

# Perspectives

SPRING QUARTERLY 2022



GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS



Various Artwork, Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

## FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PRESIDENT

*"When you catch a glimpse of your potential,  
that is when passion is born." –Zig Ziglar*

As an artist, you may never have looked to the 1980s icon of salesmanship and motivational speaking as a source of inspiration. But I think this time he is speaking to us. I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on how and when your passion to create art was born. My guess is that there is a "who" involved as well as a "when" and "where." Who said your work was beautiful? Who said you had talent? Who encouraged your creativity and imagination?

At Grand Valley Artists, you have the opportunity to be that person for a new or emerging artist. You can teach, guide, challenge, and support even the most professional colleagues as they continue to pursue excellence. You can help GVA become an organization that fuels artistic passion.

GVA also holds you to account for seeing the potential in your own work and moving it to completion. "Showing up" to the studio and facing the problems that a piece of artwork presents is the only way to see the potential in your work. The studio is open for you—your membership is paying for it. Why not make use of it, enjoy the camaraderie of other artists working on their own creative projects, and see if you don't go home feeling much more passionate about your artistic practice? One of our high school student exhibitors in January said, "I forget how much I love art until I'm in a place like this!" I look forward to seeing you in the studio. You belong here and GVA needs you!

*by Dana Donnell, President*

The mission of Grand Valley Artists is to nurture excellence in the visual arts by providing opportunities for self-expression, education, and exhibition within West Michigan's dynamic cultural community.

Curious about Grand Valley Artists? Visit [grandvalleyartists.com](http://grandvalleyartists.com)! Our studio and gallery are open during regularly scheduled activities. Please contact Membership Chair Mary Baine ([marymbaine@gmail.com](mailto:marymbaine@gmail.com)) for a tour of our facility.

## *GVA Welcomes New Members*

Ellen Bratt  
Laura Bratt  
Janet Bonarski  
Jayne Brophy  
Bette David  
Nahed Fernando  
Paul Greene  
Cynthia Hagedorn  
Mary Clare Johnson  
Tevyona Knox  
Mona Leeder  
Sonisa Maslin  
Gloria Russau  
Lauri Stein  
Thom VerWys

## *Returning Members*

Diane Deremo  
Susan Haddix  
BJ Johnson  
Marie Schweitzer



[GrandValleyArtists.com](http://GrandValleyArtists.com)

# Artists in Exhibition

## TULIP TIME IN WEST MICHIGAN

GVA artist Anne Rivers's work *Tulip Fields* was juried into the Top 20 of Holland's annual Tulip Time poster contest. These artworks will be on display May 7 – 12 at Warehouse 6, 136 E. 6th Street in Holland, during which time viewers can vote for their favorite piece. The Viewers' Choice Award winner will be announced May 13 at 10am at the Warehouse.

To learn more, visit [tuliptime.com/first-bloem-2022](http://tuliptime.com/first-bloem-2022).



*Tulip Fields*, Anne Rivers

**Terryberry Gallery, St. Cecilia Music Center, Grand Rapids** - Find the elegant florals and landscapes of Rose Ellis in the month of May. The reception is May 6, 5 - 7pm. Her show will be up through May 30. The month of June will bring the beautiful paintings and photography of Kathy Forda and Rachael Roodvoets. This show's reception will be June 3, 7-9pm. The show will be up through June 27. **Address:** 24 Ransom NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

**Frauenthal Reception Gallery, Muskegon** - See the alluring pastel work of Mary Jo Druke. She has portraits, landscapes, and still lifes. This show is up until June 1. June and July bring the beautiful pastel work of Marianna Huele. Marianna often does European and farm scenes. Her work will be up through August 1. **Address:** 425 W Western Ave STE 200, Muskegon, MI 49440.

**Guardian Gallery, Downtown** - Through September, next to the Basilica of St. Adalbert, you will find the beautiful abstract work of David Cszasz. **Address:** 654 Davis Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

**Guardian Gallery, Lowell** - The exquisite fine art photography of Evie Carrier will be up in Lowell at the Franciscan Life Process Center from June - September. **Address:** 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI 49331.



*Morning*, Larry Blovits

They seek to exhibit artwork from established and emerging artists and plan to host a variety of programs including lectures, readings, workshops, and performances. Discover more at [pour-d.com](http://pour-d.com). GVA members Larry Blovits and Erin Reinholtz will showcase their art in the Pour-D *Awakening* exhibition beginning April 11.

