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# Highlights

March 2017

## Members in the News

Submitted by Gene Sampson

### Celebration of the Arts

Forty-four years ago, Marion DeVinney and her husband, members of the First United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids, decided to start an art show as part of their Celebration of the Arts. This year, the church was fortunate enough to have Mrs. DeVinney as the juror for this wonderful annual art competition. In her Juror's Statement, Mrs. DeVinney said, "I again realized how rich Grand Rapids is in artistic talent." 230 entries were submitted and 131 were chosen to hang in the show. Thirty-three pieces chosen were from members of Grand Valley Artists. The following members of GVA were among the lucky artists to have pieces selected:

Laurene Alflen, Larry Blovits, Shirley Haan, Kathleen Kalinowski, Carol Lurn, Diann Lemmen, Jim Markle, Randall Nyhof, Bonnie Osborne, Janice Paulson, Stong Peng, Mary Reusch, Joanne Swann, Debby Walker, and Nancy Wanha each had one piece in the show. Randy Brewer, Nona Bushman, Evie Carrier, Marianna Heule, Douglas Klemm, Nancy MacLachlan, Kathy Mohl, Dennis O'Mara, and Gene Sampson each had two pieces chosen. Congratulations to Douglas Klemm, whose beautiful oil painting "Blueberries in Autumn" was awarded an Honorable Mention!

### Gallery Uptown's Winter Festival

Larry Blovits, Gene Sampson, and Jan Paulson each had a painting accepted into Gallery Uptown's Winter Festival, held each year in the gallery on Washington Street in Grand Haven, Michigan. Congratulations!



Douglas Klemm's "Blueberries in Autumn" was awarded an Honorable Mention!

## BIG NEWS!

We are very excited to share with you that we recently received a letter from the IRS stating: "We determined you're exempt from federal income tax. Donors can deduct contributions they make to you.....you are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts."

Thanks to the Board for making this happen! We hope members and non-members alike will choose to remember GVA when making their charitable donations now that those donations will mean a tax deduction!

Donations can be mailed to Grand Valley Artists, 1345 Monroe Ave. NW Suite 140, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

## grand haven ART FESTIVAL

**JUNE 24 AND JUNE 25, 2017**

The Grand Haven Art Festival is held the last full weekend in June and transforms Washington Avenue into a chic, outdoor art gallery. The

goal of the Grand Haven Art Festival is to provide the communities and visitors with a unique opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind art, directly from the artist; while upholding the community valued tradition of the Grand Haven Art Festival. Learn more here: <http://grandhaven-chamber.org/grand-haven-art-festival>.



## 2017 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

Call for Artists! The 56th annual Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff in St. Joseph, MI, takes place on July 8 and 9. With an estimated 50,000 attendees, the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff is one of the most prestigious and well-attended events in Southwest Michigan. A source of pride for the community, the Krasl Art Fair provides attendees with tremendous exposure to high-quality art. The Art Fair is consistently ranked as one of the top art fairs in the country and has specifically been chosen as one of the Top 20 Art Fairs by Sunshine Artist Magazine for 5 years running. Applications are now being taken via their website: <http://www.krasl.org>.

The 43rd Annual

## ART in the PARK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017**

**9 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN**

Sign up today for the best chance at your preferred booth location! The Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission invites you to apply to our annual one-day fine arts and crafts festival.

Now in its 43rd year, Art in the Park takes place on the grounds of Lake Odessa's shady and picturesque Village Park. Our show features 70+ unique fine art and craft booths, food booths, a children's craft area, community art exhibit, door prize drawings, live musical entertainment, and the annual ParkPrize! Competition. Attendance is FREE. We promote our event on all regional and many state and national festival & visitor websites, advertise in local print publications, by direct mail, and social media. Learn more at <http://www.lakeodessaarts.com>.

## West Shore ART FAIR

Ludington Area Center for the Arts

**JULY 1 & 2**

**10 a.m.—5 p.m. -**

**LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN**

The 2017 West Shore Art Fair takes place July 1st and 2nd at the Rotary Park (formerly known as City Park) in the beautiful Lake Michigan resort community of Ludington, Michigan: Featuring 110+ jury selected fine artists across a variety of media, including clay, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, sculpture, and much more!

# March in the Gallery

Submitted by Jim Johnson

MARCH / GVA GALLERY / WATER is the theme for our March Gallery Exhibit. Art that depicts water in any of its diverse forms. It could be a glass of water or even a drop of water. It could be oceans, lakes, streams, estuaries or swimming pools. And don't forget the abstract world of things that are transparent and fluid. All 2D and 3D art is eligible, including drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, photography, digital works, mixed media, fiber art, mosaic tiles, etc. All work must be original. No prints or reproductions please. This exhibit is not juried and the works do not have to be framed, only hangable.

Hang: Feb 27 / Monday  
Strike: April 1 / Saturday



## Photo Group

Submitted by  
Randy Nyhof

The Photo Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month (March 7 and 21) at 7:30 p.m. Photographers are all welcome, regardless of experience or expertise. For additional information, you can always check our website. We try to keep the membership informed regarding the topics that will be discussed, etc., so you can know what to expect.



