

President's Message

It's SPRING!! How good it is to see warmer weather, grass green-ing, and birds again. Along with spring comes a flurry of activity, including preparations for ARTPRIZE 2010. I hope you all have been watching the buzz and thinking about your plans for the event.

We have good news. Alten Place, 17 South Division, has agreed to let Grand Valley Artists run the venue for ARTPRIZE. We will be the official host and take on the amazing privilege of organizing and bringing to fruition a prime site this year. The GVA board met on Tuesday, March 16, and approved the proposal.

This site is right next door to the UICA's new facility. I believe this could be a tremendous opportunity for us as an organization to promote our mission and give us valuable exposure. It can be an amazing time for all of us as we learn and grow and give to the community.

A great deal has to happen and it will take all our best effort to make it a success. I am counting on you!! Committees will be forming, meetings are already happening and I trust your wheels are turning as we look forward to a great experience.

Our process will be different this year as each venue has different needs and demands on both the artists and hosts. As ARTISTS, you will have to register with ARTPRIZE and comply with all the rules and regulations. Remember, this is a COMPETITION. I highly recommend you apply to more than one VENUE, including Grand Valley Artists At Alten Place. There are MANY other venues that may be well suited for your work, especially work that is larger in scale. You owe it to yourself and your work, to do your best to explore all your options. While every effort will be made to include the best of what GVA members have to offer, we cannot, at this point, guarantee a space at the venue for every work.

Our best effort in an International Competition is to make the venue, as a whole, competitive and timely. Every work submitted will receive careful consideration; and to the best of our ability, we will present a great experience for the West Michigan community and the Art World. There will be many opportunities to serve and learn. We need hosts, hospitality help, publicity, web presence, installation, clean up, and transportation help. Visit www.Artprize.org. AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE PROCESS. Artists registration begins April 19, 2010. We will have a meeting at GVA on Tuesday, April 13TH AT 6:30 PM for an ARTPRIZE informational meeting. Please come and enjoy the process.

Our website is moving right along and Reeds Lake is taking shape with your help. Thanks to all who made the Jazz Portrait Show a success and congratulations to all who successfully entered the Lowell Regional and all the other shows ramping up for the coming show season and beyond.

Robyn



"Nelson Bay" pastel 18" x 24" by Larry Blovits

Grand Valley Artists is happy to announce the opening of a new website to promote GVA. Please visit, browse around and provide feedback. Do you like it, can we improve it?

<http://www.grandvalleyartists.com>

Bookmark it! Use it. Love it! ha ha

We are adding things regularly and need people to provide input. If you have something to announce about workshops, upcoming events, etc. We want to hear about it and maybe even put it on the web.

We also have a gallery of works by members that we need your images for. We would like 1 to 5 images from any member that would like to show off your work. Don't worry about the image size, the software will automatically deal with it (please don't send me 10 MB files because my email account will blow up, but reasonable sizes are fine.) In you are a professional and want to get our visitors to visit your website and possibly purchase your work, we can attach a link to your site for a small fee (\$15 for a single link.) If you just want to show off, we'll put your work in a gallery with your name on it for free. The more work we have to show the world the more interest in GVA we will get.

Jim Markle - 2010 Workshops and Classes

- **Lansing, MI - April 22, 23 & 24 - Pastel Workshop**

Sponsored by Mid-Michigan Art Guild

Contact: Donna Randall 517-323-7257

- **Livonia, MI - May 6 & 7 - Pastel Workshop**

Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia

Contact: Tricia Martin 248-442-8593

- **Ann Arbor, MI - July 26, 27, 28 & 29 - Workshop**

Sponsored by: Budding Art Ideas

Contact: Joy Naylor www.buddingartideas.com or

call 734-645-1188

- **Glen Arbor, MI - August 16, 17, 18 & 19 - Pastel Workshop**

Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association.

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

- **Jeffersonville, VT - September 20, 21 & 22 - Workshop**

Sponsored by: Bryan Memorial Gallery

Contact: www.bryangallery.org or call 802-644-5100

Larry Blovits Workshops

- **Oil and pastel Color and aerial perspective workshop**

June 18-19-20

Hours: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 daily

Nuveen Center for the Arts, 8697 Ferry St., Montague, MI 49437

Contact Larry Blovits at 616-677-1765 or larryblovits@mac.com

Cost: \$285.

- **Oil portrait workshop**

July 19-23

Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell, MI

Contact registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org, or (616) 897-7842

Cost: \$395

- **“Color and Light: application to the landscape”**

Open to beginners through advance, all painting media and pastel.

July 29-30-31

NCAA - Artspace Gallery, 13 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412

9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 daily.

Contact person: Lindsay Isenhart - isenhartl@live.com or

231-924-4022

Franciscan Life Process Center

- **April 7 - May 5 (Wednesday evenings only)**

“Sculpting in Clay” Evening Classes

In a series of four Wednesday evening classes, artist Barbara Wolf teaches human figure sculpting in clay. Students sculpt free-form, learning various techniques to build their pieces. Create one or more sculptures with a week break to allow the instructor to fire the pieces. For the final week, students paint the fired sculpture. Open to all levels. 6:30 - 9p.m. Fee: \$200 (plus \$50 supply fee)

- **April 9 - May 7 (Fridays only) “Sculpting in Clay” Day Classes**

In a series of four Friday day classes, artist Barbara Wolf teaches sculpting the human figure. The extra hours will allow time for multiple sculpting projects. See above for more information. Open to all levels. Fee: \$350 (plus \$50 supply fee)

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 or visit the website at www.lifeprocesscenter.org.

The Legacy of Armand Merizon



March 12 – April 11, 2010

For the past eighty years Armand Merizon committed himself to a life with one focus: to make paintings. This exhibition is a tribute to that commitment.

Merizon was inspired again and again by the beauty of nature. He continually absorbed the world around him, stating: “I love the sky, the earth, the water, especially the water... water is the closest thing to music.” He is a devotee of classical music—Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Sibelius—whose music accompanies him as he works. For him music is the perfect analogy for abstract visual form, because he “hears” his compositions before he paints them.

Merizon’s initial inspiration was Lake Michigan, and he explored its many moods in his paintings. Mankind’s relationship to nature has also been a recurring theme in his work. But he was not only a “realist” painter, for he made many abstract and semi-abstract works later in his career.

This exhibition in the Museum’s Porter Gallery consists of over twenty of Merizon’s paintings that span his long career, from 1945 to 2010. Included are paintings and drawings from the collections of the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Calvin College, Mercury Head Gallery, and local private collections.

Coming up at One Trick Pony

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| • Robert Stone | 3/29-5/10 | Photography |
| • Jeanetta VanderMyde | 5/10-6/21 | Color Pencil |
| • Tom Dandridge & Jan Proli | 6/21-8/2 | Mixed Media & Black and White |
| • Sara Youngman | 8/2-9/13 | Print Maker |
| • Larry Campbell | 9/13-10/18 | 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.

Program Notes

- **Thursday, April 8, 7:30pm** - Diane Haworth will do a program on egg tempera.
- **Thursday, May 13, 7:30pm** - Artist and gallery owner Richard App will talk about the business of art from a gallery owner’s perspective.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!

On **Saturday, April 24th**, there will be **no "Life Sketch"** due to spring cleaning at our facilities. If you have something in the studio that belongs to you, please remove it before April 24th. We will be disposing of unclaimed items or donating them to community resources.

Volunteers welcome: Call Larry Goff @ **949-1247** or e-mail at lawrencegoff@comcast.net.

GVA Members in West Michigan Regional Competition

Of the 236 entries into the West Michigan Regional Competition sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, 91 pieces of art were selected. The following GVA artists had work chosen for the show, which will be hanging until April 10th:

Pamela Alderman	Larry Blovits
Margo Burian	James Johnson
Jim Markle	Ruth Vander Meulen
Kathy Mohl	Randall Nyhof
Bonnie Osborne	Michael Pelz
Kathleen Putnam	Gene Sampson
Barbara Schilling	Sue Snell
Sara Youngman.	

Larry Blovits' piece, "Nelson Bay", a pastel landscape was awarded a Third Place award. Congratulations to all.

Members in the news

- **Larry Blovits** is an included guest artist at the "Robert Wilbert" exhibition at the Scarab Club in Detroit. Larry has four jazz portraits on exhibit at the Westminster Church in Grand Rapids. Larry also had a 41 piece one-man show at Hillsdale College and taught a 2-day portrait workshop there.
- **Al Cianfarani** is showing at the HIS-ARTFEAST event being held May 20th at the Goei Center; 818 Butterworth, Grand Rapids, MI., from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- HIS (Health Intervention Services) is a faith-based, non-profit health clinic serving the uninsured working poor of the greater Grand Rapids area. There will be several artists participating and a silent auction will be conducted during the program with proceeds going to support HIS.
- **Jim Johnson** will exhibit new works at St Cecilia's Terryberry Gallery, 24 Ransom Ave NE From April 3 to May 3. Reception April 9, 6:30 pm – 8pm.
- **Jim Markle** had two paintings accepted in the 24th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition in Lowell, Michigan. He also had three paintings selected to be in the "Best Of America Pastel Artists" book published by Kennedy Publishing.
- **Kathy Mohl** had a piece selected in the West Michigan Regional Art Competition and received a Juror's Recognition award.
- **Sara Youngman** had a drypoint print accepted into the Michigan Fine Arts Show, in April, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center in Birmingham, MI. She was just accepted into the Lakefront Art Festival sponsored by Michigan City, Indiana's Lubeznik Center for the Arts, August 21-22. Sara also had work accepted into her first art show, June 4-6 in Columbus, OH. Also had two entries accepted into Lowell's Regional Show.

For Your Information

This business has done good work for me and I recommend them for art photography. **'On-the-mark' Photography** will come to your studio and take digital photos of your work and burn them to a CD for as little as \$15.00 per piece. Call **616-669-3064** for pricing.

Diann Reicherts

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.

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.



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Calendar

April

Thursday	April 1	7:30PM	Critique
Saturday	April 3	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 5	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	April 6	7:30PM	Photo Group
Wednesday	April 7	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	April 8	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	April 10	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 12	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	April 14	7:30PM	Open Studio
Thursday	April 15	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	April 17	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	April 19	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	April 22	7:30PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	April 24	No Life Sketch - Spring Cleaning	
Monday	April 26	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Thursday	April 29	10:00AM	Life Sketch

May

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