

President's Perspective

The summer picnic will be held at Dave Bazens cottage. The date is July 25th from 11:00 to 4:00 and you should bring a dish to pass. If you need a map to the cottage you can pick one up at GVA.

Reeds Lake will take place after I have written this and I once again need to thank all that have helped make it successful. Special thanks go to Krista Livingston and Kathy Putnam for all of the work they have put into making Reeds Lake successful.

Reeds Lake is our only fundraiser and it is important that we continue to build on the 44 years of success. We will need new people to take over some of the jobs that have been opened by people moving on. In the near future we will need to meet and decide how we will go forward with Reeds Lake.

We have officially become a venue for the Artprize. If you plan to enter and want to put your work at GVA I will take artists on a first come first serve bases. I will cut off the entries when we no longer have room. Each artist needs enough room to show off their work properly so I cannot give a specific number until I see the size of the work. If you want to know if there is room for your work before you enter email me.

I will be stepping down as president in September and we will need someone to come in and replace me. I live forty five minutes from Grand Rapids and found that I cannot do the all that needs to be done as president.

Dennis O'Mara



"Two Boats" by Ken Cadwallader
www.kennethcadwallader.com

Friendly Reminder for Membership Renewal
GVA membership drive begins August 1 and runs through August 31.

Please fill out your GVA Renewal form by August 31 to remain eligible for all member benefits.

Welcome New Members

Christine Dexter
Jim Henke
Alix Bartnick
Dr. Robert Van Gemert
Susan Ledy

A very big thank you to all those who volunteered for Reeds Lake. It was a great time!!



workshops

Jim Markle, PSA - Workshops

For info on my teaching a workshop, contact me at jimmarkle.com.

- **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

Larry Blovits Workshops

- **July 24, 25, 26, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Fundamentals and techniques of drawing; and their application to painting.

Lowell Area Arts Council Lowell, MI

Contact: Lorain Smalligan lorain@lowellartscouncil.org
616-897-8545

- **Aug. 7, 8, 9, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Oil Painting techniques and procedures

Lowell Area Arts Council Lowell, MI

Contact: Lorain Smalligan lorain@lowellartscouncil.org
616-897-8545

- **Aug. 26, 27, 28, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Creating the Magic in Landscape: Painting in Oil or Pastel
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Birmingham, MI

Contact: Debbie Callahan debbiecallahan@bbartcenter.org
248-644-0866

Margo Burian - Painting, Yoga & Meditation 3 day Workshop

This class will present three disciplines under one unifying format. Students will learn techniques to tap more deeply into their creative energy by using a combination of easy yoga practice and meditation techniques, followed by time spent in Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore sketching & painting in one's choice of medium.

Glen Arbor, MI - September 25, 26 & 27

Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association.

Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or info@glenarborart.org

Franciscan Center Art Workshops

- **“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 multimedia 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.

Program Notes

- Thursday, July 9, 7:30pm: Come watch David Huang demonstrate how he makes his copper pots.
- Thursday, August 13, 7:30pm: Guess the Artist: Bring 1 or 2 OLD paintings and we will try to guess who painted them.
- Thursday, September 10, 7:30pm: Photographer Dennis Grantz presents a program on Hand-Colored Photography.
- Thursday, October 8, 7:30pm: “Painting Ireland”. a program by Bonnie Osborne and Kathleen Mooney.
- Thursday, November 12, 7:30pm: Super Critique
- December-Holiday Party

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.

Members in the News

- Sallie Zigtertman will have a one person show at East Congregational Church in August.
- Sara Youngman won her first two awards at the Grand Rapids Festival: 2 purchase awards from Warner Norcross & Judd. She also had the Fountain Street Church accept 2 submissions into their July-September show.
- Bob Stone had three photographs accepted in the 2009 Festival of the Arts Regional Exhibition. His photograph entitled 'St. Jerome Church, Taos Pueblo' received the Martha L. Despres Memorial Award.
- Kristen Thornton will be doing a one-person show at Christ Lutheran church in Wyoming thru July.
- Kristen Thornton had a pastel, "Coming Home from a long day" accepted at the West MI art competition in Muskegon.
- Kathy Mohl had two pieces selected in the 40th festival of the arts regional exhibition. One of the pieces was selected for the Warner Norcross & Judd LLP Purchase Award.
- Jim Markle had a painting accepted in the "Land and Light" exhibition at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, VT and two paintings in the national "Pastels by Invitation 2009" invitational exhibition in Chatham, MA. He also had two paintings accepted in the Festival 2009 Regional Arts Competition in Grand Rapids.

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- 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
- Bob Stone 3/29/10-5/10/10 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.

"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.

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.

Fountain Street Church

Thanks to all who have entered pieces for the Fountain Street Church exhibit. Of the 53 pieces that were entered, 41 were selected and virtually everyone got at least one piece in.

The opening reception will be held July 12th, from 11:00 – 1:00. Parking is free in the GRCC lot across the street on Sundays.

Pieces will be returned to GVA on September 11th and will be available at GVA after that time.

If you wish to have one of these pieces considered for Art Prize, you must follow the standard procedures of registering and then contact Fountain Street to be considered. They have many requests already from other artists.

Thanks again. It was a wonderful turn out.

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

July

Thursday	July 2	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	July 4	No Sketch	—Independence Day
Monday	July 6	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	July 7	7:30PM	Photography Group
Wednesday	July 8	No Still Life Group in the summer	
Thursday	July 9	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	July 11	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	July 13	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	July 16	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	July 18	10:00AM	No Life Sketch
Monday	July 20	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	July 21	6:30PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	July 23	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	July 25	11AM to 4:30PM	
		Summer Picnic at Dave Bazen's cottage	
Monday	July 27	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	July 30	7:30PM	Life Sketch

August

Saturday	Aug. 1	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Aug. 3	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Aug. 6	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Aug. 8	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Aug. 10	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Aug. 11	7:30PM	Photography Group
Wednesday	Aug. 12	No Still Life Group in Summer	
Thursday	Aug. 13	7:30PM	Program
Saturday	Aug. 15	10:00AM	Life Sketch

**No Sketch for July 18
Pastel Society Workshop**

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