

## President's Perspective

This is my final note as President of GVA. There has been no one that has stepped up and volunteered to take the position as president so we will see if one is necessary. I do believe that everyone should do their part in an organization and serving as president for two years is one of them. I enjoyed my two years but because I live 45 minutes from Grand Rapids on a good day it just did not work out well and I need to resign.

I will continue to work on the Artprize and will help with getting Reeds Lake going for next year. We will need people who are interested in taking on a role that has been vacated attend the meetings that will be coming in the near future.

I have had a number of people sign up to staff GVA during the hours we will be open for ArtPrize. I do need more and if interested I have included the times available and you can email on the times you would be interested in working or sign up at GVA. I will leave the list in the sketch area.

We have 21 artists showing at GVA and they are listed below. I will include of list of GVA artists who showing at other venues in the news letter along with times the venue is open. I am sure I will miss some GVA artist but I did the best I could.

### Hosted Artists:

- Bonnie Kolarik
- Holly Sturges
- Jim Markle
- William Alexander
- Sara Youngman
- Bonnie Osborne
- Andrew Potter
- Nona Bushman
- Susanne DeVries
- Armand Merizon
- Carl Samson
- Michael Maitner
- Marjory Koster
- Lindsay Hoekstra
- Florence Truskowski
- Carol (McCarty) VanderNat
- Kenneth Demich
- Jennifer McMyler
- Sheila Grant
- Christina Wiese-DeLeeuw
- Brenda Mattson

I hope you all enjoy the Artprize there will be some amazing artwork from all over the world.

Dennis O'Mara

## "Art Prize" Venue

Art Prize opens on **Wednesday September 23rd** and GVA will host an opening for our artists. The times that the venues are open are listed below and we have openings for members to staff on the weekends. Artprize runs from **September 23rd thru Saturday October 3rd**.

### Opening Day: September 23 6pm-10pm

Monday-Thursday 5pm-8pm

Friday & Saturday 12pm-10pm

Sunday 12pm-6pm

These are GVA artists that are showing at different venues across Grand Rapids take some time and see their work. I am sure there are others but these are the only ones that contacted me.

- Robyn Bomhof      Alten Place 17 S.Division.
- Rich Travis      Down Town Shueler Books
- Ken Cadwallader      O.P.A Gerald R.Ford Museum
- Dave Bazen      Spectrum Health
- David Huang      LaFontsee Galleries/Underground Studio
- Carl Forslund      One Trick Pony
- Kristen Thornton      Amway Plaza
- Dennis O'Mara      The B.O.B.
- Kathy Mohl      Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
- Kimari Green      Monroe Community Church

## Reed's Lake Volunteers Rock!

Thank you to all of the "unsung heroes" of Reed's Lake Art Festival 2009! The show was again a great success due to all of the tireless volunteers that helped the day of the show, as well as those that worked behind the scenes in the days and months before. Special "behind the scenes" thanks to Krista Livingston and Kathy Putnam for all of their expertise in artist communications, forms, mailings, jurying, organization, advertising...and for being a pleasure to work with! Thank you to Larry Goff for all of his past work and guidance for this year, Jim Connelly for advertising artwork, Larry Campbell for loading and transporting tents, Kristin Thornton for organizing volunteers, Eunice Hayes for extra treasury responsibilities, Blythe Metternich and Liz Dean for the Thursday "taping crew," Steve Kelly for getting our messages out in the newsletters, Dave Bazen, Dave Bechtal, Dennis O'Mara, and many more!

Cheers to all!

Lisa Geren



# workshops

## Jim Markle, PSA - Workshops

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

### • Holland, MI - September 9 & 10 - Workshop

Sponsored by: Holland Friends of Art

Contact: Priscilla Lynch 269-857-5614

[priscillalynch28@yahoo.com](mailto:priscillalynch28@yahoo.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 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>

## 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](mailto:info@glenarborart.org)

## Program Notes

- **Thursday, September 10, 7:30pm:** Photographer Dennis Grantz presents a program on Hand-Colored Photography.
- **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.

## Franciscan Center Art Workshops

### • Wednesday Paint-in/Out's: September 9 (Weekly)

Our fall session of Paint-in/Out's kicks off. Join this "open-studio" style class and work in your favorite medium or experiment with something new. Remember, this is not an instructional class but a staff facilitator attends each session. Meets every Tuesday or Wednesday except holidays through December 9. All levels welcome in these full day sessions. Fee: \$100 (before August 15.) \$130 afterwards. Limited to 18 artists per day.

