











Holiday Party December 13 at 6 p.m.!

A message from our GVA president, Carol Laurn

The GVA Holiday party is a fun opportunity to mix and mingle. We extend this invitation to all members and particularly to those who are new to GVA. Our holiday get-together is a chance to become acquainted with our new and seasoned members in a relaxed social setting.

The party will be held in place of Program at **6 p.m.** on December 13 at our studio on Service Road. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

The evening celebration will include a short program. Randy Nyhof will run a video throughout the evening that captures the many special GVA events throughout 2018.

You won't want to miss the big excitement of our Holiday Exhibit. Each GVA member is invited to submit one piece into the show, and you will play a part in determining the winning pieces. To enter, see the guidelines and entry form on the last page of this newsletter.

Planning for the party takes some work. Our hospitality chairperson, Peg McKeown, would appreciate help setting up the food and drink tables. Please contact Peg to offer your assistance. Her email is mcperfitt@me.com.

The Perfect Present

for the artist who has (almost) everything!

Just in time for the holidays, for only \$40, you can prepay a year's GVA membership for a deserving artist and gift it—along with art supplies, if you're feeling really generous.

It's like ordering flowers, only better: A certificate including the sender's name will be customized with your personal message and mailed according to your instructions. The lucky recipient may use the certificate immediately and thereby be a member through August 31 or wait to activate the membership on September 1, 2019. Contact marymbaine@gmail.com for details.

Call for Entry: GVA Holiday Party and Exhibit

Members are invited to enter ONE original 2D or 3D artwork for the exhibit. All work must be framed, wired, and ready to hang. This exhibit is not juried.

Deadline: December 1st/Saturday. All entries will be due at the studio between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Take down is Monday December 31.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is ten dollars. Fill out the entry form (below) and tape it and your ten dollars to the back of your entry.

Cash Prizes: Cash prizes will be determined by our GVA membership. Voting will begin at critique on Thursday, December 6 and continue through the following week ending on Wednesday, December 12 at noon. Members can vote by filling out a ballot available in our gallery during regular business hours, December 6 until December 13. (See weekly schedule for daily hours.) Each member can vote for just one piece. Write in the title and artist of the best piece and sign your name at the bottom so we can read it. Drop it into the wooden box clearly marked GVA VOTING.

Requirements:

All work must be dry and ready to hang with proper wires and hangers. No prints accepted. Only original artwork.

Sale of Works: Works that are not for sale should be marked NFS. GVA does not take a commission. Liability: GVA will handle works with all possible care, but is not responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever.

| Attach this form to the back of your work. | |
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| Artist's Name | |
| Phone Number | |
| Email | |
| Name of Artwork | |
| Price | |



Alix Bartnick

Congratulations are in order. Alix Bartnick won third place in the People's Choice category for her framed photo taken in Aman Park titled "Rebirth." (See above.)

The awards ceremony was held November 12 at the annual Colors of Community art show event at LifeStream Church in Allendale.

Alix was given a certificate and a cash award.



Diann Bartnick

Diann's mosaic, King of the Butterflies, was accepted into the Beautiful Bugs exhibit at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. The reception is December 9 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Congratulations to Diann!

Note from the editor: I am changing my surname to Bartnick.





Congratulations to Cindy Wojciakowski, who sold one of her pieces at Trinity recently!

Works by Ruth VanderMuelen and Judy Maggini

will be on display during the months of December and January. If you want to show your work at Trinity, please let Mary Marin know. Her email is marymarin1285@gmail.com.





Program Night Submitted by Randy Nyhof

For the November 8 Program I presented a program titled "My Journey in Fine Art Photography from the 1970's to the Present". I believe it was well received. The Holiday reception on December 13 will be in place of our regular programing.

Art Chat

No art chat in December. Stay tuned for our next gathering in early 2019.

