

## President's Perspective

I must begin by saying I am very humbled by the opportunity to serve as President of GVA. Although I have been involved in Art for quite some time, I am, in fact, quite new to GVA.

Your reputation as a solid, caring community of artists certainly confirmed my hopes and expectations. The generosity of spirit and willingness to share with one another in the creative enterprise is inspiring. I can only hope to learn as much as I can to serve your needs as the club is engaged in a wide range of activities that serve the common purpose of promoting Fine Art.

No one can honestly say they came away unaffected by ART-PRIZE 2009. Its impact and future implications will grow as the dialog grows. As both a participant and volunteer, I am full of anticipation facing the coming months as we grow as a community. GVA's engagement in the process is a testimony to the clubs willingness to engage our community at a fundamental level, and I am proud of every member and their contribution.

As we face the coming holiday season and 2010, many things need to continue to happen so that we may remain a vibrant, giving community. The spirit of generosity and service to one another will sustain the clubs goals as we all do our part.

Please consider stepping up to help make Reeds Lake all it is meant to be. It is a benchmark for the club and the community we serve. Help make it great this year and offer a bit of your time and talent.

We are looking at ways to maximize our financial situation and our web presence. Your thoughts and comments are invaluable as we consider direction and decisions. Please speak up. Many hands make light work. And work can be a joy when shared with friends.

Robyn Bomhof

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*"Apples and Oranges"* by Ken Cadwallader



*"Floral Arrangement"* by Ken Cadwallader

## Holiday Show

The juried Holiday Show is fast approaching. Entry forms should be within this newsletter, on line, or at GVA on the desk by the books.

Entries will be accepted before critique on **Thursday, December 3rd, from 6:00 - 7:30** (and for a while after critique, if necessary) and again on **Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 - 1:00**. Entry fees are the same as last year; \$10 for one entry and \$15 for two. Please look at the entry form for any additional information.



# workshops

## Jim Markle, PSA - Workshops

For info on my teaching a workshop, contact me at [jimmarkle.com](http://jimmarkle.com)

- **Birmingham, MI - Nov. 20 & 21 - Pastel Workshop**

Sponsored by: Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Contact: [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org) or call 248-644-0866

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Oct. 26 - Nov. 23 - Landscape Classes**

At: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Times: Mondays 1:00 PM to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Contact: Call Jim Markle 616-458-8559 or [www.jimmarkle.com](http://www.jimmarkle.com)

## 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)

## Program Notes

- **Thursday, November 12, 7:30pm:** Painting Ireland, a presentation by Bonnie Osborne and Kathleen Mooney.
- **Thursday, December 10:** Holiday Show Reception
- **Thursday, January 14, 7:30pm:** Super Critique-Bring a piece for a more thorough critique by and expert.

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

## Franciscan Life Process Center

- **Loom Weaving Classes**

**January 15 - March 5**

The first of 2010’s Friday morning weaving classes includes eight sessions under the direction of master weaver Jochen Ditterich. Each student is assigned a full-sized loom on which to learn and create his/her piece. Trained in Germany and the U.S., Jochen brings over fifty years experience to his classes. Sign up early as these classes are limited to nine students and fill up quickly. Open to all levels. 9 a.m. to noon weekly. Fee: \$80

- **“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. Explore books and journals by authors and artists, including graphic novels and picture books. Establish, strengthen or share personal creative practices and discover creative abilities through playful digging into one’s own psyche. 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**

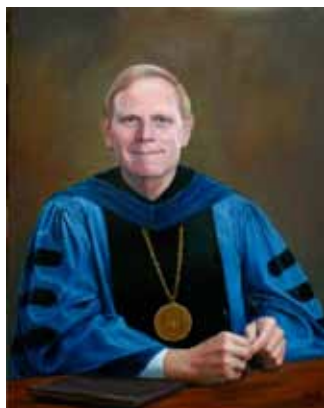
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For more information, call the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street NE, Lowell, MI 49331-948, at (616) 897-7842, e-mail [registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto:registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org)

[lifeprocesscenter.org](http://lifeprocesscenter.org) or visit the website at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org).

## Members in the News

- Sara Youngman, along with the other 5 city employees who entered ArtPrize, were acknowledged on 10/6/09 in the televised City Commission meeting, by the mayor, Kurt Kimball and Rick DeVos.
- Robyn Bomhof had a large installation of paintings accepted in ArtPrize. Also, a 6x8' painting was accepted in the "Assume Nothing" National Open Juried Art competition in Chicago, Ill.
- Al Cianfarani opens his one man show and exhibit "An Embrace of Nature's Splendor" featuring Landscapes and Wildlife in oil, acrylic and charcoal in the Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia Music Center, located at 24 Ransom NE Grand Rapids. The exhibit runs from November 2nd through the 30th. Artist reception is Friday, November 6, 2009 5:30pm – 8:00pm. You are all welcome to come and enjoy some wine and hors d'oeuvre.
- Larry Blovits was commissioned by Hope College to paint a posthumous portrait of John Jacobson. The painting was unveiled Oct. 9th.



Portrait by John Jacobson

## 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 &amp; Jan Proli</b> | 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**.

## Welcome New Members

Randy Brewer- Grand Rapids, MI  
Lin Haaksma- Grand Rapids, MI  
Michael Meyer- Kentwood, MI  
Halli Platt- Grand Rapids, MI  
Robin Vargo- Cedar Springs, MI  
Kelly Ward- Schoolcraft, MI

## Returning Members

Mary Sayre, Allendale, 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](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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## 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

## November

Monday November 2 10:00AM Portrait Sketch  
**Monday November 2 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00**  
**Jim Markle's Landscape Workshop**  
 Thursday November 5 7:30PM Critique  
 Saturday November 7 10:00AM Life Sketch  
 Monday November 9 10:00AM Portrait Sketch  
**Monday November 9 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00**  
**Jim Markle's Landscape Workshop**  
 Tuesday November 10 Photography Group  
 Thursday November 12 7:30 PM Program  
 Saturday November 14 10:00 AM Life Sketch  
 Monday November 16 10:00AM Portrait Sketch  
**Monday November 16 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00**  
**Jim Markle's Landscape Workshop**  
**Tuesday November 17 6:00PM Board Meeting**  
 Thursday November 19 7:30PM Life Sketch  
 Saturday November 21 10:00AM Life Sketch  
 Monday November 23 10:00AM Portrait Sketch  
**Monday November 23 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00**  
**Jim Markle's Landscape Workshop**  
 Thursday November 26 No Sketch-Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Saturday November 28 10:00AM Life Sketch  
 Monday November 30 10:00AM Portrait Sketch

## December

Tuesday December 1 7:30PM Photography Group  
 Thursday December 3 7:30PM Critique  
**Thursday December 3 7:30 PM**  
**Take paintings in for member's show**  
 Saturday December 5 10:00 AM Life Sketch  
**Saturday December 5 10:00 to 1:00 AM**  
**Take paintings in for show**  
 Monday December 7 10:00AM Portrait Sketch  
**Thursday December 10 7:30PM**  
**No Program- Opening Reception/Christmas Party**