

# Perspectives



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## Holiday Juried Show and Online Party Time!

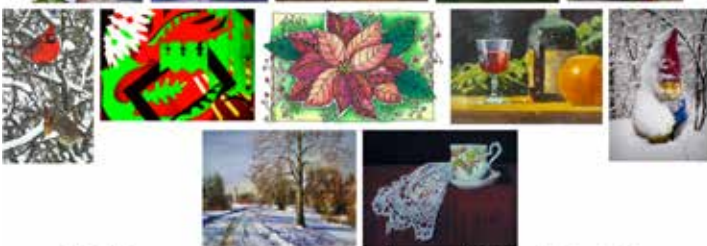
It will be different, but it will be exciting!!! Our first Holiday Online Competition will offer members the opportunity to submit one or two pieces into this juried show, and the submissions will be compiled in a beautiful magazine that will be available online and in hard copy for those who would like a hands-on version for posterity, too.

To enter the competition, please provide a completed [Entry Form](#) for your submissions (maximum of two per artist), and an excellent photo of the work electronically to Kathy Bechtel ([kathleen.bechteler@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen.bechteler@yahoo.com)), and mail the entry fee by mail along with a check made out to Grand Valley Artists to Kathy Bechtel, 8418 Golfside Drive, Jenison, MI 49428. The cost to enter will be \$15 for one piece and \$25 for two entries. Deadline: Nov. 30.

We all look forward to seeing what everybody has been producing during these many months! Get those entries in!!!



**GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS**  
*Christmas Cards*



12 Notecards and Envelopes/Blank Inside

## Holiday Cards Available

This beautiful set of greeting cards is now available. To purchase, contact Joanne Swann at [joswann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joswann@sbcglobal.net). You can also swing by GVA **next Saturday, November 28**, between noon and 2 p.m. to purchase these. \$15 for the set of 12 cards with envelopes. The all occasion cards and photography card set will also be available.

# Holiday Shopping at the Downtown Market

Submitted by Marty Klar

Done any holiday shopping yet? Our very own very favorite brand ambassador — AKA Bliss & Vinegar — is now featuring new artwork, new note cards, including the just released GVA note card sets, as well as beautifully-crafted kitchen and household items. Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbors. The holidays are approaching fast. Sure you can shop online, but Amazon will survive if you don't buy everything from them. To varying degrees we've all been keeping super low profiles these days due to Covid. It's time to don your gay apparel face mask and get some shopping done before snow and freezing temps take the joy out of driving.



GR's Downtown Market hosts numerous food options besides the fresh and delicious offerings from Bliss & Vinegar. There are aisles to wander, aromas to entice you and gift ideas for the stockings and under the tree. Support your fellow artists, artisans and of course, Bliss & Vinegar.



## Photo Group News

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

We had our regular critique meeting online with Zoom on November 10 at 7:30 p.m. There were 10 participants. We had planned on an in-person meeting with social distancing and wearing masks, but due to the recent virus surges we went back to a Zoom only meeting.



Our next meeting is scheduled for December 1. No other events planned at this time.

## Program Night

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

There was no program in November. For December in the regular program time place we will have a GVA virtual Holiday Zoom Event on December 10 which will also include showing the Holiday Exhibit. Starting next year in 2021 we plan on having a Mono-print program by Dana Donnell and perhaps another program by Ken Cadwallader. Any ideas for online programs would be greatly appreciated.

## Critique Night

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

Thursday, November 5, GVA again had an online Zoom critique. The GVA facilities are still closed for larger group gatherings. **We will not be having Critique in December.** If you would like to show your work for critique, email photos of your artwork to Randy ASAP. Any questions please contact Randy Nyhof at [r.nyhof@comcast.net](mailto:r.nyhof@comcast.net).

### GVA Welcomes

New Members

Janet Andre, Anne Rivers,  
Charlie Tappan, Ricardo Tavárez

# Thanks from Our President

Submitted by Joanne Swann

This is the season for giving thanks, and as an artist I am grateful to Grand Valley Artists as a place where I can learn from other artists and a place where I can show off my artwork and receive instructive criticism. Since I do most of my art at home, it's way more fun to be with other artists than it is to work alone in my basement. Like most of us, I'm retired. I've spent years working and creating artwork to please other people, so now I have time to play at doing art that pleases me. I've always considered Grand Valley Artists to be a gift, one that has been giving to the community for over 60 years. I have been involved with art organizations around the country, and the fact that GVA has a permanent place to gather to paint, to take classes, to attend critique sessions and programs with an amazing group of artists makes it very special and rare.

I look forward to the time when we can open the painting sessions to more than 10 people. When we can hold critique sessions and hold programs in the studio. I look forward to a time when we can gather for our annual Holiday Party and gather for our annual Picnic without fear of spreading a virus. But right now, I'm just grateful to be a part of an organization with so many amazing, talented, energetic and dedicated members.

# Bliss & Vinegar

We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with B&V for a few years already, which has been a great opportunity for our artists to share their work. The work of Pat Buist is currently on display. Kathy Bechtel's work will be on display beginning 12/8. Be sure to swing by, grab a fantastic salad, and check it out!

If you want to show your work at Bliss & Vinegar, you will need to share some of it in the gallery on our website, [www.grandvalleyartists.com](http://www.grandvalleyartists.com), so the owners of B&V can see what you do. They decide whose work they want to feature. Please don't contact them directly. Marty Klar coordinates this opportunity for us. Please do not contact the restaurant directly. Have questions? Call Marty at 616-813-7921.

# Gentle Reminder

Submitted by Joanne Swann

One of the great benefits of a GVA membership is the joy of coming together to share in the experience of creating art. The amazing talent, energy and dedication of our members is making our organization known as one of the best West Michigan has to offer. But these are stressful times with many of us suffering from pandemic and election fatigue. So, while we all like to have fun, we have to consider how our comments and actions impact Grand Valley Artists as a whole. Let's make an effort to avoid "conduct unbecoming" to the reputation of GVA (discourteous, uncivil, hostile, inappropriate). Please use your utmost common sense, common courtesy, and mindfulness towards others to set a positive tone in your conversations and/or comments in any of our group settings.

## GVA Artists Hunkering DOWN and MAKING ART!

### Have You Joined Our "GVA Artists Hunkering DOWN and MAKING ART!" Page on Facebook?

If not, you should! There is lots to see on there. If you want to share your work with the rest of us, this is the place to do it! Here is a [LINK](#) to the page. Go there and click on the "Join Page" button to participate. Your request, assuming you are a GVA member, will be approved fairly quickly...as soon as one of the moderators sees it!

# Trinity Methodist Church and Lowell Library

Right now, neither the church nor the library are showing our art. Sara Youngman is our representative at both locations, and she is keeping a list of artists who would like to show their work at one or the other or both locations at some point. You can contact Sara at [sycre8@gmail.com](mailto:sycre8@gmail.com) to let her know if you are interested.

## Membership Update

**Mary M. Baine, GVA Membership Chair**

I want to thank every GVA member who has joined or renewed for 2020-21! I also need to warn anyone who has not yet paid this year's dues that I will have to remove nonmembers from our members-only social media page and from our virtual gallery by the end of November. Only members in good standing are eligible to continue to participate in certain GVA activities. I implore those who might have missed previous reminders: Please don't allow yourself to get shut out by accident! Those unsure of their current status are encouraged to contact me via [marymbaine@gmail.com](mailto:marymbaine@gmail.com) and check to make certain that their memberships have not lapsed.

## Officers, Board, and Committee Chairs of GVA

### President

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### Reeds Lake Art Festival

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### GVA Library

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**Note from the editor:** Until we are back in full swing, we will only be distributing the newsletter online. If you have any news to share, please always feel free to send it to [marymarin1285@gmail.com](mailto:marymarin1285@gmail.com) for inclusion.



# GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS

## Membership Application: Membership Year is September 1st through August 31st.

Note: All memberships expire on August 31st and require renewal on September 1st; the annual membership fee is due every September 1st and remains the same regardless of collection date.

The information on this form is used for contact purposes and member services; please provide as many details as you feel comfortable sharing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address is used to distribute the monthly newsletter as well as important announcements and updates; regarding this service, every member is able to "unsubscribe". If you do not have a valid e-mail address, please check the GVA website for news—and newsletters. Printed copies of the newsletter are available at the studio as well.

Annual dues are \$45 for all new, renewing, or rejoining members except as otherwise noted; payment may be made as follows:

By PayPal—Log onto [grandvalleyartists.com](http://grandvalleyartists.com) and choose the link "Artists: Join here!", then follow the prompts until payment is complete.

By check—Make the check payable to GVA or Grand Valley Artists, then mail it to Grand Valley Artists  
% Mary M. Baine, Membership Chair  
2280 Leonard Street  
Marne, Michigan 49435

### Charitable contributions may be added to your dues.

>The William (Bill) Kubiak fund was established to offer assistance to artists coping with financial hardship.

>Grand Valley Artists is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations made to support GVA are tax-deductible; you will receive a receipt for your records.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one:

New member \_\_\_\_\_

Returning member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal of current membership \_\_\_\_\_

### Please select one:

>Lifetime membership (20 consecutive years in good standing): \$0

>Individual adult membership: \$45

>Student membership (age 18+): \$25

>Family membership: \$45 for the first adult; \$22.50 per spouse/partner/child (18+) Please list:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please confirm amounts:

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation(s):

Kubiak Fund—\$ \_\_\_\_\_

GVA 501(c) (3)—\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please choose method of payment:

PayPal: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

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