



BrushStrokes

June 2023

Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time - Thomas Merton

News from Our President Kristi Watson

I am so amazed at the cooperation and support of the members of our gallery. Last month we participated in the Art Festival of Henderson and there were eighteen different artists displaying their artwork from City Lights Art Gallery. There was so much to do, and yet it appeared to occur seamlessly.

With our grant from the **Nevada Arts Council** and **National Endowment for the Arts** we decided to promote **Art on Army Street** during the **Henderson Arts Festival**, and continue with the planned activities for **Art on Army Street**. We just submitted our final report and will wait to hear if our efforts still qualify! All told, we estimate we invested around 600 hours to pull it off! Thanks to everyone involved.

Thank you to **Carolyn Stillwell, Susan LaBuda, Chris Mazglad, Stephanie Rose** and **Karla Cloninger**, who helped create and wrap the beautiful baskets for our raffle for our **student scholarship fund**. Those baskets wouldn't have been made possible without the generous donations from our members and local businesses. Thank you! We raised **\$958.00** from the sale of raffle tickets.



Susan LaBuda, always dressed in her best with a smile, sold lots of raffle tickets!

Be Part of the Art: Michael Mahalak designed a wall mural that everyone in the community could take part in helping the artist paint.



Thank you Michael for supporting the gallery and this community event, **Be Part of the Art**. Thank you Dotty Fenner who helped run and support this activity for these two days. We raised **\$73.00** towards our student scholarship fund from this event.



A look at day two of the mural painting.

We also had our inaugural **online auction** to help raise money for our student scholarship that was created by **Eric Courtney** and **Chris Mazglad**. So many cool things were listed that people in the community could bid on and potentially win. I was certainly happy with my winnings! It was easy to bid on items, and you were notified when you were outbid too! Our online auction raised **\$1,775 towards our student scholarship!**

Our past president **Stephanie Rose** organized the pop up artists on Army Street and also hosted our kids art activity tent. They painted rocks and made beaded bracelets. She was very busy both days and managed to run her tent and check on all the other participants. Thank you Stephanie, for your continued support of our gallery. I could tell by the smiles that it was worth the while, and we raised **\$419** from this event.

Then there were the grids that needed to be set up and taken down. The artists helped each other put up the grids and we had a little extra help with clean-up thanks to our artist's significant others and children! But the most amazing part was that every member just chipped in and did what was necessary to make this a great two days for **City Lights Art Gallery**. I have to add, **Susan** is an expert at gallery floor cleaning, and I can't thank her enough for that! Our gallery had heavy traffic both days, and we sold **\$1,993** in sales and added fourteen new members to our gallery. A special thanks to **Carolyn Stillwell** who ran the extremely busy gallery both days, fantastic job well done! Thank you to **Lola Meneses** who helped out on Saturday inside the gallery and **Dotty Fenner** who helped out inside the gallery on Sunday. Your work allowed other artists to be outside. You were the faces that people in the community met and identified our gallery with, and you just made everyone feel so welcome. Thank you!



Stephanie Rose hosted the Kids Art Activity Tent. Rock on Stephanie!

Overall, we had a gross income of \$6,608 and after artists commissions on gallery sales and expenses related to the event, our treasurer **Sujata Kishor** says we netted **\$4,279**. That is great news for our scholarship account and future student artists. Thank you to everyone, and those I may have overlooked who helped make **Art on Army Street**

part of the **Art Festival of Henderson** and a spectacular two days!

Special Thanks to the Artists for their donations!

Carol Austin	Larue Mortensen
Karla Cloninger	Stephanie Rose
Eric Courtney	Winston O'Rourke
Dotty Fenner	Cleavelle Scherer
Susan LaBuda	Carolyn Stillwell
Steve Kilgour	Terri Thompson
Sujata Kishore	Kristi Watson
Jim Longwell & Al	Barbara Weinacht
Chris Mazglad	

Thank you to the Nevada Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts for awarding us the project grant for organizations which helped make this event a success.



