

## *In Memory of William Joseph Kubiak*

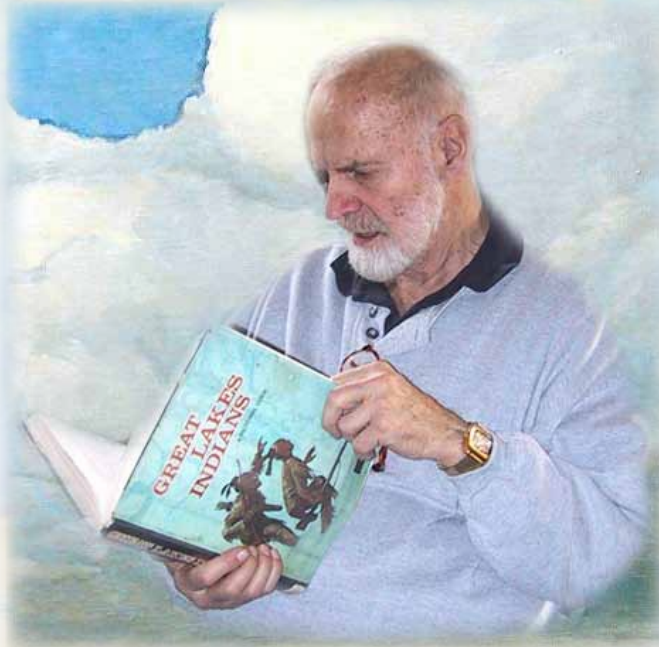
William Joseph Kubiak was a longtime illustrator, author and founding president of the Grand Valley Artists. Despite his fighting spirit, he succumbed to cancer on Friday, September 4, 2009. He was 80. Born May 29, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Mr. Kubiak attended Davenport College and later served in the United States Army. He worked for more than 30 years at The Grand Rapids Press as a commercial artist. A lover of American Indian culture, Mr. Kubiak wrote and illustrated the book "Great Lakes Indians: A Pictorial Guide," published by Baker Book House in 1970. He spent many years painting American Indians, accurately depicting their life and culture based upon his painstaking research.

Mr. Kubiak was a prolific painter, producing well over 100 paintings with American Indian themes. In 2008 and early 2009, the Holland Museum held a special, six-month event entitled "Native Michigan: The Paintings of William Kubiak." The museum dedicated a large room exclusively to his paintings. In addition to his American Indian subjects, Mr. Kubiak painted many landscapes and seascapes. He remained an active member with the Grand Valley Artists until his death. One of Mr. Kubiak's enduring joys and pastimes was "junking" - bargain-hunting at second-hand stores and garage sales.

Mr. Kubiak was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Gertrude Kubiak; his brother and fellow artist at The Grand Rapids Press, Robert Kubiak; his ex-wife, Barbara Kubiak; and his son, Anthony Kubiak. He is survived by his children, Heidi (Steven) Jones of Atlanta, GA, Robin (Thomas) Siegel of Walker, Joseph Kubiak of Grand Rapids; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Web site displaying Mr. Kubiak's paintings is under construction at <http://williamjkubiak.com>. By Mr. Kubiak's request, there will be no special memorial service. He has asked that any donations go to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

*"Spirit of an Indian" by Eve Bopp (Granddaughter)*

So many times trying to express  
His love and respect for his family  
His heart beats to the sound of the drum  
Like an Indian brave  
Like a roaring fire, warming, comforting  
His heart beats to the sound of the drum  
Like an Indian brave  
Always teaching us to do what we dream  
To never lose the faith in yourself  
His heart beats to the sound of the drum  
Like an Indian brave  
He has followed his dreams  
By painting, by sketching, by writing a book  
A book we all hold tight in our hearts  
He wrote it to teach us all about the first Indians here  
Watching him conquer his goals  
Helps us to feel inspired like an Indian brave  
He has always held onto being simple and enriching his life  
Passion for art and sharing his thoughts with all who want to know  
He's always told his story about learning as he goes  
He's a father, a grandfather, and a great grandfather  
He is like an Indian dancing around a fire  
Brave, Strong, Courageous  
Full of spirit and passion  
He's my Grandpa  
He will always be



WILLIAM KUBIAK

## President's Perspective

This is the my last message as President. Robyn Bomhof has graciously agreed to be our next president.

I hope everyone got to see some of the artwork at art-prize. The work we had at GVA was fantastic. It is an amazing event and if you did not see the work it will be up until October 10. I want to thank all of those who helped staff GVA during the event. GVA is a great organization and we cannot do what we do without members volunteering to make things run.

As many of you know Bill Kubiak passed away last month and we have been thinking of ways to honor one of the founders of the organization. We plan on have a showing of his work after our winter show comes down in January. It will be a time when members can share their thoughts about Bill. We will also have our winter show first place award named after Bill. He will be missed.

I want to thank all of you who helped make my job as president easier and I leave GVA in good hands.

Dennis O'Mara

## Reeds Lake Meeting

There will be an important meeting concerning Reeds Lake **October 15, 7:00 P.M.** at GVA. We will be discussing the future of our major fund raiser. If you would like to volunteer there are a number of things you can do and the time commitment for these jobs varies. This is the fundraiser that allows us to continue as GVA. We need all the help we can get.

## Jim Markle, PSA - Workshops

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

- **Jeffersonville, VT - October 5, 6 & 7 - Workshop**

Sponsored by: Bryan Memorial Gallery

Contact: [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org) or call **802-644-5100**

- **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)

## Ken Cadwallader Figure Drawing Class

**October 13–November 10:** Ken Cadwallader is offering a five-week portrait and figure drawing class for all levels. The class will focus on the core principles of drawing from life in charcoal. It 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 and obtain a supply list contact Ken directly at [ken.cadwallader@gmail.com](mailto:ken.cadwallader@gmail.com) or call 616-566-1238.

**Tuesday Evening 6:30pm – 9:30pm**

Fee: \$125 plus model fee

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

## Ken Cadwallader Portrait Painting Workshop

**September 11th – 13th:** Ken Cadwallader is offering a three day Portrait painting workshop for all levels. The class will focus on the core principles of painting from life. It 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 Brenda Sipe at Kendall College of Art and Design **616-451-2787 ext. 1139.**

**September 11th – 13th 10am to 5pm**

Location: Kendall College of Art and Design

<http://www.kcad.edu/youth-adults/adult-classes/workshops>

## Franciscan Center Art Workshops

- **“Art in Motion” Workshop: October 6 - 8**

“Who’s Who in American Art” member, AWS Bronze Medal of Honor winner and international award-winning watercolorist and instructor Frank Webb returns to the Center. Combining vivid realism and dynamic abstraction, Frank’s paintings exude atmosphere. Learn from this highly-sought instructor with over forty-year experience in an intense, three-day workshop. Each day, students will learn a different approach to the medium. For a preview of his work, see his website at [www.artshow.com/webb](http://www.artshow.com/webb). Fee: \$325

- **“Imagery in Print”: October 15 - 17**

With a degree in print-making and studies overseas, plus numerous solo shows, print artist Rebecca Rodriguez brings plenty of expertise to this intermediate to advanced printing workshop. Returning for an expanded workshop, the time allows more opportunity to explore involved processes. Expect to spend one day working with color-reduction woodcut printing, learning how to design and create a multi-step woodcut, registering and proofing and finally printing multiple images. A variety of other printing methods will also be taught. Fee: \$200 (includes all materials.)

- **“Adventures in Raku” Workshop: October 17 & October 31 (Rain Day November 7)**

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. Suitable for all levels, this workshop is great for those who want to try a new art form but yet challenging enough for advanced raku artists. 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).



### Background photos by Bill Kubiak:

- "His Legacy" 2007 Chippewa
- "Friendly Greeting" 2001 Mascouten at Lake Michigan
- "Sign Language" 2002 Mascouten (Algonquin) and Assegun (Sioux)
- "Waiting for the Traffic to Pass" Spirit Land of the Sauk
- "Lake of the Clouds" 2006 Upper Peninsula

### Internet Links for Bill Kubiak

- <http://williamjkubiak.com/>
- [http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2008/10/artist\\_william\\_kubiak\\_depicts.html](http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2008/10/artist_william_kubiak_depicts.html)

## Program Notes

- **Thursday, October 8:** No program, gallery will display "Art Prize" art for public viewing.
- **Thursday, November 12, 7:30pm:** "Painting Ireland". a program by Bonnie Osborne and Kathleen Mooney.
- **December:** Holiday Party

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

- **Showing Art Prize contestants 9/23-10/10**
- 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 **Color Pencil**
- **Tom Dandridge & 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**.

## 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**.

## Members in the News

- Sara Youngman had prints accepted into two shows: Beaugard's Garden #1 into the Ann Arbor Art Center's "2009 Annual All Media Exhibition" and The Nervous Aardvark accepted into "Prints & Drawings: Works on Paper" at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, Indiana.
- Sallie Zigterman received four ribbons at the Hudsonville fair in the month of August this year. Sallie entered four paintings & two crafts. She received second place in oils, third place in graphite, third place in crafts and fifth place in acrylics.
- Art Jacobs had a Watercolor Accepted in the 33rd Annual International Open Exhibition 2009. Paintings were judged by 5 Signature Members of North East watercolor Society., New York., The Painting was Titled "The Deserted Window" 1/2 Sheet of Arches watercolor paper.
- Theresa Dekker has been accepted into Art Prize.

## 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.

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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.



# Calendar

## October

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>No Critique— Art Prize</b>
Saturday	October 3	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	October 5	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	October 6	7:30PM Photography Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>No Program— Art Prize</b>
Saturday	October 10	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	October 12	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
Thursday	October 15	7:30PM Life Sketch
Saturday	October 17	10:00AM Life Sketch
Monday	October 19	10:00 AM Portrait Sketch
Thursday	October 22	7:30PM Life Sketch
Saturday	October 24	7:30PM Life Sketch
Monday	October 26	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>Jim Markle’s Workshops 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00</b>
Thursday	October 29	7:30 PM Life Sketch
Saturday	October 31	10:00AM Life Sketch

## November

Monday	November 2	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>Jim Markle’s Workshops 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00</b>
Thursday	November 5	7:30PM Critique
Saturday	November 7	10:00 AM Life Sketch
Monday	November 9	10:00AM Portrait Sketch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 9</b>	<b>Jim Markle’s Workshops 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00</b>
Tuesday	November 10	7:30PM Photography Group
Thursday	November 12	7:30PM Program
Saturday	November 14	10:00AM Life Sketch