



It's 2015!

Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. You've known it was coming for some time. You should have been ready for it! You should have all of your plans in place to make it the best year of your life. Are all of your goals written out? Are you planning to improve upon your artistic talents? Well, this is the year for it. Are you planning to show your art work more? Well, this is the year for it. Are you planning on selling more artwork? Well, this is the year for it.

Now it won't happen unless you commit to it. C'mon. State your goals. Create that schedule. Don't procrastinate. Do it!

If this year is to be the best of your life, it is only up to you. Do it! NOW!

ICCF Show

The reception for the show will be January 8 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The program will begin at 7:00 pm.

Please bring your friends and relatives to see and enjoy this show.

The show will hang from November 26 - February 5, 2015.

ICCF building is located at 920 Cherry St. SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 (616-336-9333).

The following members will be showing their work at the ICCF Show: Kathleen Kalinowski, Kristin Thornton, Gene Sampson, Joanne Swann, Randall

Nyhoff, Bonnie Osborne, Richard Schaf, Susan Ellison, Lisa I.

Geren, Jim Markle, Larry Blovits, Leon Lou, Elizabeth Dean, Sarabeth Carr, Shirley Haan, Irene Wordhouse, Carol Lurn, James S. Johnson, Ruth Hutchinson, Holly Sturges, John Hunter, Debra Bell, and David Bechtel.

Participants: Please pick up your work at the ICCF building during normal business hours on February 6.

January Program

ICCF Show. See Above article.

Christmas Party

Many Thanks to Carol Bodbyl for a wonderful Christmas Party last month. The tables were beautiful and the food wonderful. It was fun to have an opportunity to view all of the great art work and to chat with old friends.

Welcome to our new members:

Debbie Himes

Lisa Wierenga

Nora Butcher

POSTER CONTEST

For 50th Annual Reeds Lake Art Festival

Poster Size: 12" x 18"

Medium: Flat surface, water color, pen & Ink, print making, paper cutting etc. Must be a high contrast image, have eye catching appeal, very easy to interpret.

Colors: four colors or less

Wording in Poster: Grand Valley Artists (presents or sponsors) the 50th Reeds Lake Art Festival, Wealthy St. in Gaslight Village, June 20th, 2015, 9 AM to 5 PM

Collection date: Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at 6 – 7:30 PM at the GVA gallery 1345 Monroe NW suite 130

Prizes: First place: \$200 Two runners-up: Free 1 year memberships

Winners will be announced at Program Night, February 12th at 7:30 PM

No entry fee required, Posters will remain the property of the artist, use of winning entry is exclusive to Grand Valley Artists, Inc. (GVA). Additional information or special arrangements can be attained by calling or emailing: Bob Kraai, 616-956-7734 or rkraai@ameritech.net

A few Inspiring guidelines to begin the new year from Louis Bauer

“Well done is better than well said.”
~Ben Franklin

“To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth.”
~Pearl S. Buck

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited.”
~Plutarch

“Correction does much, but encouragement does more.”
~Goethe

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”
~Emerson

“Inspiration comes of working every day.”
~Charles Baudelaire

“When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this ----- you haven't.”
~Thomas Edison

“Almost everybody has a lot more ability than they've ever developed. The point is, develop what you have.”
~Jerry Robinson, Editorial Cartoonist

Dominican Center Gallery:

Christina Zuniga, acrylics

January 1 - February 28

Reception: Sunday February 8

Gallery Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am-9pm

Friday 8am-8pm

Sat. & Sun 1-6 pm

Lower level of Dominican Center at Marywood.

Address: 2025 Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI



"Prairie Sage" pastel by Peg McKeown

Kathleen Mooney, NWS, ISEA-NF

Art Instruction and Workshops - The POWER of Abstraction, Composition and Intuition, The Tool Kit of Art and more class descriptions on

www.KathleenMooney.com

Workshops at the Franciscan Life Process Center:

In January at the Franciscan Life Process Center we are offering one and two day workshops that are absolutely affordable and well worth your time, at a time of year that you need it. Please find below our workshops and the link to sign up for them.

Drawing Media and Fundamentals

Workshop series - instructor Larry Blovits,

Workshop III Emphasis On Pastel

January 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Learn and master the basic fundamentals and mediums of drawing.

Emphasis on Pastel

This workshop builds on the skills and expertise obtained and established from the prior workshops on pencil and charcoal. Areas covered in this workshop are: Characteristics of hard and soft pastels; applicable pastel surfaces; different tools used; specific procedures unique to pastel; application and build-up procedures; and continued emphasis on the basic fundamentals and insights listed in workshop 1 and 2.

www.larryblovits.com

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/drawing-media-and-fundamentals-workshop-series-instructor-larry-blovits-workshop-iii-emphasis-on-tickets-14194687693?aff=efbevent>



"Serenity" pastel by Larry Blovits

Margo Burian - "Visual Note Taking: a Primer for Painters" - January 10 and 11, 2015 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Over the course of two days we will deeply immerse ourselves in the practice of visual note taking and begin to develop a language uniquely our own through sketchbooks, drawing, painting and photography.



“Logan” drawing by Jeremy Kuhn



“Tara” drawing by Jeremy Kuhn

Contact Listings:

President	Dave Bechtel 616-818-9618 davidbechtel@sbcglobal.net
Vice President:	Mary Marin 616-443-0362 marymarin@comcast.net
Treasurer:	Evie Carrier 616-648-6858 evie.carrier@gmail.com
Secretary:	Stephanie Wiles 616-558-2701 stephyw2001@hotmail.com
Membership:	Marty & DeLaine Klar 616-813-7921 martyklar@comcast.net
Photography:	Dave Tulos dnmtulos@gmail.com
Program:	Randy Nyhof 616-949-5746 r.nyhof@comcast.net
	Robyn Bomhof 616-581-2994 robynbomhof@gmail.com
Publicity:	Bob Kraai 616-956-7734 rkraai@ameritech.net
Newsletter:	Mary Jo Hays 616-676-2261 haysmaryjo@gmail.com Jeremy Kuhn jeremy@jeremykuhn.com

Please be advised that Grand Valley Artists may use photographs from our events and images of artwork in our gallery for promotional purpose.



1345 Monroe Ave. NW Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4609

Calendar

JANUARY

Saturday	Jan. 3	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Jan. 5	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Jan. 6	7:30 pm	Photo Group
Thursday	Jan. 8	6:15 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 8	7:00 pm	ICCF Show
Saturday	Jan. 10	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Jan. 12	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 15	7:30 pm	Figure Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 17	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Jan. 19	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 22	7:30 pm	Figure Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 24	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Jan. 26	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 29	7:30 pm	Figure sketch
Saturday	Jan. 31	10:00 am	Figure sketch

FEBRUARY

Monday	Feb. 2	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Feb. 3	7:30 pm	Photo Group
Thursday	Feb. 5	7:30 pm	Critique
Saturday	Feb. 7	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Feb. 9	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 12	7:30 pm	Program
Saturday	Feb. 14	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Feb. 16	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 19	7:30 pm	Figure Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 21	10:00 am	Figure Sketch
Monday	Feb. 23	10:00 am	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 26	7:30 pm	Figure Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 28	10:00 am	Figure Sketch