Please stop in for a great salad at Bliss & Vinegar, where you will see Jim Johnson's watercolors. If you want to show your work at B&V, make sure to load some images to our website, as that is where the owners go to find art they would like to display. Marty Klar coordinates this opportunity for us. Thanks, Marty!

# Upcoming Programs at GVA

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

For the March Program our presenter is Bert Verbrugge. She has a degree in design from The University of Michigan and has taught adult students for probably 45 years. She has taught in facilitated classes at the Forest Hills Art Center and she teaches at the veterans home. She is an excellent presenter, and has foundational knowledge for both realistic and abstract painters.

In April I have scheduled Pamela DeTuncq, an artist from Sun Valley, Idaho. Pamela is a conceptual artist who addresses some of the more compelling zeitgeists of contemporary American culture. After years in the design industry, she now applies her skills to multi-layered sculptural installations addressing such disparate themes as teen alienation, gender stereotypes, and the vicissitudes of faith. Her most recent work addresses the subject of aging, and the ephemeral nature of existence. She earned her MFA in Visual Arts from the Art Institute of Boston and BA in Graphic Design from the University of Maryland. Her work has been shown nationally, with the Denno's Museum adding one of her fiber installations to their permanent collection this year. Pamela DeTuncq lives and works in Hailey, Idaho.

For May I have scheduled fellow GVA member Jim Connelly. His program, "My Adventures as an Artist," covers Jim's entire career from custom painting vans to fine art painting and illustrating book covers.



Jim with B&V owner Jennifer McNamara

## Bill Alexander in Saginaw

Bill Alexander has abstract work on display at “The Gallery” in Saginaw through March 2017. It is the venue’s Grand Opening Exhibit and features other member artists’ work as well.



## The Collectors Show

There will be 80 artists represented at the show, including one or more members of GVA and other local artists as well as several artists from New York City, including Alex Katz, Eugene Delacroix and painter Robert De Niro Sr. (yes, Robert De Niro Jr.’s father, who has a documentary on HBO, ‘Remembering the Artist’). Show runs March 2nd through March 5th at the ArtPrize Hub at 41 Sheldon Blvd SE in Grand Rapids. The opening reception will be held Friday, March 3rd from 6 to 10 p.m.

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## More Area Art News

### Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Sandra Hansen’s work will be exhibited February 2–March 24, 2017. Artist Reception: Thursday, February 9, 2017, 6-7 p.m. Exhibit Hours: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Exhibit is open and free to the public. Artwork is available to purchase.

### ICCF

ICCF hosts the beautiful artworks of Connie Kuhnle and Jim Johnson. ICCF provides beautiful, affordable housing for many people in need. Connie and Jim bring their beautiful paintings of homes to ICCF. There are homes in the country as well as homes in Key West. The reception for this show is on Tuesday, April 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a panel discussion at 7:00 p.m. This show runs through the end of June. Don’t miss this wonderful show.

### Marywood Dominican Center

Glenn Dells (wood turning), Dan Grubbs (walking sticks), and Margarita Solis-Deal (photography) will be showing their work through March 31. Reception is Sunday, March 12, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

### Cascade Library

Randy Nyhof, Todd Darling, and Ron Shamery are currently showing their work.

### Lowell Arts

The 31st Annual West Michigan Art Competition highlights outstanding artwork by Lower West Michigan artists. This year’s distinguished juror is Nichole Maury, Associate Professor of Art of Printmedia at Western Michigan University. Pieces are selected in all visual art media by artists 18 yrs. and older who reside in a 15 county region. Cash awards are presented in five categories. Gallery Hours: Tues–Fri 10a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat 1–4 p.m.

### The LowellArts! Gallery

149 S. Hudson St.  
Lowell, Michigan

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 1–4 p.m.

### Downtown Lowell Gallery Hop

Thursday, March 9, 5–8 p.m.

LowellArts and nearby galleries on Main Street will be open March 9 with special evening hours. LowellArts invites the public to view the West Michigan Art Competition, meet the artists, and enjoy an art-filled evening in downtown Lowell.

### Bliss & Vinegar

Stop in to see the artwork of Jim Johnson, currently on display, and grab a delicious salad while you are at it! Marty Klar coordinates the displays at B&V. Please do not contact the restaurant directly. Contact Marty with Bliss-specific questions: (616) 813-7921.

## Cascade Library

Be sure to check out the works of Randy Nyhof, Todd Darling and Ron Shamery, now on display at the Cascade Library. Also, as many know, Larry Goff is dealing with health issues. At this time he is unable to continue his volunteer work in providing GVA artwork to display at the Kent District Cascade Branch Library. The Library is a beautiful venue that provides a great deal of exposure to GVA artists. In addition, library personnel are promoting GVA on their Facebook page.