## LOOK WHOS NEW IN TOWN

In January, a new artistic enterprise joined our West Michigan cultural scene. **Pour-D** is a combination art gallery, tea bar, and art studio located at 39 Courtland St. in Rockford.



*Shetland Sheep*, Erin Reinholtz

# FINE ART AT THE FOREST HILLS FINE ARTS CENTER

by Dana Donnell; Photos by Marty Klar, Dana Donnell



*Ornamental Cabbage, M. Joy Lemon*

Thanks to over two years of work on the part of Doug Klemm, Outreach Chair, the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center hosted a juried show of GVA's best in February and March of 2022. Over 160 images were submitted by GVA members to juror Jon McDonald (retired professor of Illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design). Jon selected 82 works for the show. They ranged from very large to very small, highly realistic to completely nonobjective, two dimensional to three dimensional, and from intense color to subtle black and white.

The reception for the show, curated by members Evie Carrier and DeLaine Klar, was a work of art on its own! Over 100 people attended the event and stayed throughout the evening to hear President Dana Donnell announce the award winners:

1st Place: M. Joy Lemon, *Ornamental Cabbage*

2nd Place: Mary Serra Veneklase, *Roadside Landing*

3rd Place: Linda Moe, *Run in the Dark*

4th Place: Randy Nyhof, *Ravages of Time*

Juror's Choice Award: Ken Cadwallader, *It's All in the Cards* (Jon McDonald donated his Juror's fee)

During the time the artwork was on display, four works sold, making this one of the most lucrative as well as the most beautiful venues for GVA. We can't wait to come back to FHFAC!



*It's All in the Cards, Ken Cadwallader*



Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

A hearty congratulations to all sixteen GVA members whose works were featured in this year's annual West Michigan Art Competition at LowellArts: Russell Barneveld, Kathleen Bechtel, Ted Carlson, Beth Charles, Cindy Coleman, Henry Droski, Michael Koole, M. Joy Lemon, Sri McCarthy, Randall Nyhof, Stone Peng, Mary Reusch, Richard Schaf, Kelly Vander Kley, Stephanie Wallace, and Sara Youngman. Well done!

# Calls for Artists

## ARTPRIZE 2022

ArtPrize® is an open, independently organized international art competition in Grand Rapids. It celebrates artists working in all mediums from anywhere in the world. It is open to any creative with an artwork to enter and a venue willing to host it. For full information, visit <https://artprize.org/>

Artists registration	Venue connection	Exhibit dates
April 25 - June 10	May 16 - June 28	Sept. 15 - Oct. 2

## 93RD MICHIGAN CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION

This annual show at the Muskegon Museum of Art presents a look at the issues, themes, and materials inspiring today's Michigan artists. Featured media include painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, and installation. More information is at

<https://muskegonartmuseum.org/exhibitions/>

Entry deadline	Exhibit dates
July 29	Oct. 6 - Nov. 30

## CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

This 48th annual juried show is at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Grand Rapids. Its motto: "Enriching lives by embracing the diverse spiritual talents and gifts of our world." More information available at <https://grfumc.org/cofa>

Art entry/intake	Exhibit Dates
June 3 - 4	June 11 - 21

## GREAT LAKES PASTEL SOCIETY ONLINE NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Each year, stunning works await visitors' eyes. GVA members usually participate and have been award winners. This year's exhibition will be online. Check it out at <https://www.greatlakespastelsociety.com/>

Entry dates	Exhibit dates
May 30 - July 11	August 27 - Oct. 8

CELEBRATION  
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## SHINING THROUGH ART AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Shining Through is an annual juried art show and auction designed to recognize and acknowledge the works of people with mental illness who have talents in the creative fields. This year's theme is *Be Together*. Artists whose 2D artwork is accepted for auction and then sold receive 51% of the selling price. The remaining 49% supports the programs of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan. If you manage anxiety, depression, or other mental health challenges, please consider entering up to 5 pieces of your 2D art for consideration in this year's fall fundraiser. There is no entry fee and all accepted art will be professionally framed for free.

Contact **Kandice** at **616-389-8601** or email **kandicesloop@benice.org** for full information and entry forms.

