

## President's Message

I am pleased to inform you all that we have secured a venue for ArtPrize 2012. It will be the same location as last year: the Huntington Building at 50 Monroe. The details have yet to be determined, but I just want to make you all aware that this is a possible venue for those who are planning on entering ArtPrize this year. This is one of the most heavily trafficked sites in the competition and, in my opinion, one of the best places to showcase your art.

We are also in the process of developing a partnership with the Cascade branch of Kent District Library. We will be organizing two-person shows which will rotate every two months, allowing GVA members another avenue for displaying their artwork.

Keep the creativity flowing.

Jeremy Kuhn



*"Wells State Park"* watercolor by Susanne DeVries

## GVA Garage Sale

Time to clean out your studio. Gather up all the art supplies that you no longer use, put a reasonable price on them and bring to GVA Saturday, May 12. Sale hours will be 9am-2pm. We can set up chairs around the room to put items on, or bring a card table. We will have some stickers if needed and will keep track of member sales. You may sit at your table if you wish but we will have a couple of volunteers taking money (while you attend sketch?). This is a chance to get supplies for a new for you medium, pick up a portfolio, a hardly use pack of watercolor paper .....who knows what treasures you'll find? If you would like to help with the event or have questions, contact Sarabeth. [sarabethcarr@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethcarr@gmail.com)



*"The Kazoo Gang"* pastel by Larry Blovits

## 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. Email content to [mj@maryjohays.com](mailto:mj@maryjohays.com)

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

Look for the many volunteer opportunities to support this 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 Kraai



"Clematis" watercolor by Susanne DeVries

### 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 served basis.

### Jim Markle, PSA Workshops and Classes:

- 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](mailto:vaalart@yahoo.com)
- Ada, MI June 20 & 21  
PLEIN AIR  
Sponsored by: Grand Gallery  
Contact: Grand Gallery 616-676-4604  
[ada@grandgallery.com](mailto: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@glenarborart.org](mailto: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](mailto:swarren@svac.org)

### Larry Blovits Workshops:

- Larry Blovits' Studio  
1835 Luce St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534
- 3 DAY OIL AND PASTEL PORTRAIT WORKSHOP  
June 22, 23, 24  
9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm daily  
Open to beginners through advance  
Contact: Larry Blovits 616-677-1765 or [larryblovits@mac.com](mailto:larryblovits@mac.com)
- PAINTING A DRAMATIC LANDSCAPE  
July 20 - 22, 2012  
9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm daily  
Oil and pastel - open to beginners thru advanced
- 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](mailto:Valerie@crookedtree.org)

## Members in the News:

Newly opened German - American restaurant, "Dill's" in Middleville, will feature artist and caricaturist, **Louise Bauer** May 2 - 6.

**Sallie Zigterman** is having a one person show at the East Congregational Church of Christ, 1005 Giddings, SE, Grand Rapids, April 17 - June 12. She will have 28 various pieces of art in the exhibit. She is also having a one woman show at the Kubiak Gallery 48 Center Street, Douglas, Michigan June 16, from 5-8 p.m. There will be 25 pieces of art exhibited.

**Jim Johnson** had a painting accepted for the Michigan Water Color Society 65th Annual Exhibition, May 4 - June 29, 2012, Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center. He also sold a painting at the Annual Key West Paint Out on March 6, and received the People's Choice Award/Key West Art Center.

**Sue Preiss** was selected to receive a Grant Award from the Arts Council of Greater Lansing to develop a project called "Art Around The Town". The paintings will depict the beauty of the Lansing area and will be displayed in the Gallery 1212 this coming Fall.

**Jim Markle** was honored to be asked to judge The Indiana Artists Club's 80th Annual Juried Exhibition. The exhibition is at the Indianapolis Museum of Art from April 21 - June 10, 2012. The Indiana Artists Club was organized in 1917 by a group of forty-six Indiana artists including such Brown County notables as T.C. Steel, William Forsyth, Otto Stark, Carl Craff and Marie Goth. Membership in the club is juried and consists of professional artists throughout the State of Indiana.

