

"The purpose of Grand Valley Artists, Inc is to further self expression in the visual arts through appreciation, education, application and promotion of the works of the membership."

## Presidents Message

When I moved to Grand Rapids two years ago, one of my priorities as I got acquainted with the city was to find some sort of arts community where I could talk to other artists, get some constructive criticism on my work, perhaps have a figure drawing session once in a while. With Grand Valley Artists, I found all this and more. When I joined GVA I immediately felt like I belonged. Everyone was extremely welcoming and encouraging, providing exactly the kind of network I was hoping for. And to be able to work with a model three times a week...incredible! My time at GVA over the past two years has been a tremendous blessing and I feel very privileged to be a part of this group.

To be chosen as your new president is a great honor. As the responsibilities of leadership are passed over to me, I would like to thank my predecessor. Robyn, you have gone so far beyond what was expected or required of you during your time as president. You have worked tirelessly to make this club strong and we have accomplished great things through your guidance. You are an inspiration.

I shall do my best to uphold the values and long-standing tradition of excellence for which this organization has become known. I am excited for the future of GVA and for the challenges I will face as president. Thank you all for your support and for allowing me this opportunity.

Jeremy Kuhn



*"Quinannan Falls"* by Kathleen Kalinowski

### Photos for Newsletter

If you have a photo you would like featured in the newsletter please send a photo with description and title to Steven Kelly by email to [gva@gezora.com](mailto:gva@gezora.com).

### Juried Holiday Competition

Runs from December 5, 2011 to January 13, 2012

## Cadwallader Painting Workshop

Follow your passion and improve your paintings. Study with artist Ken Cadwallader in his Grand Rapids studio every Tuesday from 10am - 5pm. For more information or to enroll contact Ken at [ken.cadwallader@gmail.com](mailto:ken.cadwallader@gmail.com) or call 616-566-1238.

**Time:** Tuesdays 10am – 5pm  
**Fee:** \$150 for 5 weeks. Plus model fee  
**Location:** Cadwallader Studio (Downtown GR)  
[www.kennethcadwallader.com](http://www.kennethcadwallader.com)

## Open Studio

**First and Second Wednesdays of Each Month**

Beginning Wednesday October 5th from 7:30 till 10:00, the GVA studio will be open to all members interested in working on their own art projects. There is no instruction, no models and no charge for Open Studio. Bring a still life if you like. Call Jim Johnson with questions: 616-451-2211.

## Open Studio Sunday Afternoons

A few GVA members have been meeting at 2:30pm for 2-3 hours to work on our own art projects. If you want to join us, please call Krista at 451-2143 to make sure we are meeting. We meet all year round, especially in the winter.

## Program Notes

- **Thursday, January 12 7:30pm** - Kalamazoo printmaker Ladislav Hanka talks about his work and the process.
- **Thursday, February 9 7:30pm** - Mural artist Robert Barnum returns.
- **Thursday March 8 7:30pm** - Karen Johnson on Digital Art

## Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Margaret Otley 11/28 - 1/9/11 Mixed Media
- James Johnson 1/9 - 2/20 Acrylic

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.

## Jim Markle, PSA - 2012 Workshops and Classes

- **Grand Rapids, MI - Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2 & 9**

### Portrait Classes

At: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Time: Monday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Contact: Jim Markle, 616-458-8559 or [jimcmarkle@earthlink.net](mailto:jimcmarkle@earthlink.net)

- **Livonia, MI - May 4 & 5 - Pastel Landscape Workshop**

Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia

Contact: Diana Jamrog, 734-838-1204 or [yaalart@yahoo.com](mailto:yaalart@yahoo.com)

- **Glen Arbor, MI - July 30, 31, Aug. 1 & 2**

### Plein Air Workshop

Sponsored by: Glen Arbor Art Association.

Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or [info@glenarborart.org](mailto:info@glenarborart.org)

- **Manchester, VT - Aug, 21, 22, 23 & 24**

### Pastel Workshop

Sponsored by Southern Vermont Arts Center

Contact: Sarah Warren, 802-362-1405 or [swarren@svac.org](mailto:swarren@svac.org)

Jim Markle is a signature member of the Pastel Society of American and a Master Member of the Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association. He has over fifteen years of experience teaching, all levels of participants in the U.S., Canada, France and Italy. He's the inventor of the Jim Markle Pastel Easelbox and travels extensively throughout Europe and the United States painting en plein air. Great American Art Works markets his North American Landscape Set of pastels.

## 2011 GVA Juried Competition

The show for the 2011 GVA Juried Competition will be hanging until January 14th. If you haven't had a chance to see the work of your fellow artists, be sure to stop by any time the Gallery is open.

### The winners for the show are:

Todd Darling - Honorable Mention  
JoAnne Swann - Honorable Mention  
Patricia Singer - 3rd Place  
Sue Preiss - 2nd Place  
**1st Place went to Carole Lourn**

Congratulations to all!

Thanks to the following members who helped with presenting the show: Gene Sampson, Liz Dean, Bonnie Lindke, Robyn Bomhof, Sue Snell, Dave Bazen, Mary Jo Hayes, Todd Darling, Al Cianfarani, and Larry Goff. And of course, to Steve Kelly who always keeps the members so well informed by sending out information in the monthly newsletter.

The paintings may be picked up anytime after January 14th, whenever the Gallery is open. Please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for open hours.

## Members In The News

- Kathleen Kalinowski was commissioned by Bell's Brewery to create a painting to be on the label of the new Speciality Beer, Quinannan Falls. It is now in stores in a limited edition.

Bell's also purchased six other paintings and they are now featured on the carton and bottles of the Amber Ale. Each six pack will feature a different landscape painting. You can read more about this on their web site, <http://www.bellsbeer.com>.

To see the paintings, check out their blog post: [http://bellsbeer.com/news/56-Bell\\_s\\_Amber\\_Ale\\_has\\_a\\_new\\_look\\_features\\_work\\_of\\_Michigan\\_artist](http://bellsbeer.com/news/56-Bell_s_Amber_Ale_has_a_new_look_features_work_of_Michigan_artist).

- Sallie Zigterman participated in the Art Hop in Wayland, MI. She exhibited 17 pieces of art in the Houseman Chiropractic Office Building.

## Welcome New Member

Patricia A. Singer

## 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 including photos: [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.

## "What's Your Art?"

There's no right or wrong answer. Learn what makes Grand Rapids a premier destination for arts and culture by visiting <http://www.whatsyourartgr.com>, an online resource for the arts. Search the events calendar by day or category, and get the latest news and information from over 78 arts and cultural organizations.

Member organizations span the entire spectrum of fine arts, including Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre and Poetry and Literature. Gallery openings, classes, workshops, plays, comedy shows, concerts, poetry readings, writing competitions and a whole host of other events are regularly posted on the site. Information about youth and the arts, museum exhibits and collections, and cultural events taking place in the various communities across the greater Grand Rapids area are also all available on <http://www.whatsyourartgr.com>.

For instant updates, sign up for the e-newsletter and follow "What's Your Art?" on Facebook and Twitter.

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## GVA Website

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.

<http://www.grandvalleyartists.com>

*Bookmark it! Use it. Love it!*

## 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

**Calendar information will be available in the January newsletter. Sorry for the delay.**

**Enjoy the Holidays!**

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