

# GVA Highlights

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Our GVA gallery is ablaze with color. This spectacular color is provided by Barb Monroe's and Mary Marin's paintings which are on display through the month of April. Both Mary and Barb are frequent participants in both sketch sessions and workshops provided at GVA. When asked to share with our GVA membership their thoughts in regards to their journey as artists they said the following... Barb stated : "Life has come full circle. After four years at Pratt Institute earning a B.F.A. and a brief career selling art in New York City, I ended up with a master's degree in clinical social work. My art background proved useful as one of my interventions - with paper and paint a client was often able to unlock a previously blocked traumatic event. Now, I use art as my therapy to ease me into the retirement years".



Mary Marin stated: "Until I retired in the spring of 2012, I barely picked up a sketchpad, paintbrush or pastels. While I enjoyed making art, I never found the time to develop any work...and I was terrified of color. Thanks to the instruction I have received from my wonderful teachers {Ken Cadwallader, Jim Markle, and Larry Blovits} and the encouragement I receive from my friends at GVA, I have gotten the courage to pick up that paintbrush and those pastels and just "have at it". These days painting is my life. Most days you will find me painting either at GVA or up in my spare bedroom {a.k.a. studio} and enjoying every minute of it. I have given up a few addictions over the years, but now I have a new one. If I am not able to paint for even a day or two, the withdrawal is downright painful. We are incredibly fortunate to have in Grand Rapids the Grand Valley Artist's organization. I seriously doubt I would have discovered such richness in my life if not for Grand Valley Artists; the people, wealth of talent, and sense of community is life enriching. Ken Cadwallader states "paint what you see" Sounds easy enough doesn't it? Learning to see in a new way has given me a new appreciation of my visual world. That's about it.....gotta get back to my painting".



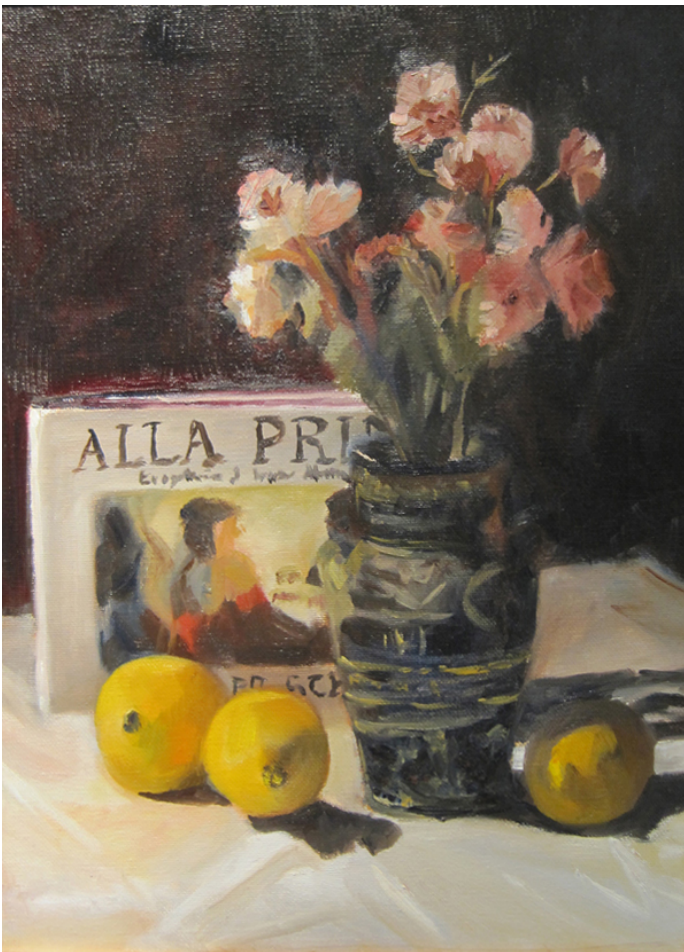




Barb Munroe



Mary Marin



Mary Marin



Barb Munroe

**Welcome to our new member:**  
Claire Vredevoogd



## Third and Fourth Thursdays Sketch

Please join us on the third and fourth Thursdays as we celebrate the Masters of Grand Valley Artists. We are asking people who we really admire at GVA to sit for us as our models on the third and fourth Thursdays of each month. Please join us for this rare opportunity to paint the people who have mentored us and set a high bar for each of us at Grand Valley Artists.

## Dominican Center Gallery

SaraBeth Carr: Pastels and Quilts

Exhibiting March 1 – April 28, 2014  
The Artist's reception, which is open to the public, will be on Sunday, April 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on the lower level of Dominican Center at Marywood  
More info at [dominicancenter.com](http://dominicancenter.com)

Reception: April 13, 1 - 4 pm  
Gallery Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8 am to 8 pm  
Friday 8 am to 8 pm  
Sat. & Sun. 8 am to 6 pm  
Address: 2025 Fulton Grand Rapids, MI



*"East Lake in Autumn"* by SaraBeth Carr



*"On the Way to Arches"* by SaraBeth Carr

## GVA Monthly Hostesses/Hosts Are Needed

Please consider and sign up for this enjoyable social part of our Critique and Program Night. It is a time commitment of about 2 ½ hours per month:

- 5 to 10 minutes the weeks of both Critique and Program Night for snack sign-up reminder calls
- an hour at both Critique and Program Night for set-up and cleaning

Exact instructions are in the kitchen. Please sign up when the volunteer sheet is passed or call Carol 365-0999.

