

## President's Perspective

Another Holiday Season is upon us. It is a very busy time for everyone as we face a variety of holiday activities and gatherings. The GVA Holiday Show and Christmas Party is a fun time and great way to enjoy each other. I am truly grateful to all who have volunteered to help with Reeds Lake and we look forward to others stepping forward.

We had a very productive board meeting and progress is being made towards getting quotes for updating our website, our phone system, and newsletter process. Look for a guest article in the January newsletter that will provide insight into more possibilities for GVA members to be engaged in our community in 2010. More educational opportunities will also present themselves and I encourage you to take advantage of as many as you can. Personal growth has always been an imperative for someone who pursues, or is pursued by, the creative process.

Robert Henri in his wonderful book "The Art Spirit" says, "Painting (Art) is the expression of ideas in their permanent form. It is the giving of evidence. It is the study of our lives, our environment. The American who is useful as an artist is one who studies his own life and records his experiences; in this way he gives evidence. If a man has something to say he will find a way of saying it. The artist is teaching the world the idea of life. The man who believes that money is the thing is cheating himself. The artist teaches that the object of a man's life should be to play as a little child plays. Only it is the play of maturity-the play of one's mental faculties.

Therefore, we have art and invention. Art in the community has a subtle, unconscious, refining influence." My hope for you this holiday season is that this subtle, refining influence would be evidenced in your life as you pursue your passion in whatever media speaks to you. Speak your truth, after all, the hand never lies. It is your call, and your duty.

Warmest Regards,  
Robyn B



"Winter Fun" by Ken Cadwallader



# workshops

## Ken Cadwallader Portrait Painting Class

**January 5 – February 2:** Ken Cadwallader is offering a five-week portrait 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](mailto:ken.cadwallader@gmail.com) or call **616-566-1238**.

Tuesday Mornings 10am – 1pm

Fee: \$125 plus model fee

Location: GVA

[www.kennethcadwallader.com](http://www.kennethcadwallader.com)

## Jim Markle - 2010 Workshops and Classes

**Portrait Classes: Grand Rapids, MI - March - 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

Where: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

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

Contact: Call Jim Markle **616-458-8559**

**Pastel Workshop: Lansing, MI - April - 22, 23 & 24**

Sponsored by Mid-Michigan Art Guild

Contact: Donna Randall **517-323-7257**

**Pastel Workshop: Glen Arbor, MI - August 16, 17, 18 & 19**

Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association.

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

## Portrait/Figure Painting Workshop

February 8 - 12, 2010

Tuition \$525 + Model Fee

You will be on "high-alert" with all your faculties functioning on the highest level as you discover how training in portrait and figurative painting brings all the crucial aspects of painting into play. This class will focus on the core principles of painting from life with instruction custom tailored for the individual's specific needs. Experience demonstrations and discussions before each day's work and gain the insight needed to begin a painting with a live model. Review the fundamentals of painting: drawing, color, and edge, and how they work together to convey your vision to the viewer. Learn to simplify what you see and break down a painting into manageable pieces. Receive valuable feedback from the instructor and your classmates in daily critiques while learning the questions to ask yourself in order to critique your own work.

Location: Fredericksburg Artists' School  
6260 U.S. Hwy 290 East  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624  
Telephone - 830-997-0515  
[bush@fbgartschool.com](mailto:bush@fbgartschool.com)

## Franciscan Life Process Center

### • "Visual Journaling" Exploring Insights into the Creative Life" Workshop

**March 19/20**

Experience and develop strategies to combine words and pictures for visual Journaling and beyond with artist and instructor Debbie Hoskins. Doodles, collage elements, color and glue become means of expression in this fun-filled workshop. Open to all levels. Fee: \$150

### • Loom Weaving Classes

**March 19 - May 7**

These Friday morning weaving classes includes eight sessions under the direction of master weaver Jochen Ditterich. See the January session description for details. Open to all levels. Sign up early as these classes are limited to nine students. 9 a.m. to noon weekly. Fee: \$80

### • "Sculpting in Clay" Evening Classes

**April 7 - May 5 (Wednesday evenings only)**

In a series of four Wednesday evening classes, artist Barbara Wolf teaches human figure sculpting in clay. Students sculpt free-form, learning various techniques to build their pieces. Open to all levels. 6:30 - 9p.m. Fee: \$200 (plus \$50 supply fee)

### • "Sculpting in Clay" Day Classes

**April 9 - May 7 (Fridays only)**

These all-day classes allows time for multiple sculpting projects. See above for details. Open to all levels. Fee: \$350 (plus \$50 supply fee)