### • Loom Weaving Classes: September 18 - November 6

This fall, Friday morning weaving classes includes eight sessions under the direction of master weaver Jochen Ditterich. Students of all levels are assigned a full-sized loom on which to learn and create their piece. Trained in Germany, England and the U.S., Jochen brings over 50 years experience to his classes. Sign up early as these classes are limited to nine students and fill up quickly. 9 a.m. to noon weekly. Fee: \$80

### • "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.

### • Icon Painting Workshop October 19 - 23

Learn this centuries-old art form with highly-respected iconographer, Diane Hamel. Students will complete an icon panel from beginning preparations and painting all the way through gold leafing and varnishing. In addition, Diane includes a brief history of iconography and the meaning behind the symbols used in the images. Past participants have always enjoyed the devotional and contemplative character of the class. Some art experience helpful. Fee: \$295 (includes all materials)

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](mailto:registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org).

## Members in the News

- **\*\*Correction from last month\*\*** Sallie Zigterman also has a One Woman show at the East Congressional Church.
- **\*\*Correction from last month\*\*** Sara Youngman had all four of her entries accepted in the Festival of the Arts competition and won her very first awards: purchase awards by Warner Norcross & Judd for two of her prints.
- Bob Stone had three photographs accepted in the Festival and one of them won an award.
- Collin Fry was invited by the Pastel Society of Vermont to conduct a workshop in July, and to jury their annual show.
- Holly Sturges will be having a solo show, Fresh Aire, at the Marywood Dominican Center, 2025 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI, beginning September 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 from 8-6 daily. the reception will be held September 11, 2009 from 6-8. Fresh Aire is a collection of plein aire pastel landscapes.
- Jim Markle's pastel painting "A Break in the Weather" was awarded an Honorable Mention Award at the 2009 Land & Light Show at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, VT.
- Jim Markle has three pastel paintings "Early Evening at the Dune", "Water Barrels on a French Farm" and "Light on the Stream" selected to be featured in the Best of America Pastel Volume II book due out in late October or November.
- James Johnson will exhibit recent watercolors at the Forest Hills Fine Art Center during September. There will be a reception Sept 10 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Kathy Mohl had a piece selected for the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's 2010 calendar.
- Ken Cadwallader had two paintings accepted in the 2009 Michigan Portrait Invitational Exhibition on September 12 - October 3, 2009 & Artists' Reception and Juror's Critique on September 12 from 2-5 PM Saturday at Hillsdale College.
- Art Jacobs had a Painting Accepted in Aqueous USA 2009, the Kentucky Watercolor Society's 32nd National Juried Exhibition. Ratindra Das was the Juror.

## Coming up at One Trick Pony

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| • Kristen Thornton                                | 8/24-9/21        | Pastels                       |
| • <b>**Correction from last month**</b>           |                  |                               |
| • <b>Showing Art Prize contestants 9/23-10/10</b> |                  |                               |
| • 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                   |
| • <b>**Correction from last month**</b>           |                  |                               |
| • Jeanetta VanderMyde                             | 5/10/10-6/21/10  | <b>Color Pencil</b>           |
| • <b>**Correction from last month**</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**.

## Call for Artists

The Thornapple Arts Council is seeking artists to exhibit their work during its 2009 series of Art Hops in downtown Hastings and Delton, MI. All artwork must be original and hand made by the artist. No entry fees are charged but artists are asked to donate an item to the Arts Council's Art Auction fundraiser which is held in November. All artists must submit an application form with examples of their work. Forms and more information are available at <http://www.thornapplearts.org> or by telephone at **269-945-2002**. The Hops take place on June 26, July 31, September 25, and December 4 in Hastings, and August 7 and December 8 in Delton.

## 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

## September

Tuesday	September 1	7:30 PM	Photography Group
Thursday	September 3	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	September 5	10:00AM	Life Sketch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>No Portrait Sketch</b>	
		<b>Labor Day</b>	
Wednesday	September 9	7:30 PM	Still Life Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>7:30 PM Program</b>	
Saturday	September 12	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	September 14	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Wednesday	September 16	7:30 PM	Still Life Group
Thursday	September 17	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	September 19	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	September 21	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 22</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>6:00 to 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Reception for Art Prize</b>
Thursday	September 24	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	September 26	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	September 28	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch

## October

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>No Critique</b>	<b>Art Prize</b>
Saturday	October 3	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	October 5	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	October 6	7:30 PM	Photo Group in Sketch Room
Thursday	October 8	No Program	Art Prize
Saturday	October 10	10:00AM	Life Sketch