

Perspectives



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October 2021



Mark Your Fall Calendar

October 2: Marketing Group meets, 11:00 am
October 5, Photo Group meets, 7:00-9:00 pm
October 7: Board Meeting 5:30 pm
October 7: Critique 7:00 pm
October 8: "Creativity" with Robin Grasnow, 7:00-9:00
October 14: Program 7:00 pm
October 16: GVA Benefit Yard Sale, 10:00-4:00
October 23: Zentangle with Dani Ehlenfeldt, 1:30-4:00
October 24: Fulton Street Pop-Up Market, 11:00-4:00

Tuesdays, 9:00-2:00, class with Kathleen Kalinowski
Thursdays, 12:00-5:00, class with Ken Cadwallader
Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00, plein air through October

Please see the full printable calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Look at Us Grow!

Submitted by Mary Baine



Welcome to new and returning members...

New:

Kathleen Gregory
Laura Vogelzang
Shelby Douglas
Carole Lende-Svec

Returning:

Roy Brown	Barbara Clayton Price
Dick Buist	Denise O'Brien DeVries
Christine Evans	
Lydia Ferrigan	
Michael Cartwright	

GVA Needs Your Time & Talents

Submitted by Dana Donnell

What's your secret?

In addition to being a great artist, are you also a good notetaker? Are you adept at today's computer applications? Are you a builder or cleaner? Do you love to manage a big project?

Our President, Joanne Swann, has led us through 2 of the most tumultuous years in GVA history! She deserves a break!

Will YOU be the next GVA President, Vice President? Secretary? Communications Chair? Fundraising Guru?

There are lots of ways to serve. Please notify Joanne if you wish to be included in the slate of nominees for our annual elections in December. **Email joswann@sbcglobal.net to be considered. Thank you!**



This edition of the newsletter features the Zentangle work of Dani Ehlenfeldt

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.

October Program Night

Thursday, October 14th, 7:00 pm

“YouTube” Round Robin

Submitted by Terri Hanna and Dana Donnell

What inspired you during our COVID hibernation? Did you watch artists that you loved via YouTube? We all want to know!

Let's do a YouTube Round Robin! If you want to participate, please send Terri Hanna or Dana Donnell a short paragraph about your favorite YouTube artist, what the artist teaches, why you love it, what you don't like about it and of course a link to the site.

Dana will collate these and make a booklet for everyone who comes. When we meet, participants can bring up short takes from their suggested channels and introduce the audience to a whole new learning experience. Let's tap into the web of creation!

Listen Up!

Can you hear the quiet?

Submitted by Marty Klar

Look up! There are now 200 sound absorbing foam squares on the ceiling half of the studio area! Two hundred additional squares have just been delivered and the process for installing them is, well frankly, a pain!

1. Open 20 plastic wrapped packages.
2. Spread out 200 squares and wait for them to puff up. Wait....wait....Okay, puffed.
3. Soak 200 squares in water and squeeeeeeezzzzzzeee out all the water.
4. Spread the squares out AGAIN and wait...wait...for them to dry.
5. Get up on the 12 foot ladder and glue 200 squares to the ceiling!!

The GVA calendar is filling up with workshops, classes and newly announced studio sessions—that's good... So there are fewer hours to install ceiling tiles without disturbing an activity... that's... a fact. Just know, we're working on it.

First Ever GVA Benefit Yard and Estate Sale October 16th

Submitted by DeLaine Klar

Do you have art stuff you don't use, you don't need, or you don't want?

Grand Valley Artists is having their first ever *Sale on the Green*.

- **What?** Sale of new and used artwork and art-related items
- **Where?** On the lawn facing 29th street SE just past the parking area for GVA studios at 2661 29th SE
- **When?** Donations received October 8th (10-1), October 10th (2-5), October 13th (10-1 and 7-9 pm)
- **Sale begins** at 10:00, Saturday, October 16

All items donated will be sold to benefit our wonderful organization.

Your donations are tax deductible. You price it, we'll sell it! You can let us know if the price is firm or negotiable. You can let us know if you want it back. If not, we will donate unsold items to charity.

It's time to clear the clutter, and also purchase some great finds!

If you would like to donate, please let us know by Sept. 25th so we can give you more information and details about the sale.



Photography Group

Submitted by Randy Nyhof and photo group

Photo Group meets on Tuesday, October 5th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Grand Rapids Camera Club will be testing GVA's projection and internet system on the evening of October 6 and will be using GVA's facility for the evening of October 20.

The Halloween art exhibition ANGELS and DEMONS, is showing for two days only: Saturday and Sunday, Oct 2nd and 3rd in Muskegon, Michigan (2010 E. Riley Thompson Rd.) Seven of Michigan's finest artists present their interpretations of spirits, myths, and questionable beasties. Curated by Hana Girdvainis-Sawyer Saturday from 11am to 6pm and Sunday from 11am to 4pm.