Art intake  
June 1 – 2 & 6 – 9

Art auction event  
October 20

## MEMBER EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES



Biggby Coffee has partnered with GVA Members to exhibit artwork! Locations are available across Western Michigan!

For locations along the lake shore and in the Grand Rapids area, contact Linda or Steve Scarborough at

**[lindaascarborough@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaascarborough@yahoo.com)** or **[stevescarb1@yahoo.com](mailto:stevescarb1@yahoo.com)**

For locations in Kalamazoo, Portage, and Parchment, please contact Deb Christiansen at **[amethystisland@gmail.com](mailto:amethystisland@gmail.com)** or Bill Christiansen at **[spiderkazoo@gmail.com](mailto:spiderkazoo@gmail.com)**

Exhibits last for roughly 3 months and needs vary based on location.

Bliss & Vinegar Restaurant – upload images to your GVA gallery space. Contact Marty Klar at **616-813-7921**. Each exhibition is on display for 6 weeks.

Englehardt Library in Lowell – contact Sara Youngman at **[sycre8@gmail.com](mailto:sycre8@gmail.com)**

Trinity United Methodist Church – contact Sara Youngman at **[sycre8@gmail.com](mailto:sycre8@gmail.com)**

## UPCOMING STUDIO GALLERY SCHEDULE

Jim Johnson, GVA Gallery Chair  
**[johnsonheartist@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonheartist@hotmail.com)**

### MAY / GVA PHOTO GROUP GVA Members

*Intake & Hang:* Monday, May 2

*Open:* Tuesday, May 3 – Friday, May 27

*Reception:* Friday, May 6 from 5-7pm

*Strike:* Friday, May 27

### JUNE / FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS Regional Show

*Intake & Hang:* Tuesday, May 31

*Open:* Wed., June 1 – Thurs., June 30

**Staffed by GVA members**

Friday, June 3

Saturday, June 4

Sunday, June 5

*Strike:* Friday, July 1

### JULY / GVA MEMBER SUMMER EXHIBIT

**GVA Members**

**Not juried. Pay to enter, cash prizes.  
Public invited. People's Choice voting determines winners.**

*Intake:* Friday, July 1

*Hang:* Tuesday, July 5

*Open:* Wed., July 6 – Friday, July 29

*Reception:* Thurs. July 14 (replaces Program)

*Strike:* Saturday, July 30



by Randy Nyhof, Photography Chair

## PHOTO GROUP IN REVIEW

The GVA Photo Group met on Tuesday, April 5 in-person. We had 20 in attendance including a new member and one guest from the Grand Rapids Camera Club. We did our usual show and tell, plus critique. Good discussions and many fine photos were shown. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at Grand Valley Artists studio at 7pm.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, USA

Visit <http://grcameraclub.org/> for more info!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The GVA Photo Group will have a show at the GVA gallery May 3 - 27. More than 15 photographers will be participating. The reception will be held Friday, May 6 from 5-7pm.

**COMING IN AUGUST:** the GVA Photo Group will exhibit at the Terryberry Gallery in St. Cecilia Music Center in downtown Grand Rapids. Our last group show here was in September 2019.

## WANT TO SHARE?

We regularly meet the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm. To submit photos for show and/or critique, please follow these instructions:

1. Email photo files ASAP prior to each meeting to [r.nyhof@comcast.net](mailto:r.nyhof@comcast.net) to be included. Limit is 4 photos per person.
2. Rename your photo file copies using this convention: First name(space)Last name\_Title.jpg  
Example: Randy Nyhof\_Ada Bridge.jpg

If you have questions, please contact **Randall Nyhof** at [r.nyhof@comcast.net](mailto:r.nyhof@comcast.net) or (616) 745-1486.

**May 3 - May 27**  
**Artist Reception**  
**Friday May 6 5pm - 7 pm**  
Refreshments will be served. Public Invited.

Grand Valley Artists, Inc.  
Is located at  
2661 29th Street SE, Suite B, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
(Find us behind Schuler Books 28th Street location!)

# Celebrating a First

## GVA BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHOW

by Dana Donnell, President; Photos by Randy Nyhof

February 2022 marked the first GVA Black History Month show. As an organization, we have stated that we value inclusion in our artistic community, so it was only natural that we invite four stellar African American artists to show their work in our gallery throughout the month of February. While all four artists—Jon McDonald, Esan Sommersell-Mckenzie, Roy Robinson, and Lester White—focus on figurative work (particularly on portraiture), each does so in his own way.

Jon's work is meticulous in its realistic rendering of the faces and the places that capture his attention. Esan makes huge, bold portraits filled with energetic lines. Roy's work is filled with colors and shapes that have symbolic meaning. He concentrates on sharing the stories of African Americans whose monumental contributions were overlooked by the dominant culture. Lester portrays famous and not-so-famous African Americans in large pieces that combine realism with objects that signify the subjects' place in history.

Over 130 people attended the opening reception for this exhibit. Others came throughout the month on Sunday afternoons to see the work and share their stories with gallery volunteers. Roy reported that the exhibit prompted an 8-year-old friend of his to start painting and to share her work with him. In return, he gifted her with one of his paintings. The impact of the exhibit even extended to an invitation from the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center to join them for their Black History Month Celebration, to share the works of the artists, and to talk about the artists' journeys.

The success of this show prompted our GVA Gallery coordinators to start planning for a Native American Month show in November. We look forward to more and more opportunities to host special events for the many groups of talented artists in West Michigan.



Left to Right: Jon McDonald, Lester White, Roy Robinson, Esan Sommersell-Mckenzie



# What's Happening

## GVA TOWN HALL MEETING & UPCOMING MAY 12 ANNUAL MEETING

by Terri Hanna, Program Chair; Photos by Randy Nyhof

GVA held its very first Town Hall meeting on April 14. Our President Dana Donnell led us through a beautiful PowerPoint presentation put together by the Strategic Planning Committee with all sorts of great information for GVA's members. Kudos to Diane Haworth, Vice President, for coordinating this gathering and creating the presentation which educated us about changes to be voted on at the upcoming **Annual Membership Meeting on May 12, 2022 at 6pm.**

As the result of their work and approval from the Board, we now have a **GVA Visions Statement: Grand Valley Artists envisions an inclusive community where visual artists come together to learn, create, and share.** The reason? It helps us tell our story and invites others who share our vision to join us.

We also identified five Values which our founders and ongoing members share: Creativity and Innovation; Learning; Partnership; Inclusion; and Community. Again, it helps us tell our story and allows for the continued growth of GVA within West Michigan (see the margin for more).

The team learned that our current GVA Bylaws did not completely mesh with documents already filed with the IRS and the State, so a revamp of those Bylaws was done by the group and sent to each member for review. A vote on these Bylaws will take place at our Annual Membership Meeting on May 12. And yes . . . dinner will be served!

Missed the meeting? View the abridged power point here: [bit.ly/3vBS10I](https://bit.ly/3vBS10I)

Want to review the Bylaws? View them here: [bit.ly/3xPJo5D](https://bit.ly/3xPJo5D)

### CREATIVITY & INNOVATION

GVA considers art essential. We are committed to freedom of artistic expression and nurturing excellence in the visual arts. We value the individual and collective contributions of artists in society and the ingenuity and innovation resulting from the creative process.

### LEARNING

GVA promotes varied learning and skills building opportunities. Doing so nurtures excellence in the visual arts and increases the value of GVA to our members and to the larger arts community in West Michigan.

### PARTNERSHIP

GVA supports the interdependence of artists, organizations and others interested in the arts as essential to community vitality and artistic success. Through partnerships, we seek to establish priorities, enable alignment of resources and leverage knowledge that leads to greater opportunities for artistic expression.

### INCLUSION

GVA values an equitable, diverse and inclusive Michigan. This we interpret as fair access for all to the tools and resources needed to realize a creative cultural community.

### COMMUNITY

GVA is part of the West Michigan arts community and supports engagement and collaboration. We promote the expansion of exhibition and arts opportunities for our members and the larger creative community.



Dana Donnell, President



Henry Droski, Doug Klemm, Joe Goedel, Diane Haworth



Ron Shamery, Marty Klar

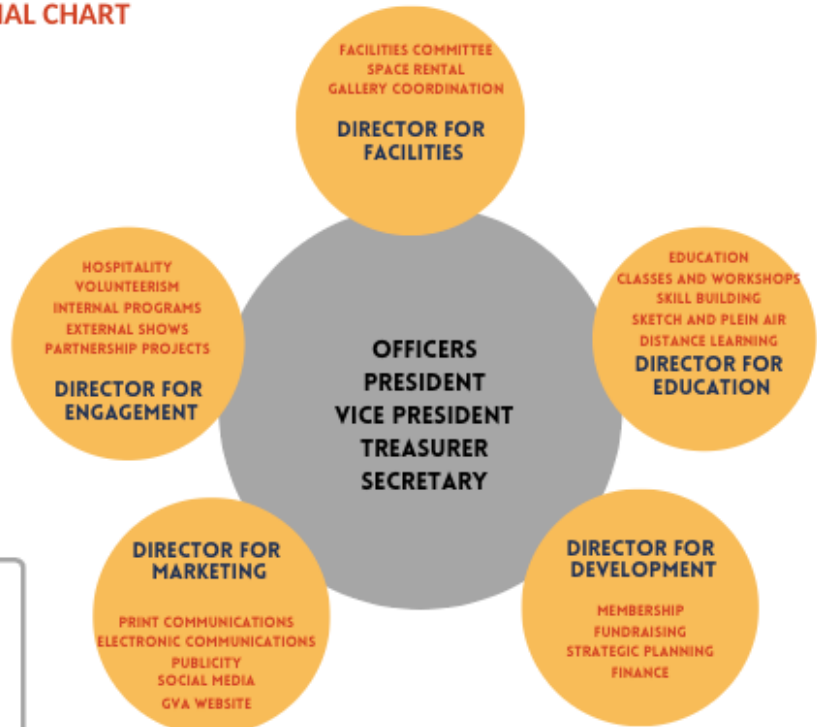


# at Grand Valley Artists

As part of our strategy, it was determined that a bit more structure was needed at the Board level to both lighten the load of the few who have been carrying the share of responsibility with the move and the loss of income during the COVID pandemic. So, in addition to the 4 officers, we will now have five Director positions, also to be elected by the membership on May 12. Those Director positions are:

## Grand Valley Artists ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2022

**Director for Facilities**  
**Director for Education**  
**Director for Development**  
**Director for Marketing**  
**Director for Engagement**



2022 GVA Organizational Chart by Diane Haworth

Job descriptions for each of these open positions were available at the Town Hall meeting and will also be available at the upcoming meeting on May 12. Those interested in the Director positions can contact **Dana Donnell** at [danabdonnell@gmail.com](mailto:danabdonnell@gmail.com) to have a copy for review. Those interested in running for Director positions or nominating another member should contact our Nominating Committee Chair **Mary Jane Pories** at [mjpories@fishladder.net](mailto:mjpories@fishladder.net).

More great news! GVA is currently financially stable. We received many generous donations from members during the pandemic. Our Pop-Up Bazaar and Estate Sale brought in a significant amount of revenue, and our classes, workshops and sketch fees are making a huge difference. Our recent postcard sale brought in excess of \$1,200 thanks to all who donated their 4x6" artworks!

Last, and certainly not least, our hospitality team Evie Carrier and DeLaine Klar generously fed us with Costco beef hotdogs and all the fixings. We had chips, cookies, fruit, and drinks and plenty of time for great socializing. So you won't want to miss the Annual Meeting on May 12! They promise another good time!



**POSTCARD SHOW AND SALE**  
**MARCH 2022**  
 600+ original works donated; \$1200+ earned  
 Immeasurable Fun for Members!

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Not everyone can get out and experience the benefits of visual art in our community. That's why our members often take their art to others! This spring, Larry Blovits exhibited his art at Beacon Hill retirement facility and Anne Crans shared hers with residents at Clark Retirement Community, both located in Grand Rapids.

Storypoint Independent Living Center in Rockford is currently seeking artists to teach fun, engaging classes. Many mediums welcome! Share the joy of art! Please contact Sharon Landman at 616-437-2773.

## FOLLOWING THE TRAIL by Anne Crans

I discover beauty in nature as I canoe the marshes, following the trail of footsteps placed by unseen creatures in the wilderness. Beauty in color, beauty of blossom – the leaf, the bud, the flower of color ... springs forth. Within this beauty, I listen and hear a hymn with works of great depth – a symphony where flutes trill, trumpets sound, and cellos call out from the wild. A chorus joins in song.

