

GVA Highlights

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Bonnie Osborne, Bonnie Lindke, Bonnie Kolarik, Rex Tower, Carol Lourn, Kimari Green (until 8:00!) & Kristen for take down traffic (in the rain) and many many more!
You are all GVA champions!
Lisa Geren and Bob Kraai

An extra special thank you to Bob Kraai, who bravely co-chaired with me. I can't thank him enough for the hours (and days and months) of computer and organizing work...I'm sure he didn't know what he was getting into when he signed on! He was an indispensable, professional (and sometimes genius!) partner who was a pleasure to work with and became a true friend. Thanks, Bob!
~Lisa

The 47th Annual Reed's Lake Art Festival:

Many Thanks To Reed's Lake Volunteers!

Reeds Lake Art Festival was again a great success due to all of the tireless volunteers that helped the day of the show, as well as those that worked behind the scenes in the days and months before. Special thanks to early risers Dave Bazen, Larry Goff, Tom Bont, DeLaine Klar, Jeremy Kuhn for loading and transporting the tents, Bonnie Blandford for the facebook site and Susanne Devries for the awesome publicity, Kristen Thornton for coordinating volunteers, Gene Sampson for organizing the GVA booths, Dave Bechtal for signage, Evie Carrier for extra treasury responsibilities, Peg McKeown and Sarabeth Carr for the Friday "taping crew," Mary Jo Hays for getting our messages out in the newsletters, Spiro Gagrica for donut connections, Jeff Martin, Robyn Bomhoff, Stephanie Wiles, Carl Forslund,



GVA Summer Picnic

Join us at the Bazen cottage in Grand Haven July 28, any time after 10 am. Bring a dish to pass, and a swimsuit if you are so inclined. The address is 19679 North Shore Drive. Maps will be available at the GVA gallery.

Thoughts:

“There is more to art than competition. I have not been accepted into every juried show that I have entered. But a lot of other artists have told me not to take it to heart when that happens - it happens to everybody.

I have come to believe that a painting is a reflection of the soul of the artist. Everyone is different - just like handwriting. A good friend of mine recently took up art and she is better than I was when I first started. I was tempted to be a little envious - but then I realized that her paintings are different from mine, not necessarily better. There is room for each of us, and each of us has room to grow.

Hopefully, these thoughts will encourage someone.”

By Debby Walker
Stardust Artistry

Workshops and Classes:

Jim Markle, PSA:

- 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

Larry Blovits:

- PAINTING A DRAMATIC LANDSCAPE
July 20 - 22, 2012
9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm daily
Oil and pastel - open to beginners thru advanced
Larry Blovits' Studio
1835 Luce St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI
- COLOR AND LIGHT WORKSHOP
Application to the Landscape
August 17-19, 2012
9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm daily

Oil and pastel - open to beginners thru advanced
Crooked Tree Arts Center
461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770
Contact: Valerie St. Pierre Smith
Program Director 231-347-4337
Valerie@crookedtree.org

Rex Tower:

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP AND PAINTING
EVENT with Rex Tower, Artist and Instructor
Aug. 10, 11, and 12 during Art Walk Central,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
August 10, 11 and 12 - Workshop 10 am - 3:00 pm
August 12 - Plein Air Painting Event
The Plein Air Event will include a continental
breakfast, and sack lunch. Sign in between 9 and 10
a.m. at Art Reach on Broadway, 111 E. Broadway, Mt.
Pleasant, MI. There, you will have your canvas or
other surface stamped, and be provided with maps
suggesting painting locations.
Painting will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Between 3 and
4 pm bring art work, framed and ready to hang, back
to Art Reach on Broadway. It will be judged and on
display there and will be offered for sale to the public.
We hope to display the work out of doors. Ribbons
will be awarded to the top three winners and the
three honorable mentions.

\$75 For Workshop

\$10 for Plein Air Event

Workshop will include demonstrations and personal
instruction all three days.

Register online at www.artwalkcentral.com.

Kathleen Kalinowski:

- IMPROVE YOUR LANDSCAPES
IN OIL OR PASTEL

Monday evenings, 6:00-9:00 pm at GVA studio

Sept. 10, Plan better Compositions

Sept. 17, Light, Shadow and Planes

Sept. 24, Handling Edges and color for depth

Oct. 1, Painting Water and Reflections

Oct. 15, Painting Water and Reflections II

Oct. 22, Dunes and Lake

Nov. 5, Farms and Fields, Autumn light

Nov. 12, Winter light and shadow I

Nov. 19, Winter Light and shadow II

Nov. 26, Critique and paint (no demo)

These three hour classes will start with a short demo
in oil or pastel (or both). Students may bring their
own photo reference or use a photo provided by the

instructor. Emphasis will be placed using the photo reference as a creative tool. Painting size will be limited to 8x10.

The classes will allow two hours of painting time after the demo, individual attention and then a class critique. Class size will be limited and a supply list will be e-mailed upon paid registration. E-mail Kathleen with questions regarding the classes or to secure your place in the class(es) of your choice.

Cost: \$27 per class or \$250 for all ten classes.

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Website - www.KalinowskiFineArt.com

One Trick Pony:

Elaine Hammink,	June 25 - August 6
Dennis O'Mara	August 6 - Sept.14
Bonnie Lindke	Oct. 15 - Nov, 26

This is a great chance to display your art in a popular establishment in the greater downtown Grand Rapids area. For more information please contact Barb Wood at 942-0585.

One Trick Pony	136 Fulton St. SE
Monday - Wednesday	11 am - 11pm
Thursday - Friday	11 am - 12 pm
Saturday	11 am - 12 pm

Program: No program this July.
Come to the GVA picnic!

Easels:

GVA has just purchased 4 new easels from Service Reproduction. The steel black easel is a double post round tube design with tilt adjustment and a storage tray to hold paints and brushes. It can accommodate up to a 72" tall canvas. The owner of Service Reproduction sold a \$140.00 easel for \$100.00 to GVA.

Bob wants to open this same deal to all GVA members. If you are interested in purchasing this easel for \$100 contact Carol Lurn at 616-669-3773. This opportunity will no longer be available after July 31.

Welcome to our new members:

Rachel Zaagman
Bill Chardon

Area Art Happenings:

Van Single Fine Arts Center

8500 Burlingame Ave. SW, Bryon Center
"Ode to Joy" is a 60 piece mixed media show representing 17 artists who paint together at the Franciscan Center. 12 or the 17 artists are members of GVA. The show runs through July 30.

Muskegon Museum of Art

84th Regional Exhibition

Exhibition: May 31 - August 8
296 W. Webster Ave
Muskegon, MI 49440
231-720-2571

www.muskegonartmuseum.org

Lowell Area Arts Council

Check out / for a list of events happening this summer: <http://www.lowellartscouncil.org>

Art Prize

For more information: www.artprize.org.

All For One Festival

Sat., August 4, East Grand Rapids High School Track
Highlighting animals, healthy living, local retailers/ artists/crafter, and non-profit organizations, all in an effort to celebrate and raise awareness of our connectedness to one another.

Booth Space: \$25 non-profit group. \$50 regular
Returning Vendors: \$20 non-profit. \$40 regular
Application deadline: Friday, July 20

For more information: Bettina Demetz

bettina.cousineau@nara.gov

FB - Bettina Demetz

616-560-6215 or 616-254-0372

Proceeds from this year's event benefit SASHA

FARM - www.sashafarm.org

There is a new gallery and music hall offering space for artists to sell work:

<http://lansing.craigslist.org/ats/2985593964.html>

Plainwell, MI is having a "Walk for the Art of it"

Art Hop/Exhibition event with prizes:

<http://www.plainwell.org/pdfs/>

[InsideOutArtistRegistrationForm.pdf](#)

Information: Emilie Shada 269-685-6821

Artists can show and sell your work for free at a new restaurant in Old Town, Lansing, MI

<http://lansing.craigslist.org/ats/3005859968.html>

Chesterton Art Center

115 S. 4th Street

Chesterton, IN 46304

Terry Ludwig Pastel Artist

Talk & demo Making Pastels

Workshop Nov. 16 - 18

Contact maryann.pals@gmail.com

[219-926-2266](tel:219-926-2266)



Photo by Randy Nyhof

Members in the News:

Ruth VanderMeulen is part of a small two person show for the months of June and July at the Franciscan Life Processing Center. They are open most weekdays. Stop in. Wednesdays would be a good time to take a look and visit with the artists at work.

The following GVA artists all had one piece selected to be shown in the Muskegon Museum of Art's 84th Regional Exhibition which is now showing at the Muskegon Museum of Art until August 8, 2012: **Larry Blovits, Robyn Bomhof, Nona Bushman, Bill Chardon, Patricia Dee, Kathleen Kalinowski, Donald Karel, Jim Markle, Jan McKinnon, Randall Nyhof, Michelle Pittman, Sue Preiss, Kathleen Putnam, Richard Schaf, Patricia Singer, and Nancy Wanha.** **Jim Markle** and **Sue Preiss** won Purchase Awards for their art.
Congratulations to all!

Jan McKinnon has several pastel paintings in the "Ode to Joy" show in the Gainey Gallery at the Van Singel Fine Arts Center in Bryon Center. This mixed media show features artists from the open studio at the Franciscan Center in Lowell. The reception is on July 22 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm
This show will run through July 29th.

The following artists had work accepted into the 2012 Grand Rapids Festival Regional Arts Exhibition that was held during the first two week-ends in June.

Carol Hunnes-Nielson, Connie Kuhnle, Blythe Metternich Smith, Doug Newman and Kathleen Putnam all had one piece accepted. **Robyn Bonhof, Nona Bushman, Don Karel, Nancy Liszewski, Jim Markle, Sr. Francette McCann, Bonnie Osborne, Holly Sturges, Gene Sampson, and Youngman** each had two pieces in the show. **Larry Blovits, Lin Haaksma, Randall Nyhof, Bill Chardon and Michelle Pittman** each had three pieces accepted and **Kathleen Kalinowski** had four pieces in the show. **Sister Francetta McCann, Lin Haaksma and Dough Newman** won awards and **Larry Blovits** won the People's Choice Award.
Congratulations to all.

The Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, Vermont has a pastel show entitled "The Pastelists" opening in July. **Jim Markle** has two paintings in this exhibit.

Larry Blovits will be one of the guest artists in the July show at Gallery Uptown, 201 Washington, in Grand Haven. The opening is July 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.



"Broken River" oil by Larry Blovits

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GVA Gallery

We are calling upon our membership to organize shows which will highlight their artistic endeavors. These gallery exhibits will be on display for a month, and may be solo or group shows. Please contact Carol Lurn at 616-669-3773 or carollaurn@yahoo.com if you are interested in showing your work. This month we are featuring the work of the GVA Photo Group.

Dominican Center Marywood Gallery:

Group Exhibit: Artists from the Heartside Ministries Gallery.

Multiple mediums.

July 3 - July 29

Opening is Friday, July 13. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Gallery Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 am to 9 pm
Friday 7:30 am to 8 pm
Sat. & Sun. 8:00 am to 6 pm

Address: 2025 Fulton NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



"Picnic Time" Pastel By Jan McKinnon

Monday July 30 10:00 AM Portrait Sketch



1345 Monroe Ave. NW Suite 130
Grand Rapids, 49505-4609

Calendar

July

Monday	July 2	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	July 3	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	July 5	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	July 5	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	July 7	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	July 9	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	July 12		No Program
Saturday	July 14	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	July 16	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	July 19	7:30 PM	Figure Sketch
Saturday	July 21	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	July 23	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	July 26	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	July 28	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch

August

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

Thursday August 30 7:30 PM Life Sketch