

Christmas Show and Party!

Do you believe it?

It is close to that time of year again. Time for our Grand Valley Artists to join together, Thursday, December 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm for an evening of comradeship, enjoyment of the creative art work developed by our members, and the taste of delicious food.

Award winners will be announced at the reception. The awards are as follows:

First Place: \$200

Second Place: \$150

Third Place: \$100

and two Honorable Mentions: \$75 each.

An entry form is attached to this newsletter.

It is to be filled out and delivered with your art work on registration day: Thursday, December 5 between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm., or Saturday, December 7 between 10 am and 1 pm. Please note under "Notification of Inclusion of Work" we are notifying those GVA members of their inclusion into the Holiday Show by computer. For our members who do not have computers please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope when you register. We hope everyone will bring a dish to pass for the holiday tables. We hope to see all of you there!

Deliver Art Work -

Thurs. Dec. 5th 6 pm - 7:30 pm
or Sat. Dec. 7 10 am - 1:00 pm

Come to party Thurs. Dec. 12 7 pm to 9 pm

GVA Gallery Exhibits:

For the months of September and October we were privileged to have the excellent work of Howard Garett and Collin Fry hanging in our GVA gallery.

Our juried Holiday Competition will be on display December and January. The plein-air painters' work will cover our gallery walls in February and March. It will be wonderful to view their spring, summer and fall landscapes to remind us as we move thru the frigid winter months that warm weather will eventually return. Again, many thanks to all artists who have organized a show for our gallery. You continue to inspire us and give us many hours of enjoyment.

Carol Laurn



by Howard Garett

Contact: Lisa Geren: lgeren@comcast.net or
Bob Kraai: rkraai@ameritech.net about these
opportunities!



“Man with a Hat” by Colin Fry

Welcome to New Members:

Dave Pelletier
Molly Webber
Jessica Brenner
Kathleen Taylor
Royce Deans

Volunteer Needed:

The Recovery Academy, at 282 Leonard (the corner of Front & Leonard) is looking for a volunteer to help persons in recovery from mental disorders with their art work. The class meets on Mondays from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Unfortunately they cannot afford to pay anyone, but this could be a rewarding experience for all who are involved, and the environment is non-threatening. If you are interested call Mike Roaleen at 233-0884 and/or Debby Walker at 956-6141 (or email at debbystardust@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

Reeds Lake Opportunities

Publicity Chairman:

Members, Susanne DeVries is stepping down as Reeds Lake Publicity Chairman and would like to pass the torch. This is an awesome opportunity to contribute to our festival behind the scenes. Susanne has provided detailed contact information and made it easy to step in! The responsibilities are to contact (mostly by e-mail, April - May) local papers, magazines and radio stations with updated Festival information, and order the yearly posters. Join the team!

Third Co-Chairman:

Exciting and valuable volunteer opportunity!
Anyone interested in assisting Lisa Geren and Bob Kraai as a 3rd co-chairman for Reeds Lake.



Oil, by Colin Fry

Program:

Thursday, November 14, 7:30 pm

Former GVA president, Dennis O'Mara, will share his expertise involving the art of woodcut and linoleum print making.

Review Of Thursday, October 10,
Program night.



OOOHHHHHHH what a night!!!! Louise Bauer, Robin Bomhof, and Randy Nyhof provided our GVA members with the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas regarding GVA as an art organization. The main topic of discussion was; Where is GVA now? Where is GVA headed in the future? All topics were submitted by our members prior to program night. Our members who want to see GVA continue to be a viable and forward looking organization understand the need to be involved in long range planning. We have heard new members tell us that our organization is unique to the city of

Grand Rapids as well as cities outside of our state and we want to preserve and improve upon this uniqueness.

Robin did a great job moderating the discussion. She included and encouraged all members to participate and most did. Of course, we had already heard some of the suggestions made before but some were new to the discussion.

Other topics were : Does or should GVA reach out to the community to provide a service? Should we expand our programming, and if so, what kind of programs? What is the role of artists today? What is the current trend in artist's work? In regards to latter, for those of you who missed the program, you had better believe there was an animated discussion of Art Prize entries and winners. Robyn had to encourage a bit of restraint throughout this discussion.

Of great significance for this dialogue was that two of the attendees, who were part of the original founders of GVA in 1957, participated in this dialogue. Mary Perry and Carl Forslund are so invested in the continuation of this art organization they wanted to be part of this discussion.

We asked program participants to become involved. An organization is only as good as it's volunteer base. Let's take some of the new suggestions and try to implement at least one of these ideas in the near future . A small group, including at least one board member, will be part of this planning session. Members of this group will share with the board the idea/ideas they want to implement and get board approval.

We want to give a huge and resounding “Thank You” to all members who attended this program. Perhaps an even greater “Thank You” should be extended to those individuals who agreed to be part of the planning. Any members who were unable to attend and want to contribute ideas to promote GVA as an organization contact Louise, Robyn, or Randy.

by Carol Lurn



Photo by Daniel Postellon

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.



A few of the members attending the October 10 program night, moderated by Robin Bomhoff. Photo by Randy Nyhoff

Dominican Center Gallery:

Photography by Daniel Postellon

Reception: November 10 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

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



Watercolor by Lynn Anderson

Workshops and Classes:

Jim Markle

Jim Markle is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a Master Member of the Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association. He has over fifteen years of experience teaching all levels of participants in the U.S., Canada, France and Italy. He is the inventor of the Jim Markle Pastel Easelbox. He travels extensively throughout Europe and the United States painting in plein air. Great American Art Works markets his North American Landscape Set of pastels.

Landscape Classes

Grand Rapids, MI

Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18

Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Monday 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Contact Jim Markle, 616-458-8559 or

jimcmarkle@earthlink.net

Pastel Landscape Workshop

Livonia, MI Nov. 8 & 9

Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia

Contact: Diana Jamrog

734-838-1204 or e-mail:

vaalart@yahoo.com

Ingrid Blixt

Printmaking Workshop: Linocut on Stone tiles

Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner, Lansing MI 48906

Saturday November 9, 2013 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$110 (includes all print making supplies)

A great printmaking workshop, introducing you to printmaking techniques and focusing on one of the easiest and most accessible techniques; linocut. Artist, Ingrid Blixt will walk you through the steps of creating a linocut, from

sketching to carving and printing, leading to a functional and artful product: two beautified stone tiles, which can be used as coasters, files or hanging artwork.

Participants should bring their own imagery to work from; otherwise the instructor will provide images.

The following materials will be provided: stone tiles, printing blocks, carving and cutting tools, water based printmaking ink, brayers, stain, felt pads, ball point pen, foam brush, disposable palette, and palette knife.

Call 517- 999-1212 or go to website: www.gallery1212.com to purchase this workshop.



GVA Plein Air Painters

Gallery 1212 Workshops:

Gallery 1212 is please to announce that **Rebecca Stafford** has returned as an instructor a Gallery 1212. Becky is teaching the Water Media Class

(watercolor, mixed media and acrylics) on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

The class can be purchased for \$60.00 and includes 4 sessions. Becky accepts all skill levels and tailors the instruction to the student.

The sessions do not have to be taken sequentially.

Sign up for the class through the website: www.gallery1212.com or call at 517-999-1212



by Rebecca Stafford

Art Academy 318

November 13 & 14

Quilting Workshop with Kathleen Mooney.

This will be an action packed workshop that will produce one-of-a-kind ART quilts - Think paint, stitch, layers, stencils, printing.

For more information about the above workshops please call:

Art Academy 318 East Main, #A Lowell, MI 49331
616-890-1879,

Members in the News:

Lynn Anderson will be the featured artist at the Flat River Gallery in Lowell, Michigan for the months of December and January. She will exhibit a variety of watercolors from a new series she completed this summer. The subjects in the series focus on gardens and still life.



Watercolor by Lynn Anderson

Exhibit at Forest Hills Fine Arts Center:

November 4 - December 13, 2013

Ten Year Anniversary Retrospective of the Artist in Residence program.

Reception: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013. 6 pm - 8 pm

This exhibit recognizes the works of 55 past Fine Arts Center Artists as they come

together to celebrate the tenth anniversary exhibition season at the FHFAC.

Participating GVA artists (past and present) include: **Larry Blovits,, Richard Cooper, Carol Forslund, James Johnson, Kathleen Kalinowski, Connie Kuhnle, and Jim Markle.**

Cascade Library Exhibit:



Print, by Dennis O'Mara

Dennis O'Mara:

The show contains a wide variety of work. It includes prints, oils, pastels, and sculptures.

October 14 - November 13

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

Art Around Michigan:

Lowell Arts: Christmas Through Lowell

Over 300 artists and crafters display and sell their wares. www.discoverlowell.org

Friday Nov. 15 9am - 9 pm

Saturday Nov. 16 9am - 7pm

Sunday Nov. 17 11 am - 5 pm

Muskegon Museum of Art:

Jason Quigno: Harmony in Stone

5:30 pm Reception | 7:00 pm Lecture by Jason Quigno

Free and open to the public.

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.

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



Plein air painting in October, at Waterfront Park in East Grand Rapids

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Please help me make the newsletter
more interesting and informative.

How?

Send me the news, pictures, jokes,
sayings, events - anything you believe
members would enjoy or want to
know about. You can e-mail your
contribution to
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Calendar

November

Friday	November 1	10:00 AM	Still Life
Saturday	November 2	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	November 4	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	November 5	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	November 7	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	November 7	7:30 PM	Critique
Friday	November 8	10:00 AM	Still Life
Saturday	November 9	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	November 11	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	November 14	7:30 PM	Program Night
Friday	November 15	10:00 AM	Still Life
Saturday	November 16	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	November 18	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	November 21	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	November 22	10:00 AM	Still Life
Saturday	November 23	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	November 25	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	November 28	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	November 29	10:00 AM	Still Life

Saturday November 30 10:00 AM Figure Sketch

December

Monday	December 2	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	December 3	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	December 5	6:00 PM	Critique
Friday	December 6	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	December 7	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	December 9	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	December 12	7:30 PM	Holiday Party
Friday	December 13	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	December 14	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	December 16	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	December 19	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	December 20	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	December 21	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	December 23	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	December 26	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Friday	December 27	10:00 AM	Still life
Saturday	December 28	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	December 30	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch