

GVA



Highlights

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Reynold H. Weidenaar (American, 1915-1985) Dawn the Awakening City, 1951 Etching on paper 2 1/2 x 3 in. Collection of Weidenaar Portfolio, Inc.

The fascinating art of founder and former Grand Valley Artist member *Reynold Weidenaar* is on display at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. The exhibit extends through January 17.

Richard Schaf has several small paintings showing at Conscious Consignment, located at 445 Bridge St. between Summer and Winter Streets next to Anchor Bar. Store hours are 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday and 11 a.m.–4 p.m. on Sunday. Make sure to stop at the Anchor before you shop!

Reeds Lake Poster Contest Winner Announced

Joe Goedel's poster has been chosen winner of the Reeds Lake Poster Contest and will be used in all of the promotional materials for the event. Joe gets \$200 and Steve Scarborough, our runner up, wins a free membership for the next year. Congratulations, Joe and Steve!



A Letter from our President

Members of Grand Valley Artists,

I am announcing to you all that I am stepping down as President of GVA. I am doing this for two reasons; I would like to be willing to hold the office again in the future. Rather than burning out at what is both enjoyable and often challenging, I choose to step down so that someone with a desire to serve may do so. When I am needed in the future, I will be available.

There is other news as well. Mary Marin has decided that her interests and skills suit being our Newsletter/Website chairperson rather than Vice President. We should all thank her for her hard work as VP, and for her willingness to help with this equally important job.

Sarabeth Carr has volunteered to take the VP position through the coming year until the post is up for election. I believe she will wish to continue at that time, so we have a great VP candidate. Her current post of Hospitality Chair is both open and becoming a non-board position in the future. However, I believe she will be willing to fill in until someone steps up to fill this post. Please, look at your time and see if you have a little time to volunteer.

Marty Klar, our Membership Chairman has decided to step down from that post and I have volunteered to fill his shoes. Marty has held the post for two years and has done an amazing job and we are all thankful for his work. He will continue to coordinate Bliss & Vinegar exhibits and will reinvigorate the Adopt a Bench program in the spring.

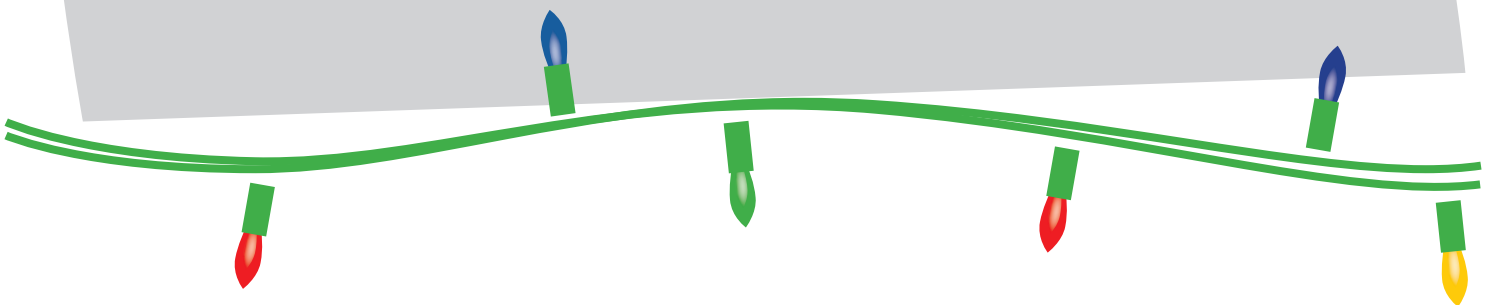
So basically, we sat in a room and played musical chairs! Board meetings are such fun!

We still need you to come to the Annual Meeting during Critique in December (that's December 3rd at 7:30 pm). We need to vote for the President and Treasurer positions (Evie Carrier, Treasurer is NOT planning on stepping down and is expected to run unopposed.)

I have truly enjoyed my time as President and look forward to doing it again in the future.