Special thanks to the Water Street District Businesses who supported our event!

Chinitas
 Elements Salon
 Gold Strike
 Lovelady Brewing Company
 Las Vegas Kettle Corn & Special Events
 Mojave Brewing Company
 Purple Penguin
 Rock N Grapes Wine Pub

Thank you to the City of Henderson for the street closure and tents!

Thank you to the Henderson Police Department, the Henderson Fire Department, and the overnight security who watched over all of our tents.

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And Upcoming Events

Join us for our Juried Photography Artist Reception on Saturday June 10, 1-3pm. Bring a dish to share and an appetite for good food, creativity and... did I mention... Prizes?

The Henderson Art Fest was a great success! See the photos later in this issue. We had a LOT of support from members and family members who contributed their time, talent and muscle to make the event an EXCELLENT fund raiser for the gallery. Thank you one and all!

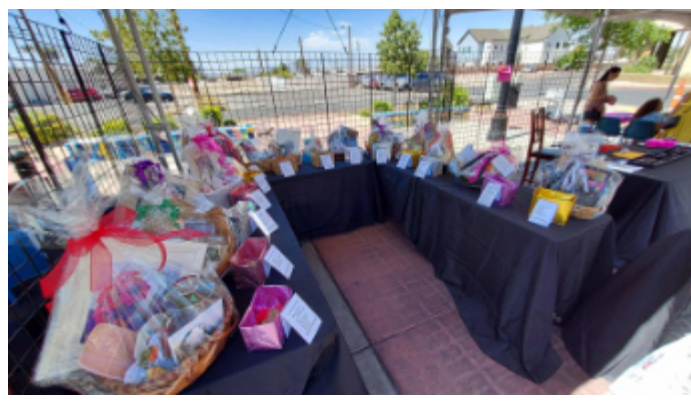
Contact Kristi Watson if you are interested in private Silver Clay or Children's art classes at kristi.watson1@gmail.com

Terry Thompson is teaching Acrylics for Beginners on June 13, 10-1. Cost is \$35. Contact her at: tthompson1952@gmail.com

Member Meetings are on haitus until September. Have a great summer!

CLAG is invited to participate in the Mesquite fine art show. Drop off for art will be on August 26 10-2 and the reception will be on Sept 30 from 11-2. More info to follow.

The Silent Art Auction and raffle held during the Art Fest turned out to be very lucrative! Thanks to ALL who participated with your donations and TIME!



Lunch Details for June 9 at 1pm

Gina Geldbach-Hall, President of Assistance League® of Las Vegas and one of our gallery members has invited us to tour their facility! The ALLV has been serving the community since 1976 by providing goods and services to children in need. Gina has invited us to tour the chapter and pick her brain for ideas that might benefit CLAG. 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.

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

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.

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

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!!!

Congratulations to member artists who participated in the "Celebrate Life Las Vegas" juried art show! Lola Meneses won 1st place in painting, Karla Cloninger received second place in sculpture, and Vicki Rose got to display in the amazing "Salon de Refuse". Read your Brushstrokes for notification to enter next year!

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Please use these emails until further notice.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



ella johnson

I am graduating high school at Palo Verde High School, and am heading off to Brigham Young University this summer. I will be beginning my Bachelor of Art classes in the fall and couldn't be more excited. I am a lover of the arts and an avid reader. I love reading any fiction under the sun including the classic works of Jane Austen, the Bronte Sisters, and Mary Oliver's poetry. I love to paint whimsical portraits about genealogy and my family's stories. I have been painting since the age of nine, when I had surgery on both of my feet. However, that trial brought me the blessing of painting. I began my painting journey using acrylic paint. Shortly after, I tested out oil painting and now nine years later, oil remains my favorite medium. I hope to one day be able to earn my masters degree and teach university level students about how important art is and paint religious painting for the Church of Latter Day Saints! I cannot wait to see where my art takes me in life and I'm very excited about all the opportunities being an artist brings.

audrey koval

I am graduating from Palo Verde High School. I am attending Brigham Young University in the fall and will be studying design. There I hope to make a career out of my love for creating. With my art, I gravitate towards portraits because I find that I can best explain my emotions and feelings through facial expressions. My process almost always begins with a feeling or experience I have that I want to manifest in a physical art form. In the beginning of my art journey, I prioritized realism, but as time has gone on I have focused on designing characters. I find that creating characters helps me connect with the art, and a plus is that nobody can tell me I painted a character wrong, because only I know that that character is supposed to look like. Characters also allow for exaggerated proportions which create emphasis on facial features. In the future, I hope to expand my little art universe while at college, and find a career to let all my creativity benefit society.



May Flower Themed Artist Reception



We had a wonderful response to the member challenge of the Flower themed art for May and sales are good so far! The general consensus is that we do more themed shows in the future! Thanks to all who participated.



More Event Recaps. May was a busy Month!

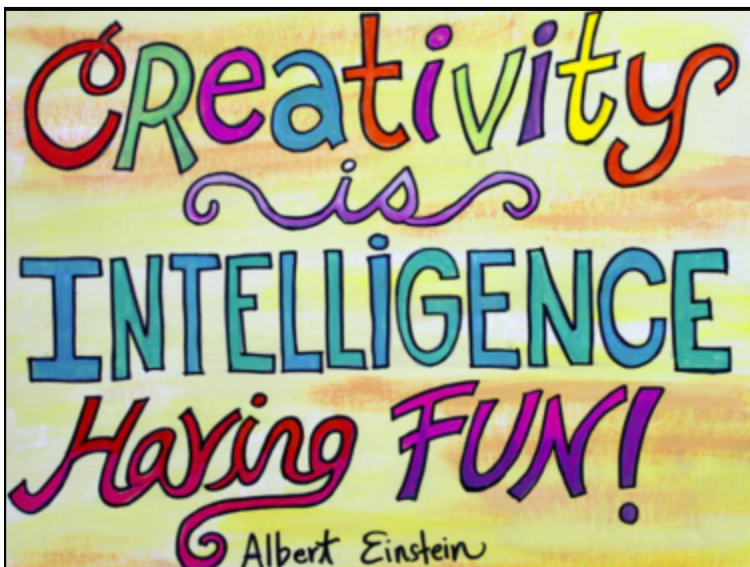
Member Jim Longwell stopped in during his travels to show us his IA artwork. We were amazed at how realistic AI images can be and had a discussion about AI versus hand created art. It was an excellent presentation! Thanks Jim!



Our May Member Meeting's guest presenter was Erika Muecke. She shared her techniques for creating bold backgrounds for her sculptural value studies. We shared pizza and potluck goodies sprinkled liberally with conversation and laughter. Thank you VP Joyce Owens for setting it up! We have a good line up for the fall so be sure to put the Member Meetings on your calendar, the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 starting again in September, when we will



have a presentation about how warm and cool colors affect the mood in art.



HENDERSON ART FEST 2023 PHOTOS





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

LEARN TO PAINT WITH TERRI

A PAINTING CLASS FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

CREATE THIS SEASCAPE

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
10:00 - 1:00

At City Lights Art Gallery, 3 E. Army St, Henderson, NV

\$35 (includes tuition, materials & light snack)

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

www.territhompsonart.com

Life Drawing Sessions

The sessions are held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 9am-12pm and will be lead by Bill Bon.

To reserve a spot, please contact Carolyn Stillwell directly at carolynstillwell@hotmail.com or call 702-982-5980

Gallery members get the first choice to reserve a space.



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

TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SELL YOUR ART!

Stephanie Rose is Hosting the gallery for business during 2 Henderson Events on Water Street. Pride Fest is Monday, June 19 4-8pm. The last Farmer's Market for the summer is Friday, June 30 4-8pm. You are welcome to set up a table in front of the gallery for free! Come join the festivities and see if you can make some money at the same time! There will be plenty of entertainment, including live music!

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