Clark Retirement Community recently hosted a photography show of my work this spring. Barns and homes of past, birds, and Lake Michigan shoreline photos were themes presented in the exhibit. Most rewarding was a tea-time talk with the residents. I opened the program with a performance of two selections on my flute with pianist Ms. Warners, a resident, accompanying me. I encouraged questions about my photography. When I mentioned that I had immigrated at age 4 and am the second child of eleven, an hour scheduled talk became a two-hour question and answer time of sharing memories and photos. What a great fun time everyone had!



## GVA CLEANING CREW

by Marty Klar, Facilities Chair

Ben Baine has done a wonderful job keeping GVA clean, neat, and tidy, but has had to step down from his duties. He donated his cleaning supplies and tools and we are fortunate to have members like Brandi David and Annmarie Biernacki step in. Brandi's friend Bob Wolfe has also jumped in to help clean and he even took home a bench to refurbish it as part of our Adopt a Bench program. How are we so lucky?



Brandi David and Bob Wolfe, photo by Marty Klar

We are searching for a new paid, part-time "hired hand" to replace Ben's bi-monthly visits, so if you know someone please put them in touch with me at [martyklar@comcast.net](mailto:martyklar@comcast.net). Please continue to do your part to keep GVA clean. Dana Donnell supplied spray bottles and rags to keep easels and benches clean. Paper towel dispensers are located in the kitchen, bathroom, and next to the utility sink. Bigger spills? There's a sponge mop behind the library shelves along with a broom and dustpan. Our new location has allowed for many walk-ins, so keeping GVA presentable all the time has never been more important. Thank you.



## 2022 POP-UP BAZAAR & ART MARKET

by Joanne Swann

We are excited to announce our 2nd Annual Pop-Up Bazaar & Art Market sponsored by Grand Valley Artists! We want to give you an opportunity to apply early for a space as last year we filled 114 spaces and many vendors are interested in coming back. We have 118 spaces available in the main area, and a few more inside.

For more information scan the QR code. We look forward to seeing you for another fun opportunity to jump start your sales this holiday season.

2nd ANNUAL

POP-UP BAZAAR  
& ART MARKET

SPONSORED BY



GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS, INC.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022  
11AM - 4PM

at the  
FULTON STREET FARMERS MARKET

For more vendor information, scan the QR code for our event website.



# CRAVING SOME *Fresh Air?* **TRY PLEIN AIR!**

by Jim Johnson, Plein Air Coordinator

## PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE WEDNESDAYS, 2022

Updates regarding location changes will be sent by Jim Johnson via the Plein Air Email list.

May 4	Luton Prairie
May 11	Coopersville Main Street
May 18	Pickerel Lake
May 25	Michigan State Extension "Grand Ideas Garden"
June 1	Dwight Lydell Park (Comstock Park)
June 8	Judy Maggini's House
June 15	Riverside Park
June 22	Saint Adalbert's Basilica
July 6	Frank Lloyd Wright House
July 13	Collins Park on Reeds Lake
July 20	Tassel Park (Cascade)
July 27	Wilcox Park
August 3	Rockford
August 10	John Ball Park
August 17	Ada Township Park
August 24	Reeds Lake / Lakeside Park
September 7	Lowell / Main Street
September 14	Eastmanville Farm / Historically, The Poor Farm
September 21	Kent / Michigan State Extension "Grand Ideas Garden"
September 28	The Meadows at Millennium Park
October 5	Fulton Street Farmers Market
October 12	Highlands Land Conservatory
October 19	Fallasburg Park
October 26	Lowell Fair Grounds

The 2022 plein air season is now upon us and I'd like to invite our membership to come outdoors and join us as we begin our 25th season of GVA paint-outs. Our painting venues offer a balance between city and country landscapes. Most locations are in the Grand Rapids area, but we do venture out as far as Lowell, Rockford, and Eastmanville. Most locations have accessible restrooms, ample free parking, and plenty of shade trees. When any of these amenities are absent, I will give you a heads-up by email.

In the early spring, our paint-outs will be in the afternoon from 1- 4 pm because of the cool morning temperatures. When the hot summer days return, we will paint in the morning beginning at 10 am. I've made out a tentative location schedule for May thru October which I may change from time to time to take advantage of new opportunities. I will send out an email advisory 24 hours prior to each paint-out with confirmation of location and time or possibly with a cancelation due to weather. Personally, I can't wait for the season to start. Please join me whenever you can. For questions or to be added to our plein air email list, contact me at

[johnsontheartist@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsontheartist@hotmail.com).



# Cooking Ahead

## EASEL UP! PLEIN AIR EVENT MAY 21, 2022

GVA member **Yo Altona** is hosting the 2nd annual plein air festival at The Hollister Place on Saturday, May 21 from 1 - 5pm. This event is open to GVA members and the general public. Join in for fun, food, and finding out the name of last year's Golden Brush winner! BBQ chef Juan Martinez will be on hand.

If interested in attending, please email your name and phone number to **Yo** at [thehollisterplace@yahoo.com](mailto:thehollisterplace@yahoo.com) using the key word **GOLD BRUSH**.

The Hollister place is located at 243 Hollister Ave SE, Grand Rapids 49506. It is "a neighborhood art house dedicated to celebrating and promoting artists and providing time and space to be creative" in memory of William Bouwesma, founding artist. Don't miss out!

## FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS JUNE 3, 4, 5

Kick off the summer with a renewed celebration of artists, music, theater, dance, poetry, young peoples activities, and multi-cultural food from June 3-5 in downtown Grand Rapids. Juried art from the Regional Arts Competition will also be on display at multiple galleries: Frames Unlimited (North and South), PaLatte Coffee Shop and Gallery, Muse Gallery, Grand Valley Artists Gallery, and Grand Rapids African American Museum & Archives until June 30. A post-show of Award Recipients will be on display July 8 - August 13 at Grand Rapids Ballet and LowellArts. For more information, visit [Festivalgr.org](http://Festivalgr.org)



## EASEL UP ! Plein Air Painting Event

join us....

EAST HILLS, grand rapids, michigan  
2nd annual plein air EASEL UP art festival  
at the william bouwesma hollister place,  
**SAT. MAY 21, 2022.**

... 1 pm till 5 pm

... barbecue with chef juan martinez  
243 hollister ave se, grand rapids, mi 49506.  
last year's golden brush winner will be announced.

[thehollisterplace@yahoo.com](mailto:thehollisterplace@yahoo.com).

please email us your interest,  
name and phone. key word: GOLD BRUSH.



## MICHAELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL: THE EXHIBITION MAY 20 - SEPT. 11, 2022

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition "showcases the awe and wonder of arguably one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements." Exhibit dates at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum are May 20 - September 11, 2022. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3kbFE6t>

# Classes and Workshops

## **CALLING ALL IPAD USERS!**

by Terri Hanna, Program Chair

GVA has the opportunity to have Esan Summersell come in and teach us some digital art tips and tricks using ProCreate. If you saw our Black History Month show, you likely saw the things he has done using this app, and we all know the awesome things Marty Klar has been doing. The cool thing about ProCreate is that you can do almost anything you can do with your pencil, paintbrush, or yes, Wes, even your credit card! And ProCreate is inexpensive compared to other similar drawing/painting apps at only \$9.99. The bummer is that ProCreate is an app only available for iPads and not other operating systems. But if you have an iPad and want to learn more about Procreate, let me know. If there is enough interest, Esan will be happy to teach a class. *Without expressed interest, we can't add this to our program.* Contact me at [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com) and I will get this workshop on the books.

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## **DARE TO DRAW WITH MARY CLARE JOHNSON**

Tuesdays: April 19 to May 31 – 7pm to 9pm (no class May 3)

Tuition: \$175 (members), \$200 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign up: [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com)

<http://www.maryclaresartwork.com/>

Think you can't draw? You definitely can! Pretty good already? Let's advance even more! Just want to be motivated to do more? Then join us as we Dare to Draw. This course will enhance your drawing skills and lead you to more effective paintings, relaxation and stress relief, planning out future work, and use art to tell a story. We will explore contour line drawing, still life, natural objects/landscapes, and work on effective shading. In doing so we will study form, angles, proportion, shape, scale, placement, light and shade. Group and individual instruction are provided in this amazing class. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome, so no experience is needed to join us.

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## **PAINTING WITH KATHLEEN KALINOWSKI**

Session II: Tuesdays, May 3 to May 24, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Tuition: \$260 (members), \$300 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign up: [kalinowskifineart@gmail.com](mailto:kalinowskifineart@gmail.com)

<https://www.kathleenkalinowski.com/>

Kathleen tailors her classes to each individual, beginner thru advanced, working in oil or pastel, landscape or still life. One still life will be set up for each session to work from, or student may work from their own landscape photos and sketches. This class is set up as instruction through mentoring, with emphasis on creating dynamic compositions, color mixing, technique and problem solving.

## **GO WITH THE FLOW WITH ABSTRACT ARTIST WES DEVRIES**

Session I: May 14 – 2pm to 5pm

Session II: June 18– 2pm to 5pm

Tuition: \$50 (members), \$60 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign-up: [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com)

<https://www.instagram.com/wesleydevriesart/>

As the workshop title implies, Wes encourages artists at all levels to loosen up and let the canvas and medium speak to you as he gives a demonstration of his own process, then guides each attendee in creating a finished piece. Wes works in acrylics, but all mediums are welcome.

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## **WATERCOLOR GREETING CARDS WITH MARY CLARE JOHNSON**

Session 1: May 28 – 2pm to 5pm

Session 2: June 25 – 2pm to 5pm

Tuition: \$50 (members), \$60 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign-up: [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com)

<http://www.maryclaresartwork.com/>

This workshop will be a fun 3 hours of painting amazing greeting cards in a variety of subject matters. No previous painting skills are required.

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## **OIL PAINTING INSIGHTS WITH LARRY BLOVITS**

Tuesdays, June 7 to June 28, 10am to 2pm

Tuition: \$225 (members), \$250 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign up: [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com)

<https://www.larryblovits.com/>

In this class, Larry will explain and discuss the unique characteristics of oil paint and proper painting procedures, and why knowing this is so important. Each week a specific topic will be fully explained and demonstrated. Handouts for each will be distributed and assignments given so that each student can experience each fundamental procedures on their own paintings.

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## **ZENTANGLE WITH DAMIENNE EHLENFELDT**

June 19 – 2pm to 4pm

Tuition: \$50 (members), \$60 (non-members) payable at 1st class

Sign-up: [tlhanna0807@gmail.com](mailto:tlhanna0807@gmail.com)

[https://www.instagram.com/dani\\_ehlenfeldt/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/dani_ehlenfeldt/?hl=en)

Love to doodle? Like to keep your hands busy even when watching TV? If you do, you can learn to make art through the Zentangle Method. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use it to create beautiful images. In this workshop, you will learn the basic terms and techniques to start practicing this mindful meditation. Create Zentangle tiles and see how powerful they are for you and as a group by creating a tile mosaic. Create a colorful background, and Zentangle on top to add a playful level of creativity. Learn how to see the tangles in everyday life. All supplies are provided.

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## Recurring Calendar Events

Sunday	Open Studio	2:00-5:00
Monday	Portrait Session	10:00-12:00
Tuesday	1st Tuesday Photo Group	7:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday	Open Studio	10:00-1:00
	Plein Air Group	varies *
	3rd Wed. GR Camera Club	7:00-9:00
Thursday	1st Thursday Critique	7:00-9:00 pm
	2nd Thursday Program	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday	Still Life	10:00-1:00
Saturday	Figure Sketch Session	10:00-1:00

\*Times and locations for Summer Plein Air vary. Please contact **Jim Johnson** at [johnsonheartist@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonheartist@hotmail.com) for times and places

## Looking to Contribute?

As a non-profit, Grand Valley Artists thrives on the support and contributions of our members. Donate your time by volunteering to act as a member model, event facilitator, or Gallery Host!

Interested in something else? We are expanding our outreach and are looking for help on our facilities, education, development, marketing and engagement teams. Contact any board member to join our team of amazing volunteers!

## HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Newsletter submissions can be sent at any time! Please email articles, artwork, and links to **Mary Helmic** at [maryhelic@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelic@gmail.com).

**SUMMER EDITION**  
(June, July, August)  
Deadline: June 15  
Publication: July 1

**FALL EDITION**  
(Sept., Oct., Nov.)  
Deadline: Sept. 15  
Publication: Oct. 1

**WINTER EDITION**  
(Dec., Jan., Feb.)  
Deadline: Jan. 15  
Publication: Feb. 1

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