

## President's Perspective

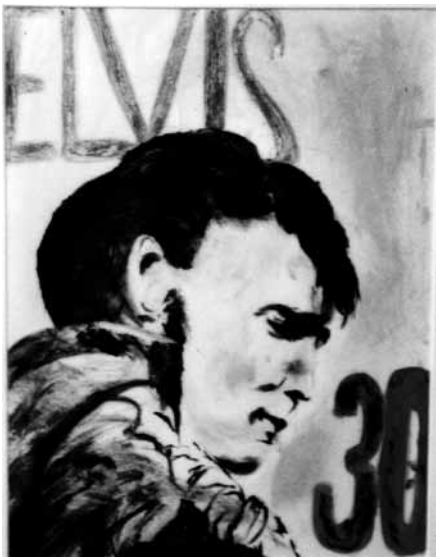
Hello everyone I noted at critique that people are moving on from jobs they have done for GVA. Everyone who is stepping down has done a great deal of work for GVA and now others will have to take their place. We will have a meeting about Reeds Lake in the coming months. It will be a time to look how we go forward with a program that is the key to our financial well being. I should be able to give a date in next month's newsletter.

I also would encourage you to get your newsletter sent to your email address. It is easy to copy if you need a hard copy and saves GVA the cost of printing and mailing, which is becoming increasingly expensive. If you would like to have it sent to you by email please contact me or Steve Kelly.

Dennis O'Mara



*"Dew Drops"* oil by Sallie Zigterman



*"Elvis' 30th Anniversary"* shoe polish & colored pencil by Sallie Zigterman

## Photo/Artwork Space

If you have artwork that you would like featured in the newsletter please contact Steve Kelly at [steve.kelly@gezora.com](mailto:steve.kelly@gezora.com) or at 616-334-4131.



# workshops

## Jim Markle - Workshops and Classes

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Mar. 9 - Apr. 6**

Portrait Classes

Where: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Times: Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Contact: Jim Markle **616-458-8559** or [www.jimmarkle.com](http://www.jimmarkle.com)

- **Birmingham, MI - March 14 & 15**

Pastel Workshop

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Contact: [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org) or call **248-644-0866**

- **Grand Rapids, MI - April 18 and 25**

Grand Rapids Art Museum

Contact: [www.gramonline.org](http://www.gramonline.org) or call **616-831-2928**

- **France, The Lot Valley - July 6 - 12**

Workshop

Sponsored By: Great American Art Works

Contact: [www.greatpastels.com](http://www.greatpastels.com) or  
[BoxTopTours@aol.com](mailto:BoxTopTours@aol.com) or  
call **513-541-8000**

- **Cross Village, MI - August 6, 7 & 8**

Workshop

Three Pines Studio

Contact: [www.threepinesstudio.com](http://www.threepinesstudio.com) or  
call **231-526 9447**

- **Glen Arbor, MI - August 10, 11, 12 & 13**

Workshop

Glen Arbor Art Association

Contact: **GAAA 231-334-6112** or  
[info@glenarborart.org](mailto:info@glenarborart.org)

- **Jeffersonville, VT - October 5, 6 & 7**

Workshop

Bryan Memorial Gallery

Contact: [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org) or  
call **802-644-5100**

## Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Susan Bukery 3/9-4/20

One Trick Pony is located at 136 Fulton St. SE, Grand Rapids. For artist information please contact Barb Wood at 942-0585.

## Program Notes

- **Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:30 pm** - Larry Blovits returns with "Arts and Images from Australia and NZ, part II". with additional discussion on paintings and drawings from new museums visited in both countries.

## Larry Blovits Workshop

Beginning and advanced fundamentals and techniques of drawing; and their importance in painting.

**Dates:** April 11, 12, and 18-19

**Times:** 2:00 to 5:00 Saturday

1:00 to 5:00 Sunday

**Where:** GVA studio, 1120 Monroe NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49501

**Cost:** Entire workshop (both weekends) \$210. which includes the model fee.

**Instructor:** Larry Blovits

Larry Blovits, with an international reputation as award winning artist, author, and instructor, has over 40 years teaching experience. His workshops are extremely informative, thorough, and very popular. For 26 years at Aquinas College, he taught Basic Drawing, Anatomy and Life Drawing, and Painting. He is also the Author of "Pastel for the Serious Beginner" (Watson-Guption) and "Sketching and Drawings" (North Light).

**Description:** The first Saturday involves discussion and practice with establishing the correct tonal value; the importance of understanding light and light characteristics and how this knowledge is applied to creating tonal value, shape, form, structure, planes, and depth.

The first Sunday involves an investigation and demonstration of the unique characteristics of different drawing media (pencil, charcoal, conte crayon, oil pastel, and soft pastel), their characteristics, compatible tools, and drawing surfaces. The remainder of the day will involve still-life drawing practice applying this knowledge.

The second Saturday involves additional discussion building on previous fundamental information (including proportion) and how prior instruction applies to drawing the nude figure.

The second Sunday involves discussion and demonstration on how to create drapery, and then how it encompasses the form. This knowledge will then be applied to drawing the clothed figure.

Individual instruction regarding personal drawing problems will be addressed throughout the workshop.

