish to share and an appetite for good food and creativity.

Celebrating Mother's Day, the Henderson Art Fest will span the weekend of May 13-14 from 9-4. City Lights Artists will have all arts and crafts for sale on Army Street and Water Street will be loaded with booths, food and music. See page 4 for vendor details.

City Lights is also hosting a Silent Auction during the Art Fest and would LOVE your donations! See page 4 for details.

Head out to Lake Las Vegas for their INSPIRE Event on Saturday May 20th, 1-4 PM. Several of our own CLAG artists will show their beautiful art while everyone enjoys wine, food, craft beer and music as you stroll through the artist's displays.

Our next group Lunch will be on June 9. See page 4 for details and RSVP! This will be a first of its kind, so be sure to read about it!

If you are not getting emails from the gallery, please check your spam or junk field in your email folders and mark them as "ok to receive".....or if you are not getting anything at all, please send an email to clag.gallerymedia@gmail.com to confirm that your email is correct and listed in the gallery's email list.

See page six for photos of recent events!

Our Member Meeting will be on May 18 at 6:30 in the gallery. Please join us for idea exchange, good laughs and good snacks!



If you think you might like to get more involved in the gallery, send an email to Eric at: CLAG.GalleryMedia@gmail.com and he will send you a link for the Zoom call for our board meetings, help on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

City Lights Art Gallery presents its
Juried Photography Show
Call for Photographers!
 Show runs from June 7 - June 29, 2023

City Lights Art Gallery
 3 E. Army Street, Henderson, NV
 More information at:
CityLightsArtGallery.org

Photography categories:
 • Theme: Creative Challenge (See website for description)
 • Classic
 • Monochrome/Selective Color
 • Enhanced/Digital Art

Artist Awards Ceremony
 Saturday, June 10, 2023
 Reception at 1:00pm
 Awards presented at 1:30 pm
 (Dessert will be served after awards ceremony)

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place & Best of Show
 Ribbon for Honorable Mention. Everyone is welcomed to enter!

Photograph intake days are June 2nd & 3rd (10 am to 4 pm) at the Gallery
 Questions to (702) 260-0300 or CLAG.PhotoShow@gmail.com
 Follow the gallery on Facebook/Instagram @CityLightsArtGallery and on Twitter @CityLights_Gal

City Lights Art Gallery *Mother's Day*
 Promoting local art & art education
 3 East Army Street Henderson, NV 89015
 702.260.0300

Mother's Day Art Fair

May 13 - 14 10:00 - 4:00



Join us on East Army Street in downtown Henderson for a Mother's Day Art Fair
 Local Artists will be selling original artwork
 Silent Auction, raffles, childrens craft tent

Stop into the City Lights Art Gallery to see an amazing selection of Spring artwork! Members of the Gallery have been challenged to create 12 x 12' works of art based on spring flowers. There will be everything from paintings and drawings to photography.

Find your perfect gift for someone special!

City Lights Art Gallery is a non-profit 501c3. Proceeds benefit City Lights Scholarship & Arts Programs.
 Email: CityLightsArtGallery.org CLAG.galleryevents@gmail.com Facebook.com: CityLightsArtGallery
 Twitter: @CityLights_Gal

Classes and workshops

MEDIUM	DAY/TIME	INSTRUCTOR	PRICE
Oil	Mondays 9am-12	Linda Land 702-885-7174	\$20/class
Check with Instructors to verify times and supplies			
Watercolor	Saturday 10am-1	Jan Schaeffer 702-498-3055	\$25/class
Water Media	Sunday 12-3pm	Jan Schaeffer 702-498-3055	\$25/class
Figure Drawing sessions are from 9-noon on the second and fourth Friday each month. Cost is \$15/class. Bring your own supplies, including easel.			
Open Studio*	Thursday 10am-4pm	None	\$5
*Open Studio is only scheduled if there are no other workshops or classes scheduled that day			

City Lights Co-op is actively seeking new members. Please check our website for details. Established in 2003, the Co-op is a non-profit 501(c) 3 entity. We fund scholarships and mini-grants awarded to local students with aspirations in the arts. Tax-deductible donations are accepted.

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Monthly Featured Artist

May	Member's Challenge
June	Photography Show
July	Student Show
August	John Phelps
September	Fall Juried Show
October	Dotty Fenner
November	Susan LaBuda
December	Members Best

If you've changed your physical or email address, please let us know so we can update our records and keep you in touch with what's Happening at City Lights. Please let us know at CLAG.gallery@gmail.com.



Be sure to follow City Lights on FB, IG, & Twitter if you haven't already!!!

CLAG Board Member contact Information

Please use these emails until further notice.

