

GVA

January, 2014

Highlights

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS, INC

GVA Gallery Exhibits and Christmas Party



The Prize Winners for the GVA Annual Christmas Show are as follows:

- 1st Place - Kathleen Kalinowski - "March Thaw", Oil
- 2nd Place - Jan McKinnon - "Radish Study", Pastel
- 3rd Place - Jim Johnson - "The Reader", Watercolor
- 1st Honorable Mention - Kathleen Bechtel, "Craig The Healer", Oil
- 2nd Honorable Mention - Evie Carrier - "Abandoned On Sugar Island", Photograph

Thanks to all who worked to make the evening such a success.



Welcome to our new President!

Hello Grand Valley Artists, one and all. My name is Dave Bechtel. I was elected to be President of GVA for the next two years. I have been looking forward to this opportunity for a while now and am excited to get into it. If you don't know me here is my background: I have been a member of GVA since 2003. I came to the group with no formal art training, but have learned a great deal from the membership. I truly value the people who make up GVA and treasure their input and advise. I have taken a few workshops from GVA members and enjoyed each and every one. I came to GVA as a craftsman, I made wooden jewelry boxes and clocks and hoped to sell them through the gift shop at 800 Monroe. I quickly joined the Sketch group and have attended as many as my work schedule has allowed. I think I may have a thousand drawings from Sketch sessions over the years. (Although most of the early work has been discarded as I grew better at it.) I also was a photographer for a while and used Photoshop to create both modified photos and original abstract works. I got into this as a hobby, not as a vocation. I have always tried to make work that I can be happy with even if other people don't like it. I have not tried to sell my work very much as that was never my purpose. Just using my brain and minimal skills to create artwork. I hope to meet as many members as possible in my time in the position. I will be

happy to hear of your interests, goals and thoughts on GVA as a group. Just to let you all know, I got married this year to another member of GVA and we are very happy. Kathy Putnam-Bechtel will be helping me in being a good president (she was a very good president when she served!) and has been helping to guide my artistic development for years. You should expect the best effort I can give, but I am fully aware of my human failings, so give me some slack when I slip up. I hope we can all be happy with the things that GVA will bring to us and that we can give to the group as a whole. I am available via email at DavidBechtel@SBCGLOBAL.NET, if you have input or comments that you want to send me. Thank you all for the support that I know you have always provided to GVA.



ART PRIZE:

The ArtPrize Committee will be meeting again on Jan. 16th at 6:30 at GVA.

We will be evaluating some possible sites to curate.

If you are interested in helping or providing input, please feel free to come to this meeting.

Welcome to our new members:

Rachel Park
Dana Donnell
Liz Fredrickson
Royce Deans
Linda Huppert



by Louise Bauer

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. This will be starting on the third Thursday of January.

Dominican Center Gallery:

Ralph Annunziata

January - February 27

Will be showing his varied art work of photos, acrylics and sketches.

Reception: February 9 12 pm - 4 pm

Gallery Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8 am to 9 pm
Friday 8 am to 8 pm
Sat. & Sun. 8 am to 6 pm

Address: 2025 Fulton NE
Grand Rapids, MI



“Serenity” pastel by Larry Blovits

Program: Thursday, January 9

PAINT IN JAM SESSION

Bring your favorite drawing tool or use the one provided. Together we will create “masterpieces” on a rotated basis. Prepare to have fun and enjoy a relaxing post holiday “Paint In”. This event is very similar to last year’s January program. At that event (as well as this one), interesting objects were placed in a still life setting - yet for some reason several participating members chose to draw caricatures of Jim Johnson. Word has it the illustrious gentleman will be present January 9th. We hope to see you there.

Exhibition Opportunity:

The Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan is a non-profit organization that provides affordable mediation to resolve disputes. Their goal is to promote a peaceful, calm setting that is conducive to disputants coming to an agreement.

They are looking for artists to display work throughout the various rooms and hallways of their office, which is located in the Riverview Center at 678 Front NW, overlooking the Grand River. This is a beautiful space in a prime location, and would be a wonderful opportunity for exposure and possible sales.

All 2D artists interested in participating should submit 2-3 samples of work along with a brief description of the work, how many pieces will be available for display, average size, etc. to Gloria Anderson, the Program Manager at DRCWM. ganderson@drcwm.org.



pastel by Deborah Jedyah

“Rouse Simmons aka Christmas Tree Ship” by Mike Stewart

Call for Artists!

The 49th Annual Reeds Lake Art Festival is June 21, 2014.

We invite you to submit your application to Reeds Lake Art Festival, 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!

Applications are now being accepted until March 1, 2014. As a GVA member, you save \$35.00...only \$100 for a 10 x 10 booth space (plus \$18 jury fee). Jury selections will be completed on or before April 1, 2014 with notification of acceptance soon thereafter.

Booth fees will be due upon notification of acceptance. Space is limited and all jury decisions are final. Apply today today at Grandvalleyartists.com.

If you don't apply for your own booth, there will again be our GVA Membership Tent to share space with other members. Watch for information in the coming months.



“River Poem” oil by Anne Corlett

GVA STILL LIFE GROUP:

Beginning in December, the GVA Still Life Group will meet Wednesdays from 2 - 5pm in the GVA studio. (This group is separate for people who find this particular time and day more convenient). All members are welcome. Contact Jim Johnson with questions.