This volunteer work involves hanging artwork every 3 months. Recruitment of three to four artists to include no more than 17 works in total is suggested. Marty Klar graciously volunteered to recruit artists for February thru April. However, we will need someone to take over for May. We don't want to lose this opportunity to get our GVA artwork into the community. Please contact Marty at 616-813-7921 if you want to show your work in May, and contact Carol Lurn at 616-437-9365 if you want to volunteer.

We want to thank Larry for undertaking this responsibility for the benefit of our members and his years of service for GVA. Our thoughts are with you Larry...you're the BEST.

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### Frauenthal Center

The Reception Gallery at Frauenthal Center hosts the beautiful pastels of Jim Markle. The title of the show is "Landscape Memories." Here is Jim's description of the show: "Why do I love painting landscapes. I think it's mostly the multitude of images that nature creates through a combination of light striking objects and the wonderful images that can result to experience and paint. That combination can change an image so fast that sometimes the image is just a fleeting memory." This show runs through the month of March. Don't miss this opportunity to view Jim's beautiful artworks.

### Franciscan Life Process Center

The Lowell Campus of the Franciscan Life Process Center is hosting the beautifully commissioned artworks of the Prodigal's Son by Larry and Mary Gerbens. Larry was so very moved by the Biblical story of forgiveness that he commissioned artists from different backgrounds and experience to do their interpretation of this story. Don't miss this show of beautifully designed artworks. The Franciscan Life Process Center is open during regular business hours. This show runs through the end of April.

### Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia's

The month of March hosts William Alexander and Richard Schaff. They have two completely different styles of painting. William paints in a contemporary style and Richard paints in a realistic, often conceptual style. Come and see these two artists' beautiful artworks at Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia. The reception for this show will be Friday, March 3, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. You won't want to miss this wonderful show.

### Guardian Gallery at St. Adalbert's

The featured artist in February is our own David Thinger. Come and see a beautiful collection of David's multi-media pieces. Guardian Gallery is at 671 Davis Avenue NW, Grand Rapids. It's the second brick building from the basilica. Go to the doorway with the arched covering over the top and you will find a box with three buttons on it. Push the button that has on it "Franciscan Life Process Center." Push it and you will be buzzed in. This show will be up the months of February, March, April and May. The Guardian Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, noon to 7:30 p.m.



## Recycle!

Notice to all GVA members: I'm not a BIG recycler, but I do think we should be doing our part. So, I've placed a bin

in the kitchen area for: PAPER, CARDBOARD, CLEAN PLASTIC CONTAINERS & PLASTIC CUPS (NO PLASTIC BAGS). This is also to be used for studio and office recycling. I will be responsible for taking the recycling home as the bin fills. If you have any questions, please contact me at 616-656-9210 or mcperfitt@me.com. Thank you for doing your part!

Peg McKeown

## Classified Ads

Richeson aluminum pastel carrier. Holds 4 trays. \$25 or best offer. Contact Sarabeth Carr at 607-5588 or sarabethcarr@gmail.com

**Gorilla Pochade Box**, 9"x12" (large size), used only once or twice. Paid \$200 new. Will sell for \$100 firm. Contact marymarin@comcast.net or call 616-443-0362.



**French Easel**. Full size and almost new. \$100. Contact Jim Markle at jimcmarkle@earthlink.net.



**French Easel**, full size, used but in decent shape. Contact marymarin@comcast.net or call 616-443-0362. \$30.

**5x7 Panel Pak** for holding two oil paintings for easy transport. \$10. Contact Jim Markle at jimcmarkle@earthlink.net.



## Now on Netflix

Thank you, Douglas Schwentor, for tipping us off about the Netflix series called "Abstract." Check it out.

Other suggestions:

"David Hockney: A Bigger Picture"

Heiner Hertling's series, "Your Brush With Nature"

## Amazon Prime Videos

If you get Amazon videos, Dave Bazen suggests you might want to give "Goya's Ghosts" a try.

Do you have art equipment you no longer use? Send an email to marymarin@comcast.net so we can publish your item/s here. Photos are helpful but not necessary.

**REMINDER: Applications are coming in for Reeds Lake Art Festival. Members should use the online form to secure a booth if you want one. There will be no more than 120 booths for the June 17 event. Find the application form at <http://grandvalleyartists.com/reedslake>.**



GVA welcomes Tom Jordan, Julie Mansour, Katie Favale, Betsy O'Neill, Samantha McIntosh, Julia Thomas, Barbara VanNoord, and renewing member Rebecca Stafford.

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### Board Meeting March 2 at 6:15 p.m.

#### EVERY WEEK

**Sundays** Closed

**Mondays** 10:00 a.m. until noon

**Tuesdays** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays** 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. (check website for location)

**Thursdays** First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

(Note: Program in December is replaced by the Holiday Party from 6 till 8)

Remaining Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Fridays** 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Saturdays** 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Model Sketch

Photo Group

Plein Air or  
Still Life

Critique

Program

Model Sketch

Still Life

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### Do You Have Any Suggestions?

Our suggestion box welcomes your ideas. You can also drop information for the GVA newsletter in the box if you are unable to send it via email, although email is preferred (send to marymarin@comcast.net).

### 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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