### • "Basic Photo" Classes

**April 13 - June 15 (Tuesday evenings only)**

Back for the new season, professional photographer and artist Randall Gornowich brings his fifteen years of teaching experience to this series of classes in basic digital photography designed for the beginner or intermediate student. Class time will include lectures, demos, presentations and critiques. For examples of Randall's work, visit his website at: [www.randallart.com](http://www.randallart.com). Must have own camera. Those owning manual setting cameras will gain the most from these classes. 7- 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$175

### • Wednesday Paint-in/Out's

**Beginning April 14 (Weekly) - August 4**

A Franciscan Center favorite, Paint-in/Out is not an instructional class but an "open-studio" format. Artists work alongside other artists at our Center's studio, on our grounds, or on occasional field trips in and around Lowell. Staff facilitators attend each session. All levels welcome. Meet every Wednesday except holidays. Fee: \$120 (before March 15) \$150 afterwards. Limited to 18 artists.

### • "Adventures in Raku" Workshop

**April 17 and May 1**

Clay artists Maija and Karliss Maskevics return to head one of the Center's most popular classes. Construct fire and glaze your own earthenware clay pieces with award-winning artists and mentors. Participants usually are able to finish 3 or 4 unique pieces. Open to all levels. Fee: \$100 (includes all materials) Limited to 14 students.

For more information, call the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street NE, Lowell, MI 49331-948, at **(616) 897-7842**, e-mail [registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto:registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org) or visit the website at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org).

## Members in the News

- Art Jacobs will have a show of Watercolors at St Cecilia Music Center in the TerryBerry Gallery during the Months of December 2009 and January 2010. Artist Reception is December 10, 5:30 - 8:00pm. Cecilia Music Center is located at the corner of Fuller and Ransom Ave NE.
- Art Jacobs was awarded Signature Membership in Kentucky and Northeast Watercolor Societies.

## Program Notes

- **January 14, 7:30pm:** Super Critique with Rich Cooper. Bring one piece for a more in-depth critique. We will do as many as time allows.
- **February 11, 7:30pm:** A Tribute to Bill Kubiak—a selection of Bill's paintings will be on display and memories shared.
- **March 11, 7:30 pm:** Dennis O'Mara will present a program on traditional printmaking.

Program Night at 7:30 PM, second Thursday, of each month, at the GVA gallery, 1120 Monroe NW: visitors welcomed.

## Coming up at One Trick Pony

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| • Jim Markle                       | 10/12-11/23      | Pastel                        |
| • Kathy Putnam                     | 11/23-1/4/10     | Pastel                        |
| • Al Cianfarani                    | 1/4/10-2/15/10   | Oil Paintings                 |
| • Bill Alexander                   | 2/15/10-3/29/10  | Oil & Charcoal                |
| • Robert Stone                     | 3/29/10-5/10/10  | Photography                   |
| • Jeanetta VanderMyde              | 5/10/10-6/21/10  | <b>Color Pencil</b>           |
| • <b>Tom Dandridge</b> & Jan Proli | 6/21/10-8/2/10   | Mixed Media & Black and White |
| • Sara Youngman                    | 8/2/10-9/13/10   | Print Maker                   |
| • Larry Campbell                   | 9/13/10-10/18/10 | Photography                   |

One Trick Pony is located at 136 Fulton St SE, open Monday - Wednesday 11am to 11pm; Thursday - Friday 11am to 12pm; Saturday 5pm to 12pm. For artist information please contact Barb Wood at **942-0585**.



"Winter Stream" by Ken Cadwallader

## Wanted

10' x 10' white art fair tent; with 4 walls. Also advice on the art fair experience.

Contact: Sara Youngman - [sara@sycreations.net](mailto:sara@sycreations.net) or **456-3206 (w), 365-0145 (h)**.

## 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.

## 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**.

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|                 | Gene Sampson   | 957-1382 |

## 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

## December

Tuesday	December 1	7:30 PM	Photography Group
Thursday	December 3	7:30 PM	Critique
<b>6:00 to 7:30 Take artwork in for GVA Show</b>			
Saturday	December 5	10:00AM	Life Sketch
<b>10:00 to 1:00 Take artwork in for GVA show</b>			
Monday	December 7	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>GVA Christmas Party Opening of GVA Show</b>
Saturday	December 12	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	December 14	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	December 17	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	December 19	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	December 21	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>No Life Sketch – Christmas Eve</b>	
Saturday	December 26	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	December 28	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>No Life Sketch – New Year’s Eve</b>	

## January

Saturday	January 2	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	January 4	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	January 5	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	January 7	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	January 9	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	January 11	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	January 14	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	January 16	10:00AM	Life Sketch