

Perspectives



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September 2021



Mark Your Calendar

September 2: Critique 7:00 pm

September 2: Board Meeting 5:30 pm

September 9: Program "Not My Art" 7:00 pm
Ice Cream Social 8:00 pm

Never miss another great GVA event...
Print the calendar on the last page of the
newsletter and attach it to your refrigerator!

Thank you to our great Facilities Team!

Submitted by Marty Klar

As many of you have observed, our working studio/gallery areas are looking good. There's great art on display and studio sessions are being conducted. By the time you read this our new overhead projector will be mounted to the ceiling. Also mounted on the ceiling will be two hundred noise reducing acoustic foam tiles. We hope you notice the difference. If we feel more needs to be done, it shall become our top priority. We are also looking into gallery lighting to make your artwork shine.

Thanks to everyone who has helped get us to this point and for your patience as we finalize our plans.

GVA Artists Well Represented!

Submitted by Mary Helmic and Dana Donnell

Many GVA artists and photographers were accepted into the Muskegon 92nd Contemporary Exhibition! Their works are stunning and deserve a special look. Please see them in their entirety [here](#).

This edition of the newsletter features the ceramic mosaic work of Diann Bartnick

In Fact, We're Everywhere...

Submitted by Dana Donnell and Mary Helmic

Here's where you'll find GVA members in...

[ArtPrize](#)

[Holland MI Arts Show](#)

[Grand Rapids Festival of Arts Performance+](#)

[Muskegon 92nd Contemporary Show](#)

[Great Lakes Pastel Society Members Show](#)

Our apologies if we missed your entry! Whenever you have news to share send it to danabdonnell@gmail.com

The mission of Grand Valley Artists is to nurture excellence in the visual arts by providing opportunities for self-expression, education, and exhibition within West Michigan's dynamic cultural community.



Artists/Crafters/Makers ... Apply for October 24th GVA Pop-Up Market

Submitted by DeLaine Klar

Get excited! Grand Valley Artists has rented the Fulton Street Farmers Market for the first ever GVA Pop Up Bazaar & Art Market.

- October 24th from 11:00-4:00
- Setup 1 hour prior/Takedown 1 hour after
- Sell artwork, craft, jewelry, soap, whatever
- Booth price \$40
- Application Deadline October 1, 2021

[Apply online](#)

Since GVA lost two years of fundraising revenue doing a one-day pop up sale will certainly help with a little fundraising.

We have already begun promoting our Grand Valley Pop Up Bazaar & Art Market on social media sites and event calendars. We have Patty Matters and The Falafel Truck booked. Artists, crafters and makers are beginning to sign up. I hope you will help promote it, support it, or even apply to be a vendor! It's going to be a wonderful time!

To prepare for the pop-up, Joanne Swann and I visited the Farmer's Market Sunday Artisans Market. Wow! What a great place to find incredible local talent! We were hoping to find vendors to sell at our market, but we also found a number of items we wanted to purchase!

As a bonus, we learned about other artist organizations. I want to give a shout out to Shyle Lyons of Merchants and Makers. Her collective does a number of pop-up sales every year around West Michigan. Shyle generously offered us information and is promoting our sale on her website. Please visit her at: merchantsandmakers.com for early holiday shopping and upcoming events.

Artisan Village September 17-19

Submitted by [Festival of the Arts](#)

Several GVA members will be involved in the Festival of the Arts Artisan Village this fall. The post on the Festival webpage reads: Performance+ is excited to present some of the region's best talent in our Artisan Village located on Calder Plaza this September 17-19

Hours for Performance+ Artisan Village:

Friday	12pm – 7:30pm
Saturday	10am – 7:30pm
Sunday	12pm – 5pm

Artisan village is one of the many ways we can support our local artists, performers and arts organizations.

Artisan categories include fiber art, ceramics, paintings, drawings, jewelry, caricatures, leather, metal works, photography, woodworking, and more. Over 50 artists in all.

Many are returning artists, but there's always something new every year!

Festival's Artisan Village together with the Lowell Arts' Fallasburg Arts Festival encourages everyone to shop fine art and craft this coming fall. For more information visit [Fallasburg Arts Festival](#).



Sculpture by Diann Bartnick

Photography Group

Submitted by Randy Nyhof and photo group

NCCA Artsplace Statewide Photography Exhibit Aug 6 – Sept 8

The Newago County Council for the Arts annual photography competition exhibits and acknowledges some of the finest photographers across the state of Michigan. Both the exhibit and awards were selected by Dianne Carroll Burdick, a freelance photographer in Grand Rapids.

Henry Droski's photograph *Blue Swallow* was awarded 2nd place. NCCA Artsplace is located at 13 E Main St, Fremont, MI 49412, phone (231) 924-4022. <http://www.ncca-artsplace.org/>



Randy Nyhof served as juror for Art in the Park Art Fair in Saugatuck on August 21. This event was coordinated and promoted by GVA member Anna Donahue.

Bliss & Vinegar's upcoming artist...

Jill Mulder

888 Forest Hills Ave. SE



If you want to show your work at Bliss & Vinegar, you will need to share some of it in the gallery on our website, www.grandvalleyartists.com, so the owners can see what you do. They decide whose work they want to feature. Please do not contact them directly.

Marty Klar coordinates this venue.

Have questions? Call Marty at 616-813-7921. Stop by for a great lunch and great photo display!

Opportunities/Classes/Workshops Throughout West MI

Submitted by Dana Donnell

There's something for everyone going on this year! Take a class or a workshop, enter your work in a contest or exhibition. Just look at what you can do!

[Tulip Time Poster Contest](#)

[Watercolor workshop with our own Jim Johnson at the Franciscan Life Process Center October 7,8,9](#)

The Importance of Light-Larry Blovits at the Holland Arts Council (Holland Arts (616) 396-3278 to register)

[Ken Cadwallader classes at the Franciscan Life Process Center September 14—October 4](#)

"Here's what's happening in your neck of the woods..." —Al Roker

[Link to the giant Google Doc with information on all of our artists' entries in area wide shows!](#)

Programs/Classes/Workshops in the New GVA Studios!

Submitted by Terri Hanna

Go With The Flow – Wes DeVries

September 25, 2021 2 pm to 5pm

Cost: \$50.00 Grand Valley Artist Members
\$60.00 Non-Members

Grand Valley Artists' Wes DeVries will be conducting another of his infamous abstract painting classes in GVA's new space at 2661 29th St. SE, Suite B, right behind Schuler Books. As the workshop title implies, Wes encourages artists at all levels to loosen up and let the canvas and medium speak to you as he gives a demonstration of his own process, then guides each attendee in creating a finished piece. A supply list will be sent before the workshop. Please contact Terri Hanna at tlhanna0807@gmail.com to sign up.

Introduction to Zentangle – Dani Ehlenfeldt CZT

October 9, 2021 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$50 Grand Valley Artist Members
\$60.00 Non-Members

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use it to create beautiful images. In this workshop, Dani will teach attendees the basic terms and techniques to start practicing this mindful meditation. Create Zentangle tiles and see how powerful they are for you and as a group by creating a tile mosaic. Create a colorful background, and Zentangle on top to add a playful level of creativity. Learn how to see the tangles in everyday life. All supplies are included. Please contact Terri Hanna at tlhanna0807@gmail.com to sign up.

Unleash Your Creativity - Robyn Gransow

September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 3, 2021 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Cost: 175.00 Grand Valley Members (includes all 4 weeks)
\$200.00 Non-Members

Never thought you could create your own art? Just need to brush up on a few of the things you learned in school? This series is made for everyone, from the novice to the experienced artist. During these 4 weeks you will learn a bit of color theory, better understand how complementary colors can make your painting sing, practice the art of creating the right neutral for your piece and make your work pop through depth, shadows and the practical application of all 4 weeks' lessons. Each week Robyn will demonstrate the method, and each attendee will leave with a finished - or close to finished - piece that will allow you to explore painting on your own. Intimidated? Don't be! One of Robyn's gifts is bringing out the best in everyone. It's a Friday, so bring your beverage of choice and unleash your creative spirit. Light snacks will be provided and a supply list will be sent out before Week 1. Please contact Terri Hanna at tlhanna0807@gmail.com to sign up.

MORE classes at GVA...

Tuesday Painting Classes with Kathleen Kalinowski

Tuesday classes will be divided into two 5-week sessions this fall.

September 28-October 26 and November 2-December 7

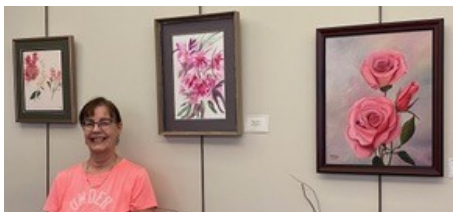
Classes meet from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm (a short lunch break is optional; cleanup begins at 2:00)

Tuition is \$260 payable at the beginning of each session

To sign up please email: KalinowskiFineArt@gmail.com with your session preference.

Here's what we did this summer...

Submitted by Sara Youngman



Sallie Zigterman at Trinity United Methodist
1100 Lake Drive SE (456-7168)

Through October



Anne Rivers at KDL Englehardt Library
200 North Monroe St., Lowell

Through October

GVA Plein Air Exhibit at Frames Unlimited

Submitted by Jim Johnson and Mary Helmic

Seventeen—yes, 17—of our GVA plein air artists will exhibit 94 of their recent works in a show titled *What I Did This Summer*. The exhibit can be seen at Frames Unlimited in the Southridge Center, 2964 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, from August 30th to October 3rd, 2021. The gallery will be open daily Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 6:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 – 5:00pm.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Lynn Anderson
Kathleen Bechtel
Annemarie Biernacki
Bert Boerema
Doug Bostian
Jim Johnson
Kathleen Kalinowski
Jean Kubiszewski
Laurie Lehman
Leon Lou
Jill Mulder
Ann Hulce Nicholson
Kerre Nykamp
Linda Scarborough
Steve Scarborough
Judy Tummino
Melinda Wright

News from Outreach

Submitted by Dana Donnell and Doug Klemm

GVA's Outreach Chair, Doug Klemm, spends lots of time and energy representing our organization to West Michigan art venues and working out all of the details involved in setting up shows for Grand Valley Artists. Because of the pandemic, it has taken 2 years to finalize the GVA Show at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. Luckily, there will be two major high school musicals during the run of the exhibiton, so we should have a large viewing audience. If anyone has suggestions for a juror, please contact Doug.

Thank you, Doug! We owe you a huge debt of gratitude for putting our name and our artwork on a public platform! Here's what to look forward to this winter:

Exhibit Dates: February 3-March 19, 2022

Drop off Artwork: January 31

Installation: February 1,2

Opening of Exhibit: February 3

Opening Reception: February 10, 5:00-7:00 pm

Exhibit Closes: March 19

Pick up Artwork: March 21

News from Membership

Submitted by Mary Baine

Welcome New & Rejoining Members Lance Trexler, Lisa Benson, and Jan Lewis!

September 1st begins the GVA 2021-22 Membership year for ALL members. Thanks to all who have already renewed! Dues are \$60 per year per person (only \$5 a month); for members added as part of a GVA household — and for students age 18 and over — dues are only \$30. If you haven't already done so, please renew now; it's easy!

To renew online, go to grandvalleyartists.com and choose the link "Artists: Join here!", complete the form provided, then follow the prompts until payment via PayPal is complete (or just submit the form and mail a check/money order instead.)

Checks or money orders may be accompanied by a paper form; copies are available at GVA. Not ready to visit the studio? The form provided on our website can be completed and printed; the form included in this newsletter can be printed out as well! No printer? No problem! Established members can renew by mailing a check or money order with the member's name on it to Mary Baine, who will fill out a membership form using the information she has on file.

When you renew or pay by mail, **make your check or money order payable to GVA or Grand Valley Artists**, then **send it to Grand Valley Artists % Mary M. Baine, Membership Chair, 2280 Leonard Street, Marne, Michigan 49435. Thank you!**

Watercolor workshop with Jim Johnson

Submitted by Jim Johnson

Jim Johnson Watercolor Workshop at the Franciscan Center
October 28, 29, 30 2021

Every painter has been asked the question 'what are you thinking' when creating art? In this workshop I'll share with you exactly what I'm thinking and why. And it's not just a matter of letting the right brain do what it wants to do. I actually do a bunch of problem solving based on the principals of painting. I hope you can join me for three days of fun and discovery at the Franciscan Center. For details check the link below.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/jim-johnson-watercolor-stuff-to-think-about-tickets-163738533361>





GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS

Membership Application 2021

Membership Year is September 1st through August 31st.

Note: All memberships expire on August 31st and require renewal on September 1st; the annual membership fee is due every September 1st and remains the same regardless of collection date.

The information on this form is used for contact purposes and member services; please provide as many details as you feel comfortable sharing.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **Apt:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Your e-mail address is used to distribute the monthly newsletter as well as important announcements and updates; regarding this service, every member is able to “unsubscribe”. If you do not have a valid e-mail address, please check the GVA website for news—and newsletters. Printed copies of the newsletter are available at the studio as well.

Annual dues are \$60 for all new, renewing, or rejoining members except as otherwise noted.

Payment may be made as follows:

- PayPal—Log onto grandvalleyartists.com; choose the link “Artists: Join here!”, then follow the prompts until payment is complete.
- Check—Make the check payable to GVA or Grand Valley Artists.
- Mail to : Grand Valley Artists
% Mary M. Baine, Membership Chair
2280 Leonard Street
Marne, Michigan 49435

Charitable contributions may be added to your dues.

The William (Bill) Kubiak fund was established to offer assistance to artists coping with financial hardship.

Grand Valley Artists is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Donations made to support GVA are tax-deductible; you will receive a receipt for your records.

Date: _____ Please check one: New member _____ Returning member _____ Renew current membership _____

Please check one:

_____ Lifetime membership (20 consecutive years in good standing): \$0

Grand Valley Artists Back to Work at 29th Street Studio



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5 Open Positions

September	
WEEKLY EVENTS	
MON	PORTRAIT SESSION 10-12 PORTRAIT SESSION 7-9 PM
TUES	PHOTO GROUP (1 ST TUES) 7-9 OPEN STUDIO 10-1 PLEIN AIR (SUMMER) 1-4 GR CAMERA CLUB (3 RD WED) 7 PM CRITIQUE (1 ST TUES) 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING (1 ST TUES) 5:30 PROGRAM (2 ND TUES) 7:00 PM
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FRI	STILL LIFE 10-1 FULL FIGURE SESSION 10-12 NEW! Open Studio 2-5
SAT	
SUN	

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