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) Or \$50 per class
\$200.00 Non-Members

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. Bring a beverage of your choice and unleash your creative spirit. Light snacks will be provided. Please contact Terri Hanna at tlhanna0807@gmail.com to sign up.

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!

[Watercolor workshop with our own Jim Johnson at the Franciscan Life Process Center October 28-30](#)

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

<https://lifeprocesscenter.org/events/douglas-fryer-composition-structure-unity-and-variety/>
<https://lifeprocesscenter.org/events/thanasi-papapostolou-relief-sculpture/>

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

Bliss & Vinegar October 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.

Lowell Library October artist

Larry Blovits



Programs/Classes/Workshops in the New GVA Studio!

Submitted by Terri Hanna

STILL LIFE PAINTING CLASS BY KEN CADWALLADER

You will be on "high alert" with all your faculties functioning on the maximum level as you discover how training in still-life painting brings all the crucial aspects of painting into play. This class will focus on the core principles of painting from life with instruction custom-tailored for the individual's specific needs. Experience demonstrations and discussions before each day's work and gain the insight needed to begin a painting. Review the fundamentals of painting: drawing, value, color, and edge, and how they work together to convey your vision to the viewer. Learn to simplify what you see and break down a painting into manageable pieces. Receive valuable feedback from the instructor and your classmates in daily critiques while learning the questions to ask yourself in order to critique your own work.



Ken will demo in oils but all mediums are welcome. Space is limited so register soon. Please reserve your space with Kathy Bechtel at kathleen.bechtel@yahoo.com.

Date and time: Thursday, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4
From 12:00-5:00 pm

Place: Grand Valley Artists Studio

Cost: \$260, please bring a check (made out to Ken Cadwallader) or bring cash the first day of class and hand it to Ken.

Introduction to Zentangle - Dani Ehlenfeldt CZT

Date and time: Saturday, October 23 from 1:30-4:00 pm

Place: Grand Valley Artists Studio

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.



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.

Home Coming

Submitted by Donna Smith

My name is Donna Smith and I am a former member of GVA. When you live in two places, your heart is always torn in half. My husband and I retired to historic Saint Augustine, Florida over ten years ago, but still owned a home in Grand Rapids. We enjoyed the beaches, outdoor living, world traveling and RVing and the St. Augustine Art Community. For a while I held a position on the Board of Directors for The Saint Augustine Art Association (STAAA) and was instrumental in reviving the St. Augustine Annual Plein Air Paint Out, which is going on five years now. I was also a member of Anastasia Plein Air, Flagler County Plein Air, and First Coast Plein Air and Urban JAX Sketchers. With the 2020 bans on traveling, vaccination worries, distance from family/friends during the pandemic, my husband and I decided to sell our condo and move back to GR.

When we returned, I wondered what would fill my art/creative void. Having been a previous member of GVA I reached out and renewed my membership and thus rejoined the GVA community. Promptly, I received a deluge of emails. What a thrill to see how much GVA has grown. There are so many activities: studio and portrait sessions, free studio time, programs, classes and social events! There are many ways to immerse yourself including serving on the board and helping support the organization.

GVA is more than I ever imagined! I started with Plein Air and Portrait sessions. I LOVE THEM! Some days I have to pinch myself. Yes Dorothy, WHOOPS, I mean DONNA you can go home again.!



Jim Johnson at Forest Hills

Submitted by Jim Johnson

James Johnson will have two paintings in the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center *Retrospective Exhibit-Celebrating 15 Years*. The exhibit opens on Friday, October 8 and closes on Friday, November 19. All Artists who have participated in the Artist In Residence program at FHA have been invited to contribute to this retrospective exhibit. The reception will be on Wednesday, October 27, 6:00-8:00.



**GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS, INC.
POP-UP BAZAAR & ART MARKET
AT THE FULTON STREET FARMERS MARKET**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021
11:00AM - 4PM



Jump-start your holiday shopping at Grand Valley Artists, Inc. sponsored Pop-Up Bazaar & Artists Market. The market will focus on artists and artisans and crafts of all types. Plus there will be two food trucks. The event is free to attend and open to the public. The event will be held at The Fulton Street Farmers Market, 1145 Fulton Street E, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 11AM to 4PM. We'd love to have you join us and look forward to seeing you there.

CURRENT VENDORS

- THE MONSTORIIUM/MONSTER COLLECTIBLES • BRIDGETTE MCGEE/ANIMAL PRINTS & ORNAMENTS •
- FIRE FLY FELT ART/FELTED ART • HALLIE LEBLANC STUDIO/TEXTILES •
- JENNIER BURNS/PEBBLE GLASS ART • MARCIA SCHULTZ/EMBROIDERY •
- GENE SAMPSON/QUILTED & BEADED ITEMS • HOOP THERE IT STITCH/EMBROIDERY •
- BYLEENA/TEA TOWELS • DEEJAYS6/CROCHET ITEMS • KUUMBAACCESSORIES/TEXTILES •
- KATHIE HOLLEBECK/WOMENS JACKETS & TOPS •
- CINDY COLEMAN/CANVAS FLOOR CLOTHS • GAGA682II/TOTE BAGS •
- THATS SEW ME/AFRICAN CRAFTS • HELLO@PAIGE CANDLES/SOY CANDLES •
- AUDREY HECKWOLF/BEES WAX PRODUCTS • ANNE CRANS/JEWELRY & SCENTS
- TULIP & THISTLE/SOY CANDLES • KATIE DECAMP/SOY CANDLES •
- JAMES JOHNSON & JAZZ/WATERCOLOR GREETING CARDS & SOAPS •
- SLOWSOULSTUDIO/HANDMADE JOURNALS •
- HELLO@THE DESIGNER THEORY/WOOD FURNISHINGS • BRETT KINCAID/WOOD ITEMS •
- LAWRENCE PODOLAK/WOODEN ITEMS • MYERS WOOD TURNING •
- SARAH WILBER/RIPPLE MACARONS • MUD MATTERS/POTTERY •
- ANN MARY DYKSTRA/POTTERY & STONEWARE • SEGERSKI/VINTAGE JEWELRY •
- BETTY FOO FOO JEWELRY • FERNANDA FLORES/HANDPAINTED JEWELRY & MUGS •
- ART FROM THE EARTH66/HANDMADE JEWELRY • MACKENZIE CORNELIUS/JEWELRY •
- ANN NICHOLSON/PHOTOGRAPHY/ART • STEVE PETRIDES/FINE PHOTOGRAPHY •
- RANDY NYHOE/PHOTOGRAPHY • BRUSH & BARK/NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY & CARDS •
- SRI MCCARTHY/WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS • TODD DARLING/FINE ART POSTCARDS •
- GRAND VALLEY ARTISTS/FINE ART NOTE CARDS •
- DELAINE & MARTY KLAR/ART CARDS & PAINTINGS •
- JANET ASHLEY/VINTAGE MOVIE ART PRINTS • ERIN REINHOLTZ/ACRYLIC PAINTINGS •
- LAURIE LEHMAN/PAINTINGS • PAT BIUST/PAINTINGS • DANIEL WALKER/DIGITAL ART •
- SUSAN STORM & SUSIE RALPH/PAINTINGS & POTPOURRI •
- JOHN JURRIES/MONSTER ART • PAT & LAVONNE MARSHALL/PAINTINGS •
- EMILY KIMBALL-WELLS/PAINTINGS • LISA GEREN/PAINTINGS •
- NANCY MACLACHLAN & JANICE PAULSON/PAINTINGS •
- DANI EHLNFELDT/ZENTANGLE ART • KERRE NYKAMP/PAINTINGS •
- DOUG BOSTIAN/NATURE PAINTINGS • DEBORAH BERGREN/OIL PAINTINGS •
- THERESA NESBIT/ACRYLIC POIR PAINTINGS • LYNN ANDERSON/PAINTINGS •
- SARAH DORN/PLANTS IN VINTAGE CONTAINERS • THUNDER STORM ROSE METAL ART •
- CHRISTINE WALESKOWSKI/SHADOW BOXES • PATTY MATTERS/FOOD TRUCK •
- LETX TACO BOUT IT/FOOD TRUCK •

News from Membership

Submitted by Mary Baine

Thank you to all who have renewed for 2021-22!

Those who have not paid their 2021-22 dues by mid-October will receive a personal reminder from the Membership Chair, so 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!**

Have questions? Prefer to pay your dues in cash? Mary Baine is often present at Saturday figure and Monday morning portrait sketch sessions; she is also available in the evening just before Critique.

Watercolor workshop with Jim Johnson

Submitted by Jim Johnson

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

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

“Not My Art” Program & Ice Cream Social



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5 Open Positions

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
\$\$\$ BRING	YOUR	YARDSALE	DONATION:	Fri 10/8, 10:00-1 OR Sun 10/10, 2-5 OR Wed 10/13, from 10-1 and 7-9	Drop off art for GVA Gallery Show "What I Did During Covid" from 10-1	Marketing 11:00 Full Figure Session 10:00-1:00
3 Portrait 10:00-12:00 NEW! Evening Portrait 7:00-9:00	4 Kalinowski Class 9:00-2:00 Photo group 7:00-9:00	5 Open Studio 10:00-1:00 Plein Air 1:00-4:00 GR Camera Test 7:00 pm	6 Board Meeting 5:30 Critique 7:00 Cadwallader Class 12-5:00	7 Still Life 10:00-1:00 Donation intake 10-1 Creativity with Robin 7:00-9:00	8 Full Figure Session 10:00-1:00 Mary Marin Memorial 2:00	9
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