



"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."

Presidents Message

Happy New Year, everyone!

Most of us see this as a time for change, a time for renewal. This is certainly true for our vice president, Al Cianfarani. He and his wife sold their home in Grand Rapids and are in the process of moving to live full-time at their Florida home. This means more change for GVA, as well. With Al's resignation, Carol Laurn has volunteered to take over the remainder of Al's term. On behalf of GVA, I would like to thank Al for his service and wish him all the best. And thanks to Carol for taking on this responsibility.

We also have a new treasurer. Krista Livingston has passed the baton to Evie Carrier. Thank you, Krista, for all the work you have done for GVA and for helping Evie in the transition process. Welcome, Evie, and thank you for graciously committing yourself to this very important task.

A new year holds the promise of unlimited possibilities. This boundless potential always exists for each of us, but we tend to be more conscious of it and receptive during the beginning of the year. So I'll take this opportunity to encourage you to open your mind to new ideas. Shift your paradigms. Change the way you see the world. Change the way you see yourself. This life is whatever you want it to be.

Jeremy

2011 GVA Juried Competition

The show for the 2011 GVA Juried Competition will be hanging until January 14th. If you haven't had a chance to see the work of your fellow artists, be sure to stop by any time the Gallery is open.

The winners for the show are:

Todd Darling - Honorable Mention
JoAnne Swann - Honorable Mention
Patricia Singer - 3rd Place
Sue Preiss - 2nd Place

1st Place went to Carol Laurn

Congratulations to all!

Thanks to the following members who helped with presenting the show: Gene Sampson, Liz Dean, Bonnie Lindke, Robyn Bomhof, Sue Snell, Dave Bazzen, Mary Jo Hayes, Todd Darling, Al Cianfarani, and Larry Goff. And of course, to Steve Kelly who always keeps the members so well informed by sending out information in the monthly newsletter.

The paintings may be picked up anytime after January 14th, whenever the Gallery is open. Please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for open hours.

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 by email to mj@maryjohays.com.

Cadwallader Painting Workshop

Follow your passion and improve your paintings. Study with artist Ken Cadwallader in his Grand Rapids studio every Tuesday from 10am - 5pm. For more information or to enroll contact Ken at ken.cadwallader@gmail.com or call 616-566-1238.

Time: Tuesdays 10am – 5pm
Fee: \$150 for 5 weeks. Plus model fee
Location: Cadwallader Studio (Downtown GR)
www.kennethcadwallader.com

Open Studio

First and Second Wednesdays of Each Month

Beginning Wednesday October 5th from 7:30 till 10:00, the GVA studio will be open to all members interested in working on their own art projects. There is no instruction, no models and no charge for Open Studio. Bring a still life if you like. Call Jim Johnson with questions: 616-451-2211.

Open Studio Sunday Afternoons

A few GVA members have been meeting at 2:30pm 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 Notes

- **Thursday, February 9 7:30pm** - Mural artist Robert Barnum returns.
- **Thursday March 8 7:30pm** - Karen Johnson on Digital Art

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- James Johnson 1/9 - 2/20 Acrylic

One Trick Pony is located at 136 Fulton St SE, open Monday - Wednesday 11am to 11pm; Thursday - Friday 11am to 12pm; Saturday 5pm to 12pm. For artist information please contact Barb Wood at 942-0585.

Jim Markle, PSA - 2012 Workshops and Classes

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2 & 9**
Portrait Classes
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
- **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@glenarborart.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

Jim Markle is a signature member of the Pastel Society of American 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's the inventor of the Jim Markle Pastel Easelbox and travels extensively throughout Europe and the United States painting en plein air. Great American Art Works markets his North American Landscape Set of pastels.

Dominican Center: Marywood Gallery

"Reflections" by

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

January 1st - February 28th

Reception: February 12th 12pm - 4pm at Marywood gallery

Gallery Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 7:30am to 9pm
Friday 7:30am to 8pm
Sat. & Sun 8am to 6pm
Address: 2025 Fulton NE Gr. 49503

Welcome New Member

Robert DeBoer



"A View from the Steps" by Susanne DeVries



"Winter Stream" by Ken Cadwallader

"What's Your Art?"

There's no right or wrong answer. Learn what makes Grand Rapids a premier destination for arts and culture by visiting <http://www.whatsyourartgr.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.

Member organizations span the entire spectrum of fine arts, including Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre and Poetry and Literature. Gallery openings, classes, workshops, plays, comedy shows, concerts, poetry readings, writing competitions and a whole host of other events are regularly posted on the site. Information about youth and the arts, museum exhibits and collections, and cultural events taking place in the various communities across the greater Grand Rapids area are also all available on <http://www.whatsyourartgr.com>.

For instant updates, sign up for the e-newsletter and follow "What's Your Art?" on Facebook and Twitter.

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GVA Website

We are adding things regularly and need people to provide input. If you have something to announce about workshops, upcoming events, etc. We want to hear about it and maybe even put it on the web.

<http://www.grandvalleyartists.com>

Bookmark it! Use it. Love it!

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 to the art whatsoever.



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Calendar

January

Thursday	Jan. 5	6:00PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 5	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Jan. 7	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 9	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 12	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	Jan. 14	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 16	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 19	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 21	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 23	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 26	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 28	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 30	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch

February

Thursday	Feb. 2	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Feb. 4	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 6	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Feb. 7	7:30PM	Photo Group
Thursday	Feb. 9	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	Feb. 11	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 13	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 16	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 18	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 20	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 23	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 25	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 27	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch

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