

President's Perspective

I think that spring has finally sprung. As I am writing this it is 70 degrees and yes I am in Michigan.

I want to thank Krista Livingston for all the work she has done as treasure for GVA. Krista did the ceremonial passing of the check book to Eunice Hayes our new treasure at the March 17, board meeting.

I would like to welcome Eunice to the board and thank her for taking on the job of treasure.

Spring is here, can summer and our summer picnic be far behind. The last few years Dave Bazen has hosted the summer picnic at his cottage. If anyone is interested in doing so this year please let me know. The picnic is usually in July.

If you have requested that the newsletter be sent by email, we are updating our files and you will receive the next one that way. If you are supposed to get it by email and have not please contact Steve Kelly.

Finally this is a reminder that Reeds Lake is on the horizon and we will need volunteers. If you can help even for a short time it is greatly appreciated. This is our only fund raiser and it takes a number of people working that day to make it run smoothly.

Dennis O'Mara

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.



"A Quorum of Strips" oil on canvas by Al Cianfarani



"King of the Mountain" oil on canvas by Al Cianfarani



workshops

Jim Markle - Workshops and Classes

• 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

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.

Larry Blovits Workshop

Updated dates for this workshop.

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

Dates: April 18, 19, 25 and 26

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

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 or go to my website www.larryblovits.com.

Franciscan Center Art Workshops

• "Basic Photo" Classes--April 7 - June 9 (Tuesday evenings only)

So you have now purchased a digital camera but are overwhelmed with all the features? Or perhaps you were hoping your images could look a little more creative or imaginative? Professional photographer and artist Randall Gornowich brings over fifteen years of teaching experience to this series of classes in basic digital photography designed for the beginner or intermediate student. Expect to learn some technical ins & outs of your camera, how to create a more interesting composition, and how photography connects to the world. Class time will include lectures, demos, presentations and critiques. For examples of Randall's work, visit his website at: www.randallart.com. Must have own camera. Those owning manual settings camera owners will gain the most from these classes. 7- 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$175

• Tuesday or Wednesday Paint-in/Out's--Beginning April 14 or 15 (Weekly)

This 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. 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 through August 5 for full day sessions. Fee: \$120 (before March 15 OR join both days for discount price of \$225 before March 15) \$150 afterwards. Sign up early as each day is limited to 18 artists per day.

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

- Susan Bukery 3/9-4/20
- 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

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

Members in the News

- Sara Youngman had a piece in West Michigan Celebration and 2 pieces (hand-colored drypoint) in Lowell's Regional Competition and 2 other pieces in The Kalamazoo Institute of Art's west michigan show.
- Kimiko's two mixed media Paintings were accepted into the International Society of Experimental Artists Competition in Houston, Texas.
Kimiko's two mixed media Paintings were accepted at the Gallery Uptown Winter Festival Competition in Grand Haven, Michigan. One received The Noreen Jordan Memorial Award.
- Shirley Hinz's watercolor "wind sculpture" was accepted in the west michigan regional competition.

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.

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.

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

- Thursday, April 9th, 7:30pm: Jim Johnson presents "The Art of Advertising Illustration"
- May 14, 2009 7:30 pm: Movie Night "Richard Schmid Paints the Seasons- Spring"
- June 11, 2009 7:30 pm: Super Critique

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.

Welcome New Members

Cynthia Hagedorn, Holland MI
Gail Saukas, Ada, MI
Donna Smith, Grand Rapids, MI
Richard Travis, East Grand Rapids, MI
James Wagner Wheeler, Grand Rapids, MI

Members Rejoining

Lawrence A. Johnson, Muskegon, MI

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

April

Thursday	Apr. 2	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Apr. 4	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Apr.6	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Apr.6	6:00PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Tuesday	Apr. 7	7:30PM	Photography Group
Wednesday	Apr.8	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	Apr.9	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	Apr.11	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Apr.13	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Apr. 13	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	Apr. 16	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Apr. 18	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Apr. 20	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Apr. 23	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Apr. 25	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Apr. 27	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Apr. 30	7:30PM	Life Sketch

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
Thursday	May 14	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	May 16	10:00AM	Life Sketch