

# GVA



# Highlights

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## SUMMER PICNIC

Many thanks to the Bazen's!



Once upon a time a gathering of artists assembled at a lovely, lakefront cottage on a perfect, sunny summer afternoon for fellowship, spiritual awakening, boating, swimming, sun bathing and over-indulgence in desserts too numerous to mention. When the history of this glorious event is written, much credit will be given to the Bazen's, who hosted the event. It shall also be noted that this event took place on August 22 in the year of our lord, two thousand and fifteen. Those who attended look forward longingly to a day in the future when such an event might again come to pass.

See photos on next page...

## 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 ([www.grandvalleyartists.com](http://www.grandvalleyartists.com)). 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.

Joanne Swann's wonderful reduction prints are currently on display. Stop in to see them and to enjoy a delicious, garden fresh salad!

If you have any questions about how to post your work on the GVA website, contact Mary Marin (616-443-0362) All Bliss and Vinegar questions should be direct to Marty Klar (616-813-7921). Please do not contact the restaurant directly.



Joanne Swann  
Reduction prints at Bliss and Vinegar

# HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME!

Summer Picnic at the Bazen's

Photos by Alix Bartnick



# Workshops

## Larry Blovits

**Color Theory, Color Mixing, Color Application**

Date Pending

9:00 am -3:00 pm

Open to beginners through advanced oil and pastel

Cost: \$150.

Francescan Life Process Center

Annex Building

654 Davis Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Contact: Kathleen Bechtel 616-540-5744

## Bert Boerema

**Watercolor Class**

Bert Boerema is offering an 8-week watercolor class at Hobby Lobby, 4250 28th St. SE. The class meets in the afternoon from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Due to high demand the class is offered on Wednesdays (September 16 thru November 4) and on Thursdays (September 17 thru November 5).

These classes are identical. Each class session provides a specific project for that week. Class demos and instructions for each project are very specific, and Bert will work along with the class in painting, guiding step by step. Each class session will give you opportunity to produce a complete painting.

The cost of the class is \$90. Go to: [www.bertboerema.com](http://www.bertboerema.com) to see Bert's work.

To enroll in the class call Bert directly at 616-901-9781.

## Jim Markle, PSA

**2015 Workshops and Classes**

Jim Markle is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a Master Member of the Great Lakes Plein air Painters Association. He has over fifteen years of experience teaching all levels of participants in the U.S., Canada, France and Italy. He's the inventor of the Jim Markle Pastel Easelbox and travels extensively throughout Europe and the United States painting en plein air. Great American Art Works markets his North American Landscape Set of pastels.

**Grand Rapids, MI**

Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, & 16, 2015

Landscape Classes

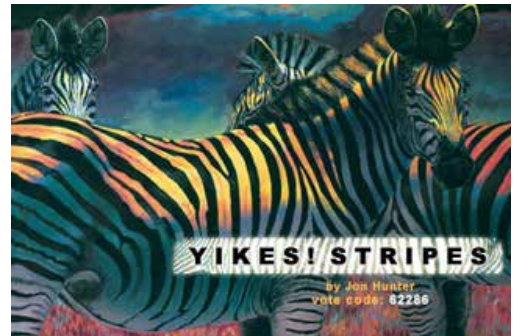
Location: Grand Valley Artist, Inc.

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## NEWS from MEMBERS



**"Yikes Stripes"** by Jon Hunter

is showing at First Park Congregational Church during Artprize. It consists of three paintings done in Acrylic on canvas. The paintings are approximately 48" by 38". This is his fourth year of participation in Art Prize.



## Suggestion Box

A new permanent suggestion box is now part of the Grand Valley Artists (GVA) gallery. The box was given to GVA by the Long Range Planning Committee, now called “the Legacy Group”. The group was started at the suggestion of the only two remaining founding members: Carl Forslund and Mary Ann Perry. This was started at the “Open Art Forum” at Program Night of October 2013. Since that time there have been invites for informal discussions from members with the following suggestions:

- A mentoring program for new members to make them feel welcomed and comfortable with the group.
- An offering of a one year membership in GVA to persons that deliver a successful presentation at Program Night.
- A collaborative creation by GVA members for entry into the ArtPrize event.
- Future “Legacy” discussions will continue and include activities to enrich the varied programs offered by GVA.



## OUT OF THE BOX!

At the last Legacy Group gathering, several suggestions from our new suggestion box were noted and passed to the board for approval.

They were:

- A need for a new overhead projector
- Handicap parking area designated in the parking lot
- Family membership price offered

Legacy Group Notes:

Recent informal discussions involved the possibility of having art exhibits at Grand Valley Artists open to the public once or twice a month. Theme art shows offering larger monetary awards could be an incentive for more active participation of members as well as letting our community know what goes on at GVA. Also of interest were suggestions using bumper stickers to promote GVA and to help differentiate us from Grand Valley University. We also seek suggestions of ways of encouraging recent art students and recent art graduates to become involved with GVA.

Plans are presently underway to commemorate founding member, Mary Ann Perry. Some of you may have had her as teacher at Kendall. Today the dear lady is enjoying her 90th birthday in Florida. Recently she gave a charming photo of herself to our Legacy Group. Your input/ideas are important in this matter of honoring one of our founders.

Please share your ideas by way of our new suggestion box located on the east ledge around the entrance corner. *Louise Bauer*

## CASCADE LIBRARY

Show from September 5th through November 5th will be:

*Diane Bartnick*

*Joe Goedel*

*Sue Snell*

*Kristen Thorton*

*Sallie Zigterman August*

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

Any questions: Contact Larry Goff @ 949-1247 or [lawrencegoff@comcast.net](mailto:lawrencegoff@comcast.net)



## IN THE GVA GALLERY

Hope you were able to see the August show, "Nudes". So many fine paintings and drawings! Thanks to all who participated.

The photography group is in charge of the display at the GVA gallery during the month of September.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

## MARYWOOD DOMINICAN CENTER

Mary Clark will be showing her art  
September 1 through October  
Reception: October 11 1pm - 4pm

### Gallery Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8 am to 9 pm

Friday 8 am to 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday 1 pm to 6 pm

Lower level of Dominican Center at Marywood.

Address: 2025 Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI

Contact: Sister Francetta McCann - 616-295-3740

## Showing at the Terryberry Gallery, St. Cecelia

August 11 - September 12

Celebrate the beautiful artwork of **Holly Sturges** and **Judith Tummino**.

Judy and Holly both love Italy. They love the light, the colors, the vineyards, the olive groves, and the drama of the cities. Italy has been a painting destination for both artists.

This show, Paintings from Italy: Two points of View, reflects how each artist interprets the Italian countryside and cityscapes.

Note: Parking is FREE on the south side of St. Cecelia.

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**September**

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27	28 10:00 am Portrait	29	30			

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