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Lunch Details for June 9

Gina Geldbach-Hall, President of Assistance League® of Las Vegas on June 1st, and one of our gallery members, has invited us to tour their facility! Assistance League of Las Vegas has been serving the community since 1976, by providing goods and services to children in need. They are a member volunteer organization with no paid staff. Monies raised from their thrift shop, grants and donors are used to fund its 13+ philanthropic programs from Operation School Bell®, Operation Bear Hug, and various community programs that give back daily to the community. Gina has invited us to come by their chapter and give us a tour to learn more about the programs and activities they do within the community. Once the tour is completed, we will all head out to a restaurant close by (TBD).

Assistance League of Las Vegas is at 6446 W. Charleston Blvd between Rainbow and Torrey Pines (on the west side of town). You can find more information on their website at ALLV.org. Please RSVP by June 7 to Gina at Firegaldesigns@gmail.com so we have a count for lunch reservations.

Don't miss this fun and exciting opportunity! We can pick her brain after lunch on how to take some of what we've learned there and apply it to CLAG! See you on June 9th at 1:00 p.m.!!!

Art Fest Vendor and Volunteer Info for May 13-14

If you plan on using the gallery grids, setup will be on May 12th 10am- 4pm. On May 13th everyone must be setup and ready for the City to inspect by 8:30am. The Event opens to public at 9am.

There are no assigned Tents. They are on a first come basis. Grids are available on first come basis while they last. Tables and chairs are on a first come basis. If you have your own please bring them. **All participants must help with the setup and the teardown.**

Everyone is responsible for Nevada Sales tax @ 8.375%. Forms must be submitted to City even if no sales or you file on your own.

We have Eighteen members participating. Parking will be a challenge. Enter from Texas.

We will need lots of helping hands! The Gallery gets a lot of traffic both days and sales can be brisk so we need extra hands on duty! Please contact Stephanie Rose at stephanies.glassart@gmail.com for details and to volunteer. Info will also be posted in the Gallery.

Donations for Art Auction

A Silent Auction will be held during the Henderson Art Fest May 13-14 to benefit the City Lights Scholarship Fund. Please consider donating one of your creations or something else of value to support this effort. Whether a piece of artwork, a gift card or some other item of value, we can use it! We're also hoping to create some baskets to raffle off, so items both small and large would be appreciated.

Thanks to the efforts of member Eric Courtney, the silent auction will begin online on May 5th and conclude at 4pm on May 14th. We hope that a little online buzz will up the bids and maybe create some traffic during Henderson Art Fest! Kudos to Eric!

You can drop items off at the gallery anytime before Wednesday May 3rd so that they can be photographed and put on the auction website. Please label your donation with a description (the Title and Medium if artwork), add your name as the benefactor, the estimated value and a minimum bid (if you'd like to set one). A sign-up will be in the gallery office.

This event makes a big difference in our scholarship fund, so PLEASE donate!

To make a bid, go to: <https://clag.betterworld.org/auctions/city-lights-silent-auction>

OR simply use the QR code to the right to go directly there. The website will be up and running at 8am May 5 and close on May 14 at 8pm.

(Spoiler alert: there are some cool things already donated so don't miss your chance to get a good deal on something awesome!





Private Jewelry Classes

Learn how to make your own jewelry using **Art Clay Silver**, which is 99% silver after firing!

Cost: is \$99.00 + materials

Materials: 10g or 20g Art Clay Silver

Class Length: Approx. 3 hours

Dates: Days and time to fit your schedule

For more information email:

kristi.watson1@gmail.com



Private Art Lessons for Kids!


Summer is almost here and you might be looking for some private art lessons for your aspiring artist! I can do small group lessons or one on one to fit your schedule here at the gallery.

Private Lessons: \$50/hr. Discount for additional family/friends

email **Kristi Watson** for more information: kristi.watson1@gmail.com

If you know of interesting events, ideas, destinations, art contests, etc that would interest our gallery members, help us out by sending them to Karla at: clag.gallerybrushstrokes@gmail.com so we can put them in the newsletter.






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Space is limited. To secure your place, email tthompson1952@gmail.com

www.terrihompsonart.com



Our late member Carol Austen left behind about 1000 (yes, that is not a typo!) hand crocheted baby caps for newborns. If you know of any hospital or birthing center who could use some, please contact Stephanie Rose at stephanies.glassart@gmail.com



Michael Mahalik's Artist Reception Photos



May CLAG Member Lunch Photos

Our lunch in May was held at Juan's Flaming Fajitas where the conversation and food was Plentiful! Our members have great ideas and plenty of knowledge to share so consider joining us on June 9. More information about that is on page 4.



CLAG Field Day!

John Phelps organized a Great Trip to Nelson NV for CLAG members and friends, mainly to take photos of all the interesting and eclectic items out there, however it was a BEAUTIFUL day for a field trip and a wonderful time was had by all! Thank you John for setting it up.



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