*David Bechtel
President, Grand Valley Artists*

PS: The Board has been working, with the help of Larry Goff and Dave Bazen, to come to terms with our landlord on a new lease for our happy home. We have been successful and I have signed the extension through 2017. We have enjoyed the beneficence of Ed DeVries as our landlord for a long time and look forward to many more years. This facility is the largest and best space we have had and we need to be thankful for it. I certainly am!



It's Time To Party!

GVA Holiday Gathering and Competition

This year the reception and holiday party will be held at the ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation) building on Cherry Street on **Thursday, December 10, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Selected works will hang through February 2016. ICCF is open 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Planning to submit your work? We hope so! All entries must be brought to the studio by 1 p.m. December 5 to be considered, with up to two entries allowed per member. Additional information is available on the website and in printed form at GVA.

PS: There is a large parking area behind ICCF that must be accessed from Cherry DRIVE, the north/south street just to the east of the Green Well.

Hi Friends,

First I'd like to wish you and yours a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Day filled with love, joy, family and friends. Secondly I would like to let you know that any works that are not accepted by the judge for the ICCF Holiday Show will be shown in our own GVA, so do NOT worry about picking up any pieces not accepted. They will be shown through the end of January. Just a reminder that we are accepting works for this show on Thursday evening, December 3, from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., and Saturday morning, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please remember to print off two copies of the entry form - one to affix the labels to the back left of your piece, and another for our records. The reception is Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Your friend,
Kathy Bechtel*

LowellArts! Holiday Market

November 13–December 23

The LowellArts! gallery is transformed into a unique holiday shopping destination featuring artwork by over 40 area artists. Handmade gift items include pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glass-work, handbags, mittens, woodwork, metalwork, wreaths, basketry, ornaments, gourds, candles, and soaps.

The LowellArts! Gallery 149 S. Hudson St. Lowell, Michigan
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m.

Quotable Quotes

“A painting requires a little mystery, some vagueness, some fantasy. When you always make your meaning perfectly plain you end up boring people.” Edgar Degas

“If you could say it in words, there'd be no reason to paint.” Edward Hopper

Election of Officers

December 3

The December Critique will double as the Annual Meeting, at which time the membership will vote to elect two of our officers, President and Treasurer. The nominating committee will present candidates for these offices, and additional candidates can be nominated from the floor at that time as well. Please make every effort to attend.

Please Wear Your Name Tags

Members are encouraged to wear the provided name tags at Critique and Program so we can get better acquainted with each other, and they make introductions easier, too! You'll notice that we now also have colored name tags with the word GUEST on them. Please invite your guests to wear a GUEST name tag, and be sure to say hello to those you see wearing the GUEST tags, too! We want them to feel welcome and comfortable. If you cannot find your name tag, let Mary Marin know and she will make you a new one.

marymarin@comcast.net

Do You Have Any Suggestions?

Our suggestion box welcomes your ideas. As a result of your suggestions, we now have a handicap sign in the parking lot, a new overhead projector, a refined computer technology installed, and a better user experience on the GVA website. You can also drop information for the GVA newsletter in the box if you are unable to send it via email marymarin@comcast.net

CASCADE LIBRARY

Show from November 5th through February 4th will be:

Jim Johnson

Bonnie Lindke

Kristen Thornton

Come and see this **wonderful art** from local artists!

Any questions: Contact Larry Goff @ 949-1247 or lawrencegoff@comcast.net



Terryberry Gallery

The months of December and January will feature the works of Charles A. LaRue. Here is a description of the show in Charles' own words:

"This show is imbued with a sense of the region; mostly different parts of Michigan but also Wisconsin, Illinois and other neighboring states. I am not so interested, however, in capturing recognizable locations so much as in recording my impressions of the fundamental underpinnings of pictorial expression: shapes and hues and how they relate to each other from different juxtapositions and arrangements.

