

President's Perspective

I would like to thank all of those who were involved in the Holiday Show and Christmas party. It was a wonderful event and everyone enjoyed the show and the great food. A special thanks to Larry Campbell for organizing the show and Elizabeth Dean for all of her hard work in getting all of the goodies around for this and all of our events.

I would also like to thank Bob Kraai for organizing the trip to the Detroit Institute of Art. It was a good trip and the museum and show were great.

We will be adding some things to the GVA calendar this year. The first will be workshops for the members. These will be done at a cost of 45.00 for three consecutive Wednesdays. There is no exact number of workshops to be offered in a year, or what they will be, I am open to suggestions.

The first is a water color workshop given by Jim Johnson and will take place February 4, 11 and 18 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. If you are interested in this workshop you can contact me at domara@cablespeed.com or 616-540-1370. This workshop will have a limit of 8 participants. I will take the first 8 and put anyone else on a waiting list. When you contact me I will send you a list of materials.

The second thing we will try will be an in-depth critique of your work. This will take place on a program night and the first will be in February. The purpose is to help you as an artist grow and get more input on what can be done to improve your work. Remember it is an in-depth critique some suggestions maybe things you do not agree with but that is how we grow. We will start out bringing two works and we will see how much time it takes.

We still do not have anyone to do the job of program chair. If no one will take on this responsibility program nights will stop. Along that note this will be my last year as president. If anyone is interested in this position I will be happy to tell you what the job entails. I have enjoyed the job but found that living in Hastings does not work well when I need to take care of a number of things in Grand Rapids.

Dennis O'Mara

Congratulations to the winners of the Holiday Competition

First Place: Carl Forslund - *Rake Factory*
Second Place: Jim Markle - *Blueberry Field*
Third Place: Marlin Stewart Sr. - *Passage of Time*
Honorable Mention: Nancy Wanha - *Abiding*
Gail Madura - *Fruit Study*

Below is the Jurors statement from Paul Hoag & Lisa Burrows-Dionne of Cascade Ilery.

Juror's Statement / December 2008

With over twenty years combined experience in the art gallery business, coupled with educational backgrounds in the visual arts; it remains a pleasure for us to view new artwork, discover new artistic talent, and observe what the area veterans are creating.

Out of 75 submissions, we selected 48 works for GVA's 2008 "Holiday Competition Show." When selecting artwork for this competition, our gallery, or personal collections; there are two main elements we consider. The first, an artwork must evoke an emotion - and second, the technical skill displayed. When both are achieved in one artwork, it is truly a visual treat for the viewer.

Overall, we found the artwork in this competition very strong. It is great to see the wonderful artwork that is produced in the Grand Rapids/West Michigan area. In juroring this competition, great consideration was given to all artworks, and with a few exceptions, we were in agreement with the final outcome. The one thing that did surprise us was the difficulty in selecting the five artworks for the awards amongst the many quality entries.

In conclusion, we would like to thank GVA and Larry Campbell for allowing us to juror this competition and we salute all of the artists involved.

Sincerely,
Paul Hoag & Lisa Burrows-Dionne

Thanks goes to everyone who entered. With 75 entries, we had a huge representation of artwork. As was mentioned at the last critique, you might want to start planning for this years work. We have a couple of large showings coming up and we really want to show off our many new pieces.

Enjoy,
Larry Campbell



workshops

Jim Markle - Workshops and Classes

- **Tucson, AZ - February 23, 24 & 25**

Pastel Workshop

Starr Pass Art League

Contact: Call **520-3763** or gale44@gmail.com

- **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

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

Pastel Workshop

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Contact: www.bbartcenter.org or call **248-644-0866**

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

Grand Rapids Art Museum

Contact: 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 or
BoxTopTours@aol.com or
call **513-541-8000**

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

Workshop

Three Pines Studio

Contact: 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

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

Workshop

Bryan Memorial Gallery

Contact: www.bryangallery.org or
call **802-644-5100**

Wednesday Still Life Group

Beginning in October our Still Life Group will meet on the second and third Monday of each month from 7:30pm to 10pm.

Call Jim Johnson with questions: 616 451-2211.

Franciscan Center Art Workshops

- **Loom Weaving Classes**

March 6 OR March 20 – May 8: Friday morning weaving classes include eight sessions under the direction of master weaver Jochen Ditterich. Students of all levels are assigned a full-sized loom on which to learn and create their piece. Trained in Germany, England and the U.S., Jochen brings over 50 years experience to his classes. Sign up early as these classes are limited to nine students. 9 a.m. to noon weekly. Fee: \$80

- **Paint-in/Outs**

Weekly starting mid-April through early August: This is not an instructional class, but an “open-studio” format. Artists work alongside other artists in the Center’s studio, on the grounds, or on occasional field trips in and around Lowell. Unlike other workshops of only a few days, this weekly series is focused on personal growth. Staff facilitators attend each session. All levels welcome. Meets every Tuesday or Wednesday except holidays beginning April 14 through August 5 afterwards. Sign up early as each day is limited to 18 artists per day. Fee: \$120 (before March 15 OR join both days for discount price of \$225 before March 15.) \$150

- **“Chaos to Order” Mixed-media Workshop**

May 11 – 15: Exploration, experimentation and “stepping out of the box” is the order of the day with nationally-recognized multi-media artist Kathleen Conover. If you missed Kathleen’s water-media workshop in 2008, here is another opportunity to experience this exciting, stimulating, and inspiring week of fun. Stressing design and composition with imaginative combinations, color media and materials, Kathleen encourages her class to create truly personal images. Numerous demos, handouts and individual attention make her workshops Center favorites. To see examples of Kathleen’s work, visit her website at www.kathleenconover.com. Intermediate to advanced levels. Sign up early as these full day sessions limited to 12 students. Fee: \$300

- **“Watercolor: Beyond the Basics” Workshop**

June 22 – 26: Nationally-recognized watercolorist Linda Baker returns to teach a five-day course designed for intermediate to advanced watercolorists. Utilizing transparent watercolor, Linda touches on different approaches to the medium from direct painting to pouring techniques, all with an emphasis on composition and design. Slide presentations, critiques and plenty of individual attention make this workshop a great learning experience. For a look at Linda’s work, see her website at www.lindabaker.biz. Intermediate to advanced level - Full day sessions. Fee: \$350.

For more information, contact the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street NE, Lowell, MI 49331-9489, (616) 897-7842 or e-mail registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org.

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Bonnie Osbourne 12/15-1/26
- Theresa Dekker 1/26-3/9
- 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.

Ken Cadwallader Still-Life Painting Class

January 13 – February 10 - Ken Cadwallader is offering a five-week still-life painting class for all levels. The class will focus on the core principles of painting from life. The class will include demonstrations, group critiques, individual and group instruction. The instruction will be custom tailored for the individual's specific needs. Space is limited so register soon. To register contact Ken directly at ken.cadwallader@gmail.com or call **616-566-1238**.

Tuesday Mornings 9am - Noon
Fee: \$125
Location: GVA
www.kennethcadwallader.com

GVA Lending Library

New members may not be aware that GVA has a lending library—all those books on the west wall of the program room! All you need to do is sign the book out and return it in a timely manner. There is no library police, but please respect the intentions of the donors that the books are there for everyone!

There are more "Property of GVA" labels and we would like a volunteer to keep an eye on what still needs a label on the front cover. The labels will be in a manila folder on top on the bookcase along with extra signout sheets. Magazines are plentiful and won't need a label. Please feel free to donate no longer needed art books to the library. Someone else may benefit from them.

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. This is a nice venue with a large congregation.

Program Notes

- **Thursday, January 8, 2009 7:30 pm** - David Lubbers, noted Grand Rapids photographer, will present new work, in color, from a digital camera, of Grand Rapids along with some old favorites. His new work was on display at GRAM in December featuring small buildings, rarely noticed, from a bygone era.
- **Thursday, February 12, 2009 7:30 pm** - Not the usual Critique Night—bring a piece for in depth critique by an expert.

For Sale

- Acrylic paints. 2oz. jars 25c's each 10 for \$2.00. 8oz. jars 60c's each. 10 for \$5.00. About 300 jars to choose from. all colors. Harvey Combs **616-878-9212**. E-mail: hakebrush@aol.com.
- For sale - soft and hard various pastels for sale at great prices. All interested parties please contact 616-822-9288.

Wanted

- Good used dry mount press at least 16x20. Contact Tom Chubinski 616-774-2358.

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. 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

January Calendar

Thursday	Jan. 1	No Critique...Happy New Year!
Saturday	Jan. 3	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	Jan.5	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Jan.6	7:30PM Photography Group
Thursday	Jan. 8	7:30PM Program
Saturday	Jan. 10	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	Jan.12	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Monday	Jan. 12	7:30PM Still Life Group
Thursday	Jan. 15	7:30PM Life Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 17	7:30PM Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 19	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Monday	Jan. 19	7:30PM Still Life Group
Tuesday	Jan. 20	6:00PM Board Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 22	7:30PM Life Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 24	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	Jan. 26	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Jan. 29	7:30 PM Life Sketch
Saturday	Jan. 31	10:00 AM Life Sketch

February Calendar

Monday	Feb. 2	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Feb. 3	7:30PM	Photography Group
Thursday	Feb. 5	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Feb. 7	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 9	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Feb. 9	7:30PM	Still Life Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 12	7:30 PM	Program- Critique Night