Class is limited to 15 students with a minimum number of 8. To enroll send \$100. registration fee to Larry Blovits, 1835 Luce St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534. The remaining \$110. is due at the first day of the workshop. For additional information, call 677-1765, email [larryblovits@att.net](mailto:larryblovits@att.net) or go to my website [www.larryblovits.com](http://www.larryblovits.com).

## Gallery Space Available

East Congregational Church at 1005 Giddings SE (located on Giddings Avenue several blocks south of Franklin Street, not on the corner of Franklin Street) has a space that they'd like to use for displaying art. This is a room where the congregation gathers for coffee after Sunday services. They would like to hang work for 2 months at a time and you can share the space with another person if you don't have a lot of work available. In addition to Sunday services, the church is open during the week Monday thru Thursday 9 AM until 5 PM. Contact Larry Biser at 245-0578 or [lbiser@eastcong.org](mailto:lbiser@eastcong.org). This is a nice venue with a large congregation.

## Members in the News

- Kathy Mohl had a piece selected for the GLPS 2009 Member's Show being held at the Ella Sharpe Museum in Jackson, MI.
- Larry Blovits had pastel drawings accepted in the following three shows currently on view: Gallery Uptown Winter Festival of the Arts in Grand Haven, Celebration 36th Annual, Grand Rapids, and the West Michigan Regional Competition in Lowell.
- Lisa Iagulli Geren's painting "King" was accepted into the WCWS national exhibition in Grand Junction, Colorado. The show runs from March 3- April 10, 2009 and will be held at the Western Colorado Center for the Arts.
- Bill Alexander is now represented by The Weingrad Group in New York. Bill's work is also available at artnet.com on-line art auction.

## Byrneboehm Gallery Announces New Art Academy

### Classes forming Now

Grand Rapids, MI- Byrneboehm Gallery has created the Byrneboehm Academy of Art, which will provide studio art classes for adults in the Grand Rapids area beginning February 23 and continuing in six week sessions throughout the year. Classes will be taught by artists represented by Byrneboehm Gallery.

Byrneboehm Academy of Art was developed for the people of the Grand Rapids area to learn and improve their skills in drawing, oil painting, and pastels in a casual, yet focused style.

The instructors at Byrneboehm Academy of Fine Art, namely Connie Kuhnle, Jeff Condon, Dru P. King, and Matthew Schenk are highly accomplished and well known throughout the community. Each one has taught in the Greater Grand Rapids area over the years, while creating and exhibiting their paintings and drawings. With intimate class sizes, these instructors have the opportunity to share individual insight based on personal style, in addition to teaching valuable fine art skills. While the classes are primarily for enjoyment and personal growth, they will be taught with the intention of improving the students' understanding of foundational art skills, reaching beyond the level of the average extracurricular art class.

Classes that will be taught are Drawing I, Drawing II, Pastel, Pastel Portraiture, and Intro to Oil Painting. Classes are offered Monday through Friday in the afternoons and evenings in the newly refurbished studio in the Blackport Building, above Byrneboehm Gallery. Each class is held once per week for a three hour time period, in six-week sessions. Contact Byrneboehm Gallery to sign up or for more information. 616.336.0209.

Contact: Kelly Allen Director of Exhibitions  
Byrneboehm Gallery 616-336-0209

## For Sale

- Custom picture frames 75 beautiful wood and metal frames all sizes. Big discounts. 50% / 60% off. No longer in the business. Harvey Combs 616-878-9212.
- Dual-Drive Point Driver for sale. Brand new, box unopened, \$30.00. Call Susanne 531-3631

## FYI

Here is a great website for those who do their own framing of their artwork. It is [www.frametek.com](http://www.frametek.com). This company is the producer of those white, black, or clear plastic frame spacers that you use on your pastel paintings when you don't want to use a mat or when you are floating a watercolor painting. The frame spacers fit right over the glass edge, and allow the glass to rest 1/8" to 3/4" away from the painting. You can also call him,, and he will answer any framing questions you might have.

## Newsletter Information

Please have all entries for the newsletter sent to Steve Kelly by the 12th of each month to ensure prompt delivery. Please use the following email address for all GVA Newsletter information: [gva@gezora.com](mailto:gva@gezora.com). Steve Kelly can still be reached at **616-334-4131** or mail to 1331 Leffingwell, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

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### **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.



# Highlights. Calendar

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## March

Monday	Mar. 2	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Mar. 3	7:30PM	Photography Group
Thursday	Mar. 5	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Mar. 7	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Mar. 9	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Mar. 9	6 to 9 PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Wednesday	Mar. 11	7:30 PM	Still Life Group (note change of day for this month only)
Thursday	Mar. 12	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	Mar. 14	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Mar. 16	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Mar. 16	6 to 9 PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Tuesday	Mar. 17	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday	Mar. 18	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	Mar. 19	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Mar.. 21	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Mar. 23	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Mar. 23	6 to 9PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Thursday	Mar. 26	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Mar. 28	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Mar. 28	1:00PM	Great Lakes Pastel Society Mtg. Jim Markle Presenter
Monday	Mar. 30	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Mar. 30	6:00 PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class

## April

Thursday	April 2	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	April 4	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 6	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	April 6	6:00PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Tuesday	April 7	7:30PM	Photography Group
Wednesday	April 8	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	April 9	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	April 11	10:00AM	Life Sketch

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