Photo Group News

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

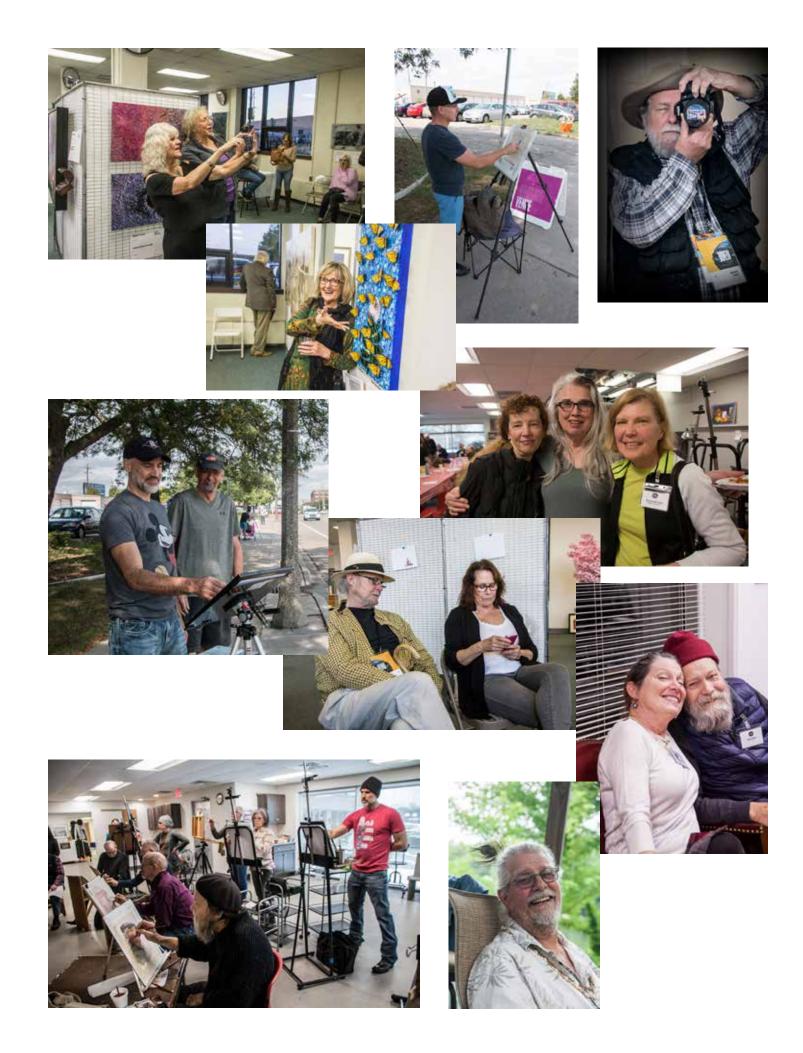
The Photo Group met for their regular meeting on November 6 with their usual critique. It was decided that we would not have a second meeting in November due to it being so close to Thanksgiving. Our December meeting is scheduled for December 4. If you are interested in photography, don't pass up the opportunity to hang out with like-minded people, to learn techniques to improve your skills, and to take a deeper dive into this exciting medium. Here are some photos from the October session to give you an idea of what you are missing.















We said good-bye to two of our cherished members, Larry, above right, and Carl, below.





Area Art News

Lowell Arts

November 6 to December 23: The annual LowellArts Holiday Artists Market features artwork by over 50 area artists. Holiday Artists Market Regular Hours: Tues–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday 12–5 p.m.

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

FHPS Staff & Community Exhibit November 12, 2018–December 19, 2018 Exhibit Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Mon.–Fri. All exhibits are free to the public.

Guardian Gallery Lowell

"Communicating Through Art" features the work of Irene Bakhuyzen Wordhouse. The show will remain through December. The gallery is open during regular business hours. Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI.

Guardian Gallery Grand Rapids

"Franciscan Artists Group Show" will feature the work that is as diverse as each person is, and utterly beautiful. Don't miss this chance to see the beautiful work of these exciting artists. This show will hang from November until February. 654 Davis NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia's

The months of December and January show the beautiful watercolors of Jim Johnson. The reception for this show is Friday December 7 from 5:30–7:30. Parking is free next to St. Cecilia's.

Dominican Center at Marywood

Shanté Monroe mixed medium works. Reception December 9 from 1 until 4. The gallery is located at 2025 E. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and is open Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Bliss & Vinegar

Stop in to B&V to see the beautiful paintings of DeLaine Klar. If you want to show your work at B&V, make sure to load some images to our website, as that is where the owners go to find artists whose work they would like to display. Marty Klar coordinates this opportunity for us. Please do not contact the restaurant directly. Questions? Call Marty at 616-813-7921.

Trinity United Methodist Church

December through January features the work of Ruth VanderMuelen and Judy Maggini. Trinity is located at 1100 Lake Drive SE, and the church is open during business hours on Monday through Thursday. If you would like to show your work at Trinity, please contact Mary Marin at marymarin1285@gmail.com.

Fruenthal Gallery, Muskegon

The months of December and January bring the abstracted landscapes and florals of Judy Tummino. Her work is uniquely her own and beautiful in the grays and the soft, subtle colors. Don't miss this opportunity to see her beautiful works. The Frauenthal is open Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Extended hours on show nights.



DeLaine Klar at Bliss & Vinegar



GVA Welcomes New Members

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Want to Contact GVA?

Please visit the Contact Us page on the GVA website to send us a message. Use the dropdown box to direct your question or comment to the appropriate person: http://grandvalleyartists.com/contact

Non-Member Sketch Price Going Up! Time to Join!!!

The board has determined to raise the cost of sketch participation for non-members from \$7 to \$10 beginning in January. Member price will remain the remarkable low price of \$5 per session except for the Thursday long pose charge, which is \$10.



Board Meeting December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

EVERY WEEK

Sundays Closed

Mondays 10:00 a.m. until noon Portrait Sketch*

Tuesdays Every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Figure Sketch*

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Photo Group

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.until 1:00 p.m. Open Studio/Still Life

Thursdays First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Critique

December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Every Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Still Life

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Figure Sketch*

Model fee

*\$5 for Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday night

Holiday Party!!!

Long Pose Figure^{⋆⋆}

**\$10 for long pose on Thursday

NOTE: "Figure Sketch" model may be either clothed or nude depending on the model.

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