

Hi Everyone --Greetings from Florida!

It was a rather busy holiday season for us. Shortly after arriving at our house in Florida in early November for the winter, we received an offer on the Michigan house. After several days of negotiating with the prospective buyers we came to terms and sold the house on November 12th.

The buyers offered a cash deal and wanted a quick closing (December 30th), the moving company started packing on January 3rd and loaded the truck on the 4th. The movers arrived at our house in Florida on Monday and by that evening the house was full of boxes.

So here we are now three weeks later and the house is finally looking like a home - thank goodness! Of course, my first priority was to set up my studio and get my art stuff organized and ready for action. But unfortunately for me, Sue had other priorities for me, so the studio had to wait about a week. It's all set up now and I'm into production once again. At first brush, I think landscapes are going to be a problem down here - the landscape down here is pretty ugly. I'll probably have to change my genre. I apologize for not personally saying good by to all of you, but things happened quite fast. I've only been gone a month or so, but I miss the GVA activities and all of you already. Haven't found a club here yet, but honestly, I haven't had time to look very hard yet.

I will continue to maintain my membership at GVA, as I will be visiting my son in GR from time to time and will make every attempt to attend a program or critique if timing works out.

Here's my new contact information:

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Bradenton, FL 34212

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Thanks to all of you for your generous friendship, guidance and critique input. I have gained much and am a better artist because of you and the GVA organization.

With warmest regards,

Al Cianfarani

ps: anytime you are in the Bradenton/Sarasota area, please give me a call and we'll try to set up a visit.

The 47th Annual Reed's Lake Art Festival is June 16, 2012:

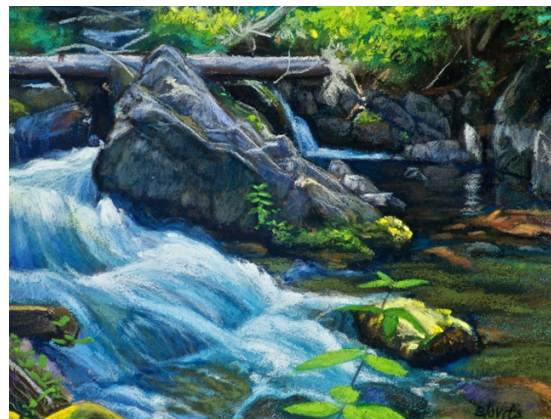
Entries for this year's festival are due March 19. As a member, your booth fee is only \$100 for a 10x10 ft. space. Join fine artists from across the country that participate in this incredible festival. The entry form can be printed from our GVA site.

If you don't apply for your own booth, there will again be our GVA Membership Tent to share space with other members.

Look for the many volunteer opportunities to support his main source of funding for our fabulous club! A list will be posted and circulated at club activities soon. It's a great way to have fun with your fellow artists and feel good about doing your part!

Many thanks,

Lisa Geren and Bob Kraal



Rush Hour by Larry Blovits

Volunteer Needed

Susanne DeVries is looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of librarian and VSA liaison. If anyone is interested in this opportunity to contribute to the club, please contact Jeremy Kuhn.

GVA Membership Tent at Reed's Lake:

Reed's Lake Art Festival is Saturday, June 16, 2012. As in the past, GVA will have a tent where members can rent a screen and offer their work for sale. The screens measure 3 ft. wide by approx. 5 1/2 ft. tall.

Anyone renting a screen will be responsible to work for a few hours at the festival. If you are interested in showing some of your work and possible a sale or two, please send a check for \$25 made out to:

Grand Valley Artists
Gene Sampson
6844 Forest Valley Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

If you have any questions, call Gene at 616-957-1382.
Screens will be rented on a first come/first serve basis.



Girl at Window by Diann Reicherts-Lemmen

One Trick Pony

Larry Golf	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
Saturday	11 am - 12 pm

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

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.

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

Larry Blovits Workshops:

- * Fremont, MI 49412
April 20, 21, 22
3 day Color and Light: application to the landscape
NCAA Artspace Gallery 13 E. Main Street, Fremont
Open to beginners through advance, oil & pastel
Contact: Lindsay Isenhart 231-924-4122 or isenhartl@live.com
- * Grand Rapids, Michigan Larry Blovits Studio
1835 Luce St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534
June 22, 23, 24
3 day oil and pastel portrait workshop
9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 daily
Open to beginners through advance
Contact: Larry Blovits 616-677-1765 or larryblovits@mac.com

Welcome New Member

Richard Neeley

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.

Members in the News:

The following GVA artists had artwork selected for The Celebration of the Arts Annual Competition put on by The First United Methodist Church in downtown Grand Rapids: Larry Blovits, Randy Brewer, Sarabeth Carr, Carol Cole, Richard Cooper, Elizabeth Dean, Lisa Geren, Lin Haaksma, Georgia Howe, Carole Hunnes Nielsen, Joni Hyma, James Johnson, Kathleen Kalinowski, Bonnie Lindke, Nancy Liszewski, Michael Lyzenga, Sister Francetta McCann, Kathy Mohl, Barbara Munroe, Diann Reicherts-Lemmen, Gene Sampson, Sue Snell, Mary Stek, Holly Sturges, Nancy Wanha and Sara Youngman. Holly Sturges and Bonnie Lindke had pieces chosen to be considered by the general audience for the Peoples' Choice Award. Diann Reicherts-Lemmen was awarded Third Place for her piece "Lies and Deceit" and Nancy Wanha's "INRI In Need of Rescue Immediately" received the First Place Award. Congratulations to all!

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Frame Sale:

Great opportunity to stock up on quality frames. Grand Gallery of Ada is having a huge frame sale. Hundreds of frames at below cost prices.

Sale begins Thursday March 1 and runs until Saturday, March 31.



Sun lit tree by Carole Nielsen

Program:

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 HANKA"

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.



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Calendar

March

Thursday	March 1	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	March 3	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	March 5	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	March 6	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	March 8	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	March 10	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	March 12	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	March 15	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	March 17	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	March 19	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	March 22	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	March 24	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	March 26	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	March 29	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	March 31	10:00 AM	Life Sketch

April

Thursday	April 5	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	April 7	10:00 AM	LifeSketch
Monday	April 9	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	April 10	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	April 12	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	April 14	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 16	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 19	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	April 21	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 23	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 26	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	April 28	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 30	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch