

President's Perspective

I am writing this during the big freeze. I hope that winter is treating you well and you are creating something that will bring a little excitement to our lives. This time of year we have a tendency to hunker down and do very little so bring a little, cheer to your life- make a new piece of art.

Jim Markle will be doing the in-depth critique at program in February. You should bring in several pieces of work that you would like to have more input on than you can get in a regular critique. It is a chance for you to get the type of feedback that you may need to improve your work. The number of pieces we will go over will depend on how many want their work critiqued.

Once again I am asking those of you who can give GVA time to do so. Krista Livingston, who has been the treasurer for many years, is stepping down. The job of treasurer is one that requires you to deposit and write checks and do basic book keeping.

This will also be the last year for Krista and Kathy Putnam to chair Reeds Lake. Krista, Kathy and Larry Goff have split the job of running Reeds Lake into many smaller jobs. This allows you to help out in a limited way and lesson some of the time commitment. Reeds Lake is a key component in our budget each year. It is this income that allows us to function the way we do. If you are willing to help in any small way I can find a job for you.

I want to thank Krista and Kathy for all of the time they have given to GVA.

I am also announcing now that in September I will step down as president. I am putting this information out now because we will need to find someone to take on this job. I have found that living in Hastings makes me less effective as a president and someone else needs take on the job as president. If you think this something you might be interested in I can answer any of your questions.

Dennis O'Mara



"Jetty Fisherman" (Venice Fl. Jetty) by Mary-Ann Perry

From Mary-Ann Perry, GVA Founding Member

Congratulations to Larry Campbell, winners and the competitors in the Holiday Competition for our GVA . (Carl Forslund, Jim Markle, Marlin Stewart Sr., Nancy Wanha, and Gail Madura)

I am so pleased and proud of our Club that this show was successful. I especially enjoyed the Juror's statement/December 2008. I am most fortunate to belong to this great organization.

I do hope to be able to enter our GVA shows in the future.

May I also compliment you and the Board of GVA for getting out information to the membership, and artists competing through your very complete and accurate monthly accounts of our Presidents perspective, the Calendar events for each month, programs, and classes.

GVA HIGHLIGHTS newsletter is the best communication I have seen for any art association.

Most sincerely and with best wishes for the New Year 2009,

Mary-Ann Perry



workshops

Jim Markle - Workshops and Classes

- **Tucson, AZ - February 23, 24 & 25**

Pastel Workshop

Starr Pass Art League

Contact: Call **520-3763** or gale44@gmail.com

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Mar. 9 - Apr. 6**

Portrait Classes

Where: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Times: Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Contact: Jim Markle **616-458-8559** or www.jimmarkle.com

- **Birmingham, MI - March 14 & 15**

Pastel Workshop

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Contact: www.bbartcenter.org or call **248-644-0866**

- **Grand Rapids, MI - April 18 and 25**

Grand Rapids Art Museum

Contact: www.gramonline.org or call **616-831-2928**

- **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**

Wednesday Still Life Group

For the month of March ONLY, the still life group will meet on the second and third Wednesday of the month, 7:30PM to 10:00PM.

Call Jim Johnson with questions: 616 451-2211.

Franciscan Center Art Workshops

- **Loom Weaving Classes - March 20 – May 8**

Friday morning weaving classes include 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. 9 a.m. to noon weekly. Fee: \$80

- **“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 15-years 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-setting camera owners will gain the most from these classes. 7- 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$175

- **Paint-in/Outs - Weekly starting mid-April through early August**

This is not an instructional class, but an “open-studio” format. Artists work alongside other artists in the Center's studio, on the 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 beginning April 14 through August 5 afterwards. Sign up early as each day is limited to 18 artists per day. Fee: \$120 (before March 15 OR join both days for discount price of \$225 before March 15.) \$150

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.

Ken Cadwallader Figure Painting Class

February 17 - March 17 - Ken Cadwallader is offering a five-week nude figure painting class for all levels. The class will focus on the core principles of painting from life. The class 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 Ken directly at ken.cadwallader@gmail.com or call **616-566-1238**.

Tuesday Mornings 9am - Noon

Fee: \$125plus model fee

Location: GVA

www.kennethcadwallader.com

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Theresa Dekker 1/26-3/9
- Susan Bukery 3/9-4/20

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

- GVA Founding Member , Mary-Ann Perry's "Jetty Fisherman" has just been accepted in the juried Venice Art Center, January 2009 Figure and Face Art Show. This is the third year in a row that Mary-Ann 's work has been accepted for this January event.
- Joni Hyma is participating in an art show in Key Largo, Florida. There are several artists involved and the media covers oils, acrylics, pastels, sculpture and jewelry. The opening night is Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 5-7pm. It will be held at the Art League at Ocean Reef. The show runs from Feb 3 through the 13th.

Reeds Lake Art Festival - June 20, 2009

The deadline for entries is March 1, and we are making it easier to apply. You will be able to download the application from our Grand Valley Artist Website. Please go to www.gvami.com and click on Shows & Events, and you will find the Introduction Letter and the Application Form. Questions, contact Krista **616 451-2143**.

GVA Lending Library

New members may not be aware that GVA has a lending library- all those books on the west wall of the program room! All you need to do is sign the book out and return it in a timely manner. There is no library police, but please respect the intentions of the donors that the books are there for everyone!

There are more "Property of GVA" labels and we would like a volunteer to keep an eye on what still needs a label on the front cover. The labels will be in a manila folder on top on the bookcase along with extra signout sheets. Magazines are plentiful and won't need a label. Please feel free to donate no longer needed art books to the library. Someone else may benefit from them.

Gallery Space Available

East Congregational Church at 1005 Giddings SE (located on Giddings Avenue several blocks south of Franklin Street, not on the corner of Franklin Street) has a space that they'd like to use for displaying art. This is a room where the congregation gathers for coffee after Sunday services. They would like to hang work for 2 months at a time and you can share the space with another person if you don't have a lot of work available. In addition to Sunday services, the church is open during the week Monday thru Thursday 9 AM until 5 PM. Contact Larry Biser at 245-0578 or lbiser@eastcong.org. This is a nice venue with a large congregation.

Program Notes

- **Thursday, February 12, 2009 7:30 pm**- Bring a painting for a more detailed critique by Jim Markle. Or just watch and learn.
- **Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:30 pm**- Larry Blovits returns with "Arts and Images from Australia and NZ, part II". with additional discussion on paintings and drawings from new museums visited in both countries.

For Sale

- Acrylic paints. 2oz.jars 25c's each 10 for \$2.00. 8oz. jars 60c's each.10 for \$5.00. About 300 jars to choose from. all colors. Harvey Combs **616-878-9212**. E-mail: hakebrush@aol.com.
- For sale - soft and hard various pastels for sale at great prices. All interested parties please contact 616-822-9288.
- Dual-Drive Point Driver for sale. Brand new, box unopened, \$30.00. Call Susanne 531-3631

Wanted

- Good used dry mount press at least 16x20. Contact Tom Chubinski 616-774-2358.

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

February

Monday	Feb. 2	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Feb. 3	7:30PM	Photography Group
Wednesday	Feb. 4	7:00PM	Jim Johnson's Watercolor Class
Thursday	Feb. 5	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Feb. 7	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 9	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Feb. 9	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Wednesday	Feb 11	7:00PM	Jim Johnson's Watercolor Class
Thursday	Feb. 12	7:30 PM	Program (In-Depth Critique Night)
Saturday	Feb. 14	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 16	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Feb. 16	7:30PM	Still Life Group
Wednesday	Feb. 18	7:00PM	Jim Johnson's Watercolor Class
Thursday	Feb. 19	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 21	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Feb. 23	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Feb. 26	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Feb. 28	10:00AM	Life Sketch

March

Monday	Mar. 2	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	Mar. 3	7:30PM	Photography Group
Thursday	Mar. 5	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	Mar. 7	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Mar. 9	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Mar. 9	6 to 9 PM	Jim Markle's Portrait Class
Wednesday	Mar. 11	7:30 PM	Still Life Group
(note change of day for this month only)			
Thursday	Mar. 12	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	Mar. 14	10:00 AM	Life Sketch