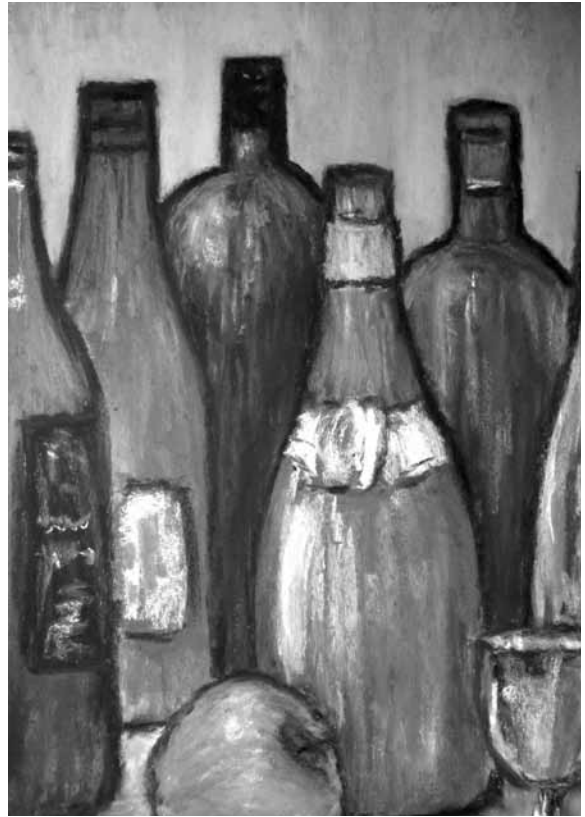


President's Perspective

I would like to thank all of you that have volunteered for Reeds Lake. If you would still like to help and we can always use more help I will be passing a list around at the May critique.

We are not having our regular spring show and will be having a show at the gallery with pieces being selected by Fountain street church to display in their gallery. We intended to have it outside of GVA but that has not worked out and Fountain Street Church has asked us to display some of our work in their gallery. There will be more information in the newsletter about the show.

Dennis O'Mara



"Temptations" Pastel by Krista Thornton

The 44rd Reeds Lake Clothesline Art Festival

Saturday, June 20th, 2009, 9 AM to 5 PM. A total of 152 booths of fine art and fine crafts will be featured on Wealthy Street and Lakeside Drive in East Grand Rapids. Admission is free, the event is presented for the 43rd year by Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Reed's Lake Show Member's Tent

It's time again to sign up for a panel or two in the GVA Member's Tent at the Reed's Lake Fine Art Festival. The panels are \$25 a piece. All 2-D work must be framed and ready to sell. If you are interested please call Kathy Putnam at 691-7241 as soon as possible. The panels are already selling out. The Reed's Lake Show is always the third Saturday of every June.

Fountain Street Church Gallery

Fountain Street Church would like the GVA membership to have a display in the church gallery during the July-August timeframe. Fountain Street Church will select the pieces (approximately 30) which they would like displayed. We will therefore collect pieces at GVA in early June. Because of limited wall space, please submit only 1-2 pieces. There is no theme to this show and no entry fee to enter. Pieces need not be for sale.

Please bring pieces to GVA during critique on Thursday, June 4th, or Saturday, June 6th between 10:00 and 1:00. Additional details and entry forms will be in the May newsletter and at GVA (once we work out the final details). You must sign up during these times to be considered.



workshops

Jim Markle - Workshops and Classes

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Apr. 18 & 25** - Pastel Workshop
Sponsored by Grand Rapids Art Museum
Contact: www.gramonline.org or call **616-831-2928**
- **Grand Rapids, MI - June 20** - Pastel Workshop
Sponsored by Grand Rapids Art Museum
Contact: www.gramonline.org or call 616-831-2928
- **France, The Lot Valley - July 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12** - Workshop
Sponsored by: Great American Art Works
Contact: www.greatpastels.com or BoxTopTours@aol.com
or call **513-541-8000 GRAM**
- **Cross Village, MI - August 6, 7 & 8** - Workshop
Sponsored by: Three Pines Studio.
Contact: www.threepinesstudio.com or call **231-526 9447**
- **Glen Arbor, MI - August 10, 11, 12 & 13** - Workshop
Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association.
Contact: GAAA **231-334-6112** or info@glenarborart.org
- **Holland, MI - September 9 & 10** - Workshop
Sponsored by: Holland Friends of Art
Contact: Priscilla Lynch **269-857-5614**
or priscillalynch28@yahoo.com
- **Jeffersonville, VT - October 5, 6 & 7** - Workshop
Sponsored by: Bryan Memorial Gallery
Contact: www.bryangallery.org or call **802-644-5100**

Ken Cadwallader Landscape Painting Class

June 2 – June 30 - Ken Cadwallader is offering a five-week landscape 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: Local parks to be announced

www.kennethcadwallader.com

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Florence Trusowski 4/20-6/1 mix media
- Dennis O'Mara 6/1-7/13 pastel
- Ruth VanderMeulen 7/13-8/24 oil
- Kristen Thorton 8/24-10/12 pastel
- Jim Markle 10/12-11/23 pastel
- Kathy Putnam 11/23-1/4/10 pastel
- Al Cianfarani 1/4/10-2/15/10 oil
- Bill Alexander 2/15/10-3/29/10 oil & charcoal