Volunteers are needed for the following months:

May  
June  
July  
August  
October  
December

**Thank you for your time!!**

## Program Night

Thursday, May 8, 7:30pm.  
Award winning versatile artist and GVA member, Kathleen Kalinowski, will present working methods from plein air painting to studio painting.

## Call for Artists!

The 49th Annual Reeds Lake Art Festival is June 21, 2014. It is located on Wealthy Street in beautiful East Grand Rapids. This GVA sponsored show is a favorite of fine artists across the country and has attracted thousands of art lovers annually for the last 49 years!

Please contact Lisa Geren at lgeren@comcast.net if you are interested in participating.

## Workshops

### Jim Markle, PSA

2014 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 is 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 - March 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7,14  
Landscape Classes  
At Grand Valley Artists, Inc.  
1345 Monroe Ave. Suite 130  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Livonia, MI - May 2, 3 & 4  
Pastel Landscape Workshop  
Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia  
Contact: Diana Jamrog, 734-838 - 1204  
or email: vaalart@yahoo.com

Glen Arbor, MI - August 4 - 6  
Plein Air Workshop  
Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association  
Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or  
info@glenarborart.org

## Franciscan Life Process Center:

The artists that you thought that you had to travel to take a workshop from are coming to the Franciscan Life Process Center. We have Kevin Beilfuss, Bill Hosner, John Pototschnik, Joshua Clare, Sandi Lummen, TJ Cunningham, Margo Burian, Larry Blovits, Casey Childs, Clayton Beck III, Elizabeth Pollie, Elizabeth Robbins, Chris Saper, Mario Robinson and Steve Huston, and that's just this year! You can find all the workshops and their costs at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org), under the Visual Arts tab. If you have any questions please call Kathy Bechtel at (616) 540-5744.

## Members in the News:

Irene Wordhouse has two pastel painting accepted into the "Celebration of the Arts" show at FUMC. She also had one pastel painting, "Coping", accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society National Show, April 13 - May 25, at the Denno's Museum, Traverse City, MI.

## Art Around Michigan:

### Lowell Arts:

Second Glance: February 26 - April 10  
Take advantage of a great opportunity to get a second look at some artwork that was in ArtPrize 2013. This artwork on display was selected by the Lowell Arts Gallery Committee for its quality and uniqueness, and includes only artists that live within 20 miles of the City of Lowell.  
Gallery Hours:  
Tues.- Fri. from 10am-6pm, Sat 1-4pm.

## Fallasburg Fall Festival For the Arts

LowellArts invites you to apply to its two-day annual festival held in picturesque Fallasburg Park, located approximately 20 miles east of Grand Rapids, MI. Annual attendance estimates are 20,000-30,000. Applications will be accepted on-line through [ZAPApplication.org](http://ZAPApplication.org). As part of the on-line application,

artists will be asked to submit four images plus one booth shot and a \$25 non-refundable jury fee.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2014.

## **Muskegon Museum of Art:**

The Muskegon Museum of Art and the West Michigan Symphony will present the 75th Anniversary Exhibition: West Michigan Symphony next fall. See website: [www.muskegonartmuseum.org](http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org) MMA/Symphony Exhibit

## **Grand Rapids Art Museum**

*Legacy: The Emily Fisher Landau Collection*

February 2, 2014-April 27, 2014

This exhibition traces significant styles and ideas that have shaped art since the 1960s—abstraction, conceptualism, postmodernism, new approaches to photography, and explorations of personal identity and narrative.

## **Website to check out:**

“PictureCorrect - Photography Tips and Techniques  
<http://www.picturecorrect.com>

## **For Sale:**

Fletcher 2000 Wall Mat Cutter

16 x 60 with extension bar

Asking \$500.00

Also: S.P. Clearmount Shrink Packager and Clearmount 24” ultrafilm included.

Call Gloria Allen for appointment

874-6371

## **NOTICE:**

When the area schools are closed due to weather problems, sketch sessions at GVA will be cancelled.

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# Calendar

## April

Tuesday	April 1	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	April 3	7:30 PM	Critique
Friday	April 4	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	April 5	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	April 7	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 10	7:30 PM	Program Night
Friday	April 11	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	April 12	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	April 14	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 17	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	April 18	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	April 19	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	April 21	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 24	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	April 25	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	April 26	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	April 28	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch

## May

Thursday	May 1	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	May 1	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	May 3	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	May 5	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	May 6	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	May 8	7:30 PM	Program night
Saturday	May 10	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	May 12	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 15	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Saturday	May 17	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	May 19	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 22	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Saturday	May 24	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	May 26	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 29	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Saturday	May 3	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch