

President's Message

As members of GVA, there is a wealth of information and resources available to us. Our library can be a great source of inspiration and can provide ideas to help solve a particular problem we may be struggling with in our art. I hope you take the time to browse this wonderful collection.

But even greater than the value we might obtain from these books is the help we can get from our fellow artists. Being surrounded by so many talented artists inspires me to push myself beyond my current self-imposed limitations. I am able to observe a variety of methods and techniques and even receive very specific advice and instruction from artists whose work I greatly admire. By applying what I learn and trying a new approach, the whole process of making art becomes so much more enjoyable and rewarding.

Everyone has a contribution to make—something to share with the rest of us and thereby enrich our experience with GVA and as artists. Please share your thoughts about art, what you are working on, what you have learned, what you would like to try next. Write a short article to submit to the newsletter. Share images of your work. We will all benefit from it.

Jeremy



The Pumpkin Patch by Jim Markle



Buick by Jeremy Kuhn

Photos for Newsletter:

If you have a photo you would like featured in the newsletter, please send a photo with description and title to Mary Jo Hays: mj@maryjohays.com

Open Studio

1st & 2nd Wednesdays of February 7:30-10pm. The GVA studio will be open to all members interested in working on their own art projects. No instruction, no models and no charge for Open Studio. No sessions in March. Will resume in April. Call Jim Johnson with questions: 616-451-2211.

Open Studio Sunday Afternoons

A few GVA members have been meeting at 2:30 pm for 2-3 hours to work on our own art projects. If you want to join us, please call Krista at 451-2143 to make sure we are meeting. We meet all year round, especially in the winter.

Program

Thursday, Feb 9, 7:30pm "DIGITAL ART" Kendall instructor and GVA member Karen Johnson will discuss using Photoshop tools and filters to enhance and even create images.

Thursday, March 8, 7:30pm "AESTHETIC ENGINEERING: THE ARTIST IN THE PUBLIC ARENA" Artist-in-Residence at Ferris State, Robert Barnum returns with a concept he has been formulating over the last 10 years in regards to his own work with murals and sculpture.

Thursday, April 12, 7:30pm "THE LITHOGRAPHS OF LADISLAV HANDKA"

Experience Grand Rapids

(Formerly "What's your art")

There is no right or wrong answer. Learn what makes Grand Rapids a premier destination for arts and culture by visiting experiencegr.com an online resource for the arts. Search the events calendar by day or category, and get the latest news and information from over 78 arts and cultural organizations.

Events coming up at Lowell Arts:

Punch Line Arts Exhibition will coincide with Gilda's Laugh Fest. Entries are accepted February 10th and 11th and the show runs February 14-March 14. There is no entry fee.

West Michigan Regional Competition runs March 20-April 26 with entries being accepted March 16th and 17th. The fee is \$35 for non-members with a top prize of \$750. Check out www.lowellartsmi.org for all the details.

Jim Markle, PSA

2012 Workshops and Classes

- Grand Rapids, MI - Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2 & 9
PORTRAIT CLASS
At: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.
Time: Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Contact Jim Markle 616-458-8559 or jimcmarkle@earthlink.net
- Livonia, MI - May 4 & 5
PASTEL LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP
Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia
Contact: Diana Jamrog 734-838-1204 or vaalart@yahoo.com
- Ada, MI June 20 & 21
PLEIN AIR
Sponsored by: Grand Gallery
Contact: Grand Gallery 616-676-4604 ada@grandgallery.com
- Glen Arbor, MI. July 30, 31, Aug. 1 & 2
PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP
Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association
Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or info@glenarboart.org
- Manchester, VT - Aug. 21, 22, 23 & 24
PASTEL WORKSHOP
Sponsored by Southern Vermont Arts Center
Contact: Sarah Warren 802-362-1405 or swarren@svac.org

Dominican Center: Marywood Gallery

January 1-February 28

Featured Artists: Joanne Pelts Multi-media
Lucianne Sears OP Stone sculpture
Jim VanBeek Glass sculpture

Reception: February 12th, 12pm to 4pm

Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 9pm
Friday 7:30 am to 8 pm
Sat. & Sun 8 am to 6 pm

Address: 2025 Fulton NE 49503

For artist information please contact Barb Wood at 942-0585.

Members in the News

Kathy Mohl has been selected by the Caledonia Township Library to be the featured artist for the winter season.

Jim Markle and Dennis O'Mara were invited by the Director of the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers, Michigan, to juror their 2012 Regional Juried Arts Competition. They had 373 two and three dimensional entries submitted by artists from eight counties in Indiana and ten counties in Michigan. Approximately 140 pieces were selected to be exhibited. Eight awards were announced at the opening reception on January 22.



Harvest By Ruth VanderMeulen

One Trick Pony

James Johnson	Jan. 9 - Feb. 20
Larry Goff	Feb. 20 - April 2
Kathy Putman	April 2 - May 14
Wilma Knoll	May 14 - June 25

One Trick Pony 136 Fulton St. SE
Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 11pm
Thursday - Friday 11 am - 12 pm
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"The purpose of Grand Valley Artists, Inc. is to further self expression in the visual arts through appreciation, education, application and promotion of the works of the membership."

A Reminder About Art Liability:

If you bring artwork for critique, enter it in a show, or leave it in the GVA facility, it is at your own risk. While your artwork will be handled with all possible care, we are an organization of volunteers. At any time, an unintended accident may occur. Grand Valley Artists, Inc. and its members will not be responsible for any loss or damage to3 damage to the art whatsoever.