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

Franciscan Center Art Workshops

• “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. 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. Limited to 12 students. Fee: \$300

• “Watercolor: Beyond the Basics” Workshop

June 15 – 19 (Date Change): 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 levels. Fee: \$350

• “Oil Painting on Location” Classes

July 9 - July 30 (Thursdays evenings only)

For those wanting to learn how to paint with oils or those needing a refresher course, experienced workshop instructor and multi-media artist Vickie Marnich-Reynolds leads a four-week evening course. Vickie will take students from start to finish beginning with priming your canvas to selecting final varnish. You will have plenty of demonstrations and one-on-one time in this series of lessons. Classes meet from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and are limited to ten students. Fee: \$175

• Loom Weaving Classes

July 27 - 30

Master weaver Jochen Ditterich begins a second set of his popular loom weaving classes. Open to beginners to experienced students, all will be assigned a full-sized loom on which to learn and create their piece. Trained in Germany, England and the U.S., Jochen has over 50 years experience. Sign up early as these classes are limited to nine students and fill up quickly. These classes meet 9:30 to 3 p.m. daily for the 4 days. Fee: \$85

• “Sketchbook Pages for Botanical Art: Creating a Watercolor Reference Guide”

August 19 - 22

Botanical art is a combination of art and science, especially suited to those who love nature and detail. Join American Society of Botanical Artist and the Guild member Barbara Holmer as she leads a workshop tailor-made for the nature lover and artist. Create a reference guide for botanical art that is part sketchbook / part journal. Students will learn about color mixing and watercolor washes, then create pages of graphite and watercolor sketches. Each page will focus on different plant structures such as leaves, stems, and flowers. Sketches and notations will provide a format for increasing your observational skills and accurate references for future plant portraits. Intermediate to advanced students. Limited to 15 students. Fee: \$195

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.

Members in the News

- Robyn Bomhof had 2 pieces juried into Celebration2009, one in the KIA Regional 2009, one in a national Juried show in Chicago, won the special categories award in the U of M open competition.

Gallery Space

Artisans looking for an affordable place to display and market their wares, may find it all at 3260 Briggs, in North Park. Located across the street from the "American Legion".

This fully renovated Building with great ambiance, was most recently used as an art gallery - Oriental Rug store. It has an outside courtyard for relaxation and socializing and plenty of off street parking.

Cost for a 8' x8' section is Only \$100 per month with a three month commitment. The artist will be responsible for their own space design construction and upkeep. Staffing for regular business hours (example; 10am-7pm 6 days a week will be provided by management. Facilities may also be used for special events (special showings,etc.).

In an effort to maintain an aura of "Exclusivity" management may choose to exclude the "Tacky" ("Velvet Elvis", etc.)

If this sounds interesting, call Dave @ 616-916-7165 and he will schedule a visit for you to come and take a look, or Chet @ 616-742-7422. We know you will be impressed. But you might not want to wait to long as there is only room for 10 to 12 spaces.

Art on the Riverfront

The Art on the Riverfront show is Aug. 15th 2009. The application can be found at <http://www.ghaac.org>. We are hoping for a great year and would like to invite GVA artist to participate.

"Art at the Park"

An art fair at the Great Lakes Irish Music Festival

The Art at the Park event is now accepting entries for this year's art fair, being held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Irish Music Festival 2009 happening on Saturday, August 22 at Fifth Third Ballpark. There will be awards for Best in Show and People's Choice presented at the Festival. Application fee is \$50.00 per booth, or \$40.00, with an early bird registration. Applications are available online at www.greatlakesirishmusicfestival.com. For more info, call 784-4131.

Program Notes

- May 14, 2009 7:30 pm: Movie Night "Richard Schmid Paints the Seasons- Spring"
- June 11, 2009 7:30 pm: Super Critique

For Sale

Picture frames brand new. All kinds, all sizes. Wood and metal. 50% to 70% discounts. 45 frames to choose from. Harvey Combs 616-878-9212.

Studio Space for Rent

Studio loft space available. Great location within a mile of downtown and 3 blocks from GVA. Free parking. 1000+ sqft, 14 foot ceilings, unobstructed space with plenty of north window light. Common area includes a kitchenette and dining area. Optional access to high speed internet and cable for \$20 a month. Ideal for art studio. \$300 plus utilities. Inquiries please contact Ken at 616-566-1238.

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.

Photo/Artwork Space

If you have artwork that you would like featured in the newsletter please contact Steve Kelly at steve.kelly@gezora.com or at **616-334-4131**.

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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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May

Saturday	May 2	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 4	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	May 5	7:30PM	Photography Group
Thursday	May 7	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	May 9	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 11	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	May. 11	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	May 14	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	May 16	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 18	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	May 18	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Tuesday	May 19	6:00PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	May 21	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 23	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 25	No Sketch	– Memorial Day
Thursday	May 28	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 30	10:00AM	Life Sketch

June

Monday	June 1	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	June 2	7:30PM	Photography Group
Thursday	June 4	7:30PM	Critique
			(Bring up to two pieces in for July-August Show)
Saturday	June 6	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Saturday	June 6	10:00 to 1:00	
			(Bring up to two pieces in for juried Show)
Monday	June 8	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	June 8	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	June 11	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	June 13	10:00AM	Life Sketch