Many of the pieces in this show have a fractured and abstracted element to them and this is because my process involves breaking down an arresting scene into inter-related components and then re-assembling them again. I feel that this process arrives at some truths of the inspirational scene and helps guide the viewer to their own impressions and truths as they survey the broken surface and do their own mental reconstruction.

My work is a dialogue with the viewer. I have a genuine sense of enjoyment in the process of painting and I feel that this playfulness and joy often shows itself to the viewer. That is my hope. I do not go for deep or hidden meanings in my work. My delight is the pure and utterly simple one that the child experiences as she or he plays with colored blocks.

My work, however, is informed by having steeped myself in the language of visual perception and how the simple component parts transmit more than the sum of them. My paintings are gestalts.

This show features many pieces that are on public display for the first time. I hope that you enjoy what I have to show you."

MARYWOOD DOMINICAN CENTER

The works of C. A. LaRue are currently showing November–December at the Dominican Center, with reception on Sunday, December 13 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Saturday–Sunday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Franciscan Life Process Center Program Lineup

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering an exciting lineup of workshops in 2016. You can learn more by visiting the GVA website home page, where a complete listing is available.



Thanks for a Great Program, Joann!

The November program, reduction printmaking, was a huge success! Many thanks to Joann Swann for her willingness to instruct an enthusiastic group.



Bliss & Vinegar Restaurant

If you want to have your artwork displayed at Bliss & Vinegar (888 Forest Hills Ave SE), it must first be displayed on the GVA website. The owners of the restaurant are interested in artwork of varying subjects and styles, but lean towards nature, fruits, and vegetables. Your work will be on display for approximately six weeks.

Kristen Thornton's wonderful pastels are currently on display. Up next: Gene Sampson. Stop in to see the wonderful works of our own GVA artists and to enjoy a delicious, garden fresh salad! All Bliss & Vinegar questions should be directed to Marty Klar (616-813-7921). Please do not contact the restaurant directly. If you have any questions about how to display your work on the GVA website, contact Mary Marin (616-443-0362).



IN THE GVA GALLERY

In the Gallery...Who's Up Next?

The plein air group is displaying their work until December 5, so look forward to seeing where they spent their warmer days when you come to Critique on December 3. Next up, the walls will be covered with the works that don't make it into the Holiday Juried Competition, so please don't hesitate to enter! We want to see what you have been doing! In January, look forward to seeing the works of Holly Sturgis and Judith Tummino at GVA.

Are you interested in displaying your work in the GVA Gallery?

We would love to see what you are doing! To set up a month to display your work, contact Mary at marymarin@comcast.net. You don't need to fill the whole gallery. We can accommodate several artists each month.

THE PINK: AN AWARENESS EXHIBITION

October 3 – December 23, 2015

A selected group of artists are exhibiting works dominated by the color pink in all its hues and tones to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our Jon Hunter has four pieces in this exhibit.

Midland Center for the Arts
Alden B. Dow Museum
1801 W. Saint Andrews Rd.
Midland, MI



Newsletter Deadline Reminder

The 20th of the month is the cut off for any article, notice, calendar items, etc., you would like to see in the next newsletter. Submit information to Mary Marin at marymarin@comcast.net.

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CALENDAR



December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 pm Photo	2 2:00 pm Still Life	3 7:30 pm Critique	4 10:00 am Still Life	5 10:00 am Figure
6	7 10:00 am Portrait	8	9 2:00 pm Still Life	10 6:00 pm Holiday Party	11 10:00 am Still Life	12 10:00 am Figure
13	14 10:00 am Portrait	15	16 2:00 pm Still Life	17 7:30 pm Figure	18 10:00 am Still Life	19 10:00 am Figure
20	21 10:00 am Portrait	22	23 2:00 pm Still Life	24	25	26 10:00 am Figure
27	28 10:00 am Portrait	29	30 2:00 pm Still Life	31		

January

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3	4 10:00 am Portrait	5 7:30 pm Photo	6 2:00 pm Still Life	7 7:30 pm Critique	8 10:00 am Still Life	9 10:00 am Figure
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