Jim also had two paintings accepted for the Land and Light and Water and Air Exhibition at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, Vermont.

The following GVA artists had works selected for the Lowell Arts Michigan Regional Competition: Nona Bushman, Patricia Dee, Valentine Grigoieva, Don Karel, Jim Markle, Jan McKinnon, Blythe Metterninch Smith, Bonnie Osborne, Kathleen Putnam, Loretta Sailors, Gene Sampson, Debby Walker, and Kathleen Kalinowski whose painting

"Awaiting Fields" was given the Juror's Recognition Award. Congratulations to all!

## One Trick Pony

Kathy Putnam 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.



"Culver Street West" watercolor by Jim Johnson

## Open Studio Sunday Afternoons

A few GVA members have been meeting Sunday afternoons 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.

## 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 Lourn at 616-669-3773 or [carollourn@yahoo.com](mailto:carollourn@yahoo.com) if you are interested in showing your work.



Untitled watercolor by Susanne DeVries

### Art Prize

Registration for artists closes Thursday, May 24, 5pm  
Connections close Thursday June 14  
For more information: [www.artprize.org](http://www.artprize.org)

### 2012 Festival of the Arts

June 1, 2 & 3  
Entries accepted May 10, 11, & 13.  
Grand Rapids Press Building  
For more information: [www.festivalgr.org](http://www.festivalgr.org)

### Dominican Center Marywood Gallery

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

### ORIGINALITY

“Don’t worry about your originality. You could not get rid of it even if you wanted to. It will stick to you and show you up for better or worse in spite of all you or anyone else can do.”

--Robert Henri

### Area Art Happenings:

#### Muskegon Museum of Art

#### 84th Regional Exhibition

Art Entry Drop off: May 10, 11, 12

Exhibition: May 31 - August 8

296 W. Webster Ave

Muskegon, MI 49440

231-720-2571

[www.muskegonartmuseum.org](http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org)

#### Great Lakes Pastel Society Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel

5700 East 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids

May 18 - 20

For more information: [www.glps.org](http://www.glps.org)

#### Grand Rapids Art Museum

101 Monroe Center

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Rauschenberg: In Context, At Gemini, and Synapsis Shuffle

February 3 - May 20



“Caricature” by Louise Bauer

*“What do you think of my painting?” the artist asked the critic.*

*The critic pondered the question for a moment and then said, “It could be worse.”*

*“I resent that” fumed the artist.*

*“Okay, it couldn’t be worse.”*

## Program

Thursday, May 10, 7:30 pm CHRIS OVERVOORDE continues educating us about various types of print making. **Feel free to bring your favorite prints (not reproductions) for a show and tell with Chris’ help to identify the process used in making them.**

Thursday, June 14, 7:30 pm - Sculptor TJ AITKEN talks about Understanding Abstract Sculpture. The key is understanding the elements of composition whether applied to realism or abstraction.



*“Spasm”* pastel by Larry Blovits

## Contact Listings:

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Librarian & VSA Liaison	Sarabeth Carr	608-5588

**GVA Website** [www.grandvalleyartists.com](http://www.grandvalleyartists.com)

## Photos for Newsletter

If you have a photo you would like featured in the newsletter, please send a high-resolution photo with description and title to Mary Jo Hays:

[mj@maryjohays.com](mailto:mj@maryjohays.com)

## 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.



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



## May

Tuesday	May 1	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	May 3	6:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Thursday	May 3	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	May 5	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 7	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	May 8	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	May 10	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	May 12	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 14	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 17	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 19	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 21	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 24	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 26	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 28	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 31	7:30 PM	Life Sketch

# Calendar

## June

Saturday	June 2	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	June 4	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	June 5	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	June 7	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	June 9	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	June 11	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	June 14	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	June 16	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	June 18	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	June 21	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	June 23	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	June 25	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	June 28	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	June 30	10:00 AM	Life Sketch