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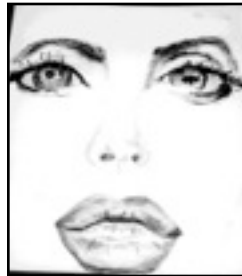
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Members in the News:

Valentina Grigorieva : Terryberry Gallery, Through January, 2014. Her paintings are personal reflections of her broad interests in subject matter.

Sue Preiss has been selected by Santa Fe artist, Albert Handell in association with the Mountain Song Gallery in Carmel, Calif. to participate with 14 other artists from around the country in a five day plein air competition. Sue's work will be on display for several months at the Gallery, and it will also be published in Mountain Song's catalogue for a full year. Additionally, Sue has had seven of her paintings chosen to be displayed as part of a set design for an upcoming movie production, "The Funeral Guest". The movie is being filmed by ARC of Bird, LLC.

Sallie Zigterman will be the solo artist at the Starbucks Coffe Shop in East Grand Rapids, Michigan for the month of January. She will exhibit a variety of portraits in various mediums.



Portraits by Sallie Zigterman

Jim Johnson is showing recent landscape and still life paintings at Gainey Gallery - VanSingel Arts Center.

8500 Burlingame SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

January 5 - February 1

Reception is Sunday, January 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm.

Cascade Library Exhibit:

Thanks to Evie Carrier, Paris is now on display at the beautiful Cascade Township Branch of Kent District Library, located at 2870 Jack Smith Avenue SE, Grand Rapids. Facilitated by the selfless and energetic dedication of GVA Member Larry Goff, Evie hung seventeen of her favorite shots of Paris throughout the library.

The works on display include Children's Crusade 1212, Hardouin-Mansart's Dôme

des Invalides, The Pont Neuf Bridge, and The Creperie.

The next show will feature a variety of GVA artists and will open on, or about January 15th and run through March 15th.



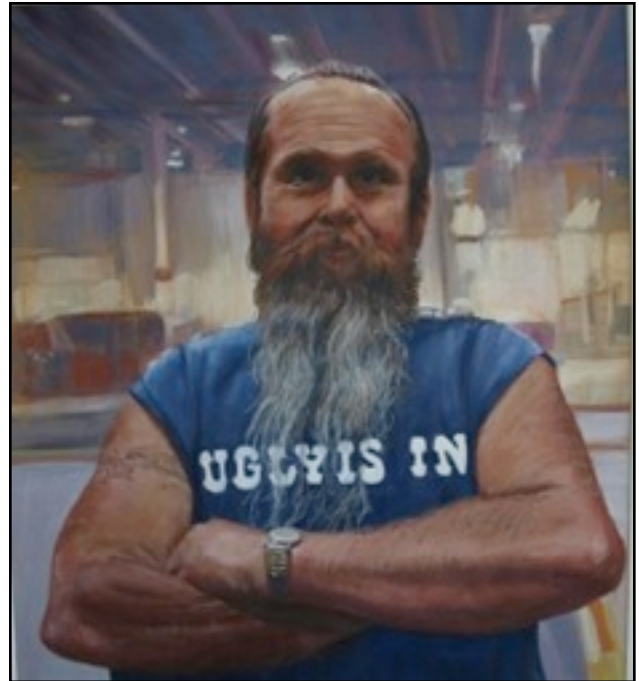
"The Creperie" Photo by Evie Carrier

If you are interested in showing your work in the library show, please contact Larry Goff @ 949-1247 or by e-mail at lawrencegoff@comcast.net

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS MAY USE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OUR EVENTS AND IMAGES OF ARTWORK IN OUR GALLERY FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.



"Beet Study." pastel by Jan McKinnon



by Diann Riecherts Lemmen

Art Around Michigan:

Lowell Arts:

28th Annual West Michigan Regional Art Competition: February 26 - April 10
The West Michigan Art Regional Competition is open to all visual art media. Participation is open to Lower West Michigan, artists 18 years and older who reside in a 15 county region. Only original artwork completed within the past two years is eligible. Artwork drop-off is February 20 - 22. A total of \$2,000 in cash awards are presented in five categories. Grand Valley State University Director of Galleries and Collections Henry Matthews, will jury the show.

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

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.

Call for artwork submissions for MMA/Symphony exhibition, 2014, now in place. See website:

www.muskegonartmuseum.org MMA/Symphony Exhibit

Website to check out:

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

Grand Rapids Arts Museum

*Masterpieces of American Landscape Painting
1830 - 1950*

October 20 through January 12, 2014.
48 paintings of great American artists, tracing how they have used landscape imagery to celebrate the beauty of nature and capture its essential role in the American experience.

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Rouse Simmons a.k.a. Christmas Tree Ship by Mike Stewart



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Calendar

January

Thursday	January 2	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	January 2	7:30 PM	Critique
Friday	January 3	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	January 4	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	January 6	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	January 7	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	January 9	2:00 PM	Still Life
Thursday	January 9	7:30 PM	Program night
Friday	January 10	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	January 11	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	January 13	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	January 16	2:00 PM	Still Life
Thursday	January 16	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	January 17	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	January 18	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	January 20	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	January 23	2:00 PM	Still Life
Thursday	January 23	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	January 24	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	January 25	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	January 27	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	January 30	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	January 31	2:00 PM	Still life session

February

Saturday	February 1	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	February 3	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	February 4	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	February 6	7:30 PM	Program night
Friday	February 7	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	February 8	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	February 10	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	February 13	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	February 14	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	February 15	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	February 17	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	February 20	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	February 21	10:00 AM	Still life session
Saturday	February 22	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	February 24	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	February 27	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	February 28	10:00 AM	Still life session