

GVA Wednesday Plein Air Group

The summer of 2012 was a great one for the GVA Wednesday Plein Air Group, in spite of many hot and steamy summer afternoons. We were always on the look out for interesting new locations (with plenty of shade from which to paint), free parking and readily available restrooms. On average, four to eight artists would show up to paint on any given Wednesday. Some of our locations include Riverside Park, John ball Park, Robinette's, Reeds Lake, Cascade, Ada, Rockford, The Fish Ladder, Fulton Heights Business District, Mount Mercy Apartments and the The Red Ball Cafe. Those who participated recently hung an exhibit at the GVA Gallery which speaks for itself. The work is smart, passionate, and very diverse. The paintings will be on display until October 13th. Our group will continue to paint on Wednesdays until winter weather curbs our enthusiasm. Any GVA member is welcome to join us in the coming weeks. I send out e mails to interested artists on Tuesday mornings with information on Wednesday's location. To have your name added to our list of artists just send me an e mail at johnsontheartist@hotmail.com

--Jim Johnson



Todd Darling



Barbara Leighty McConnell



James Johnson



Holly Sturges

Program Coordinator Retiring

Yes, after many years, I am leaving my position as Program Coordinator for GVA. So the Board is looking for a person/s to take over this (fairly easy) job. Our members are a good source of ideas and presenters but a background in the arts community would be a plus.

The job consists of contacting possible speakers/artists that can do an art related presentation. Program Notes are then sent to newsletter editor by mid-month. Presenters are contacted again as a reminder and to find out any special setup requirements. A check for the presenter is acquired from the Treasurer for the night of the program. It is assumed the Coordinator would attend the program whenever possible. Is this a job what you could do? contact Sarabeth at sarabethcarr@gmail.com

Workshops and Classes:

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.

e-mail - Kalinowski@chartermi.net

Website - www.KalinowskiFineArt.com



Summer Waves, pastel by Kathleen Kalinowski

Jim Markle

LANDSCAPE PASTEL WORKSHOP

Livonia, MI - Nov. 2 & 3

Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia

Contact: Diana Jamrog, 734-838-1204

e-mail: vaalart@yahoo.com

LANDSCAPE CLASSES

Grand Rapids, MI - Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, & 28

Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Wednesday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm or 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Contact Jim Markle

616-458-8559 or

jimcmarkle@earthlink.net

PORTRAIT CLASSES

Apr. 1 & 8, 2013

Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Contact Jim Markle, 616-458-8559 or

jimcmarkle@earthlink.net

One Trick Pony

Bonnie Lindke

Oct. 15 - Nov, 26

Valentina Grigorieva

Nov. 26 - Jan. 7

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:

Thursday, October 11, 2012, 7:30 pm

Jim Johnson will share and demonstrate a simplified free hand version of Perspective Theory.

Thursday, November 8, 7:30 pm - Kendall professor Suzanne Eberle will present "The Body in Art"

Thursday, December 13,
Christmas Party and show.

Area Art Happenings:

Lowell Area Arts Council

King Gallery: Michigan Collage, Assemblage and Construction (Art) Exhibition. 52 two and three dimension art pieces showcasing the wide variety of the mixed-media. Closing Reception/Award Sunday Oct. 21m 2-4 pm (all invited)

<http://www.lowellartscouncil.org>

Art Prize

For more information: www.artprize.org.

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

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

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

Membership

Please send your GVA renewal in as soon as possible. Many thanks to the donors who have made a few sponsored memberships available. Contact Ruth VanderMuelen for further information.

ravanderm@comcast.net

Members in the News:

Art Jacobs has a watercolor selected in North East Watercolor Society's 36th Annual International Open Exhibition 2012. Opening is October 21 in New York. Juror of Awards is Mel Stabin AWS DF, NWS.

Sue Preiss will exhibit her project, "Art Around The Town", on Sunday, October 7th from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner Street, Old Town Lansing, Michigan. The exhibit will run through December 31, 2012. The exhibit will then become a traveling show at various location around the greater Lansing Area.

Sally Zigterman has a painting hanging at Bigbee Coffee shop on Chicago Avenue in Grandville. She also won 4 first prizes, 1 second prize and 1 fourth prize at the Hudsonville Fair in August. She also has an oil painting of pink roses at the Medical Mile Food Court across from the Betsy DeVoss Children's Hospital.

Gene Sampson had a painting accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society's 2012 National Competition which will be shown at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art from October 5 through January 9, 2013. The Opening Reception will be held on October 5, 2012 at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The following members have an Art Prize entry in the GVA venue at Huntington Bank:

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| Lynn Anderson | Helen Nelson |
| Dave Bazen | Dennis O'Mara |
| EmaLee Birnie | Michelle Pittman |
| Larry Blovits | Gene Sampson |
| Robyn Bomhof | Michael Stewart |
| Lisa Geren | Kristen Thornton |
| Joni Hyma | Rex Tower |
| Bonnie Kolarik | Michael Wilson |
| Carol Lurn | Gail Darnae Zieger |

The Grand Valley artists whose work is on display at Huntington Bank during Art Prize attended an artists' reception at Huntington on Monday September 24. GVA artists had an opportunity to meet and greet a number of the artists whose work is included in the Huntington venue. Many of these artists are local while some have traveled from various parts of the country to participate in Art Prize. Many artists were open to sharing their individual approaches to making art and life experiences. Our organization is so grateful to Debbie Knapp, the marketing specialist at Huntington Bank. Debbie has spent countless hours contacting artists, organizing installation of art work, and planning the artists' reception. Thank you Debbie for including Grand Valley Artists in the Huntington Bank venue.



Rex Tower



Lynn Anderson



Michael Wilson



Robyn Bomhof

Thank you to all for the gorgeous flowers! I consider it a privilege to serve the club through Reeds Lake when I can, but it certainly is nice to get such a wonderful acknowledgement! And they're so lovely, I just had to share.

--Lisa Geren



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 carollaurn@yahoo.com if you are interested in showing your work. This month we are featuring the work of the GVA Wednesday Plein Air Group. On display are paintings by: **James Johnson, Todd Darling, Holly Sturges, Barbara Leighty McConnell, Dave Tulos, Tom Panawocik, Lynn Anderson, Mary Ann Perry.**

GVA Studio

Stephanie Wiles, 558-2701, is the coordinator for scheduling events at our GVA building. Please contact her before you come to paint in order to make sure that there is space available. If you wish to hold a workshop, the cost is \$25.00 per day.

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GVA Website: www.grandvalleyartists.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
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Calendar

October

Monday	October 1	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	October 2	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	October 4	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	October 6	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	October 8	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	October 11	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	October 13	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	October 15	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	October 18	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	October 20	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	October 22	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	October 25	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	October 27	10:00 AM	Figure Sketch
Monday	October 29	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch

November

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