

## Presidents Message

My highest regard and deep thanks go to Liz Dean and Gene Sampson for their wonderful support and commitment to GVA as our Hospitality Team. We have all enjoyed and benefited from their hard work. Our new Hospitality Co-Ordinator is Judy Maginni; and I know we are all in very good hands. Welcome Judy... and thanks.

It is a busy time for us as we prepare for both Artprize2010 and Reeds Lake Art Fair. Please sign up at the May Critique to help as this is the time to commit and make it happen.

We are making progress on our new website and we are grateful for all the hard work involved from Dave Bechtel and John Fedder. It's a big improvement-check it out at [www.GrandValleyArtists.com](http://www.GrandValleyArtists.com).

A committee has formed to look at our future facility needs as we look to the future. It is an exciting time as we plan for and envision the future needs of the club.

Keep in mind Open Studio Night on the first and second Wednesdays of the month. It's a great time to get together and work on whatever is moving you at the moment. So do it with friends! Happiness to all as you move through the wonder of the creative process.

Robyn B.



"Pere Marquette," painting by Armand Merizon



Armand Jasper Merizon, age 90, of Caledonia, peacefully passed away on April 2, 2010, surrounded by his loving family. He has joined his beloved wife of 58 years, Betty Jeanne (nee Grainger) Merizon; daughter, Michele Merizon; daughter-in-law, Margaret (nee DeMaagd) Merizon; parents, Jasper Merizon and Josephine (nee DeYoung) Merizon; sisters, Beth Merizon, Jeanne Merizon Arnold; and brother, Frank Merizon. Armand was much loved for his intellectual wit, lively humor, defining presence, and creative genius. He will be greatly missed as a father, grandfather, friend and renowned fine artist. Surviving are children, René (David) Ludema, Mark Aaron Merizon, Chantal (Wayne) Van Heest, Aimé Merizon (John Colby); grandchildren, Leah Grace Merizon Thompson (Eric Loper), Allison Ludema (Marc Eisbrener), Bonnie (Roger) Smith, and Jesse Ludema; brother-in-law, Charles T. (Trudy) Grainger; and many nieces and nephews. Armand began painting at age 10 and never stopped. His vast repertoire of works have been appreciated around the world. He won an art scholarship at age 16 and briefly attended the George Vesper Art School in Boston, but preferred to learn on his own in art galleries, museums, through books and the study of nature. Armand was a great lover of animals and classical music. He treasured a friendship with the late, great pianist/composer Artur Schnabel. Armand's work reveals astounding versatility; eliciting reactions from joy to profundity. His paintings range from realism to abstract; through the use of oil, acrylic, pen, and ink.

## Important Upcoming Events

• **May 20, 2010 The Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids is holding an artists seminar from 5-7pm at the UICA.** It will be an opportunity for artists to gather information about services available to artists in the area from health care to art supplies. Grand Valley Artists will be there with a table to represent the membership and offer information about our group. Robyn Bomhof and Bonnie Osborn will be there and all members are encouraged to take advantage of the information available.

• **June 19, 2010 - Reeds Lake Art Fair**

We are again asking our membership to step up and volunteer. This is our only fundraiser and we need your help. Krista Thornton will be co-ordinating volunteers and everyone is welcome and needed.

• **Summer Picnic**

Its early, but we are looking at setting a date for our annual club Picnic. The tentative date is August 13. Dave and Mary Bazen are again willing to host, but if anyone else would love to step up with another location please call robyn at 616.581.2994 or Dave asap.

• **International Society of Experimental Artists 19th Annual Juried Exhibition June 2-29, 2010** in Grand Rapids. For details visit their website at <http://www.iseartexhibit.org>.

• **ARTPRIZE 2010**

All members are invited to enter Artprize and volunteer to help. Members are asked to register on <http://www.Artprize.org> before May 20 for a discount on the hanging fee. There is also a sign-up sheet at GVA that will help the hanging and selection process. Please register early and show your best work. For more information see <http://www.Artprize.org>, <http://www.GrandValleyArtists.com> or contact Robyn Bomhof, Dave Bechtel, or Larry Blovits.

## Jim Markle - 2010 Workshops and Classes

• **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](http://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](mailto:info@glenarborart.org)

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

Sponsored by: Bryan Memorial Gallery  
Contact: [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org) or call 802-644-5100

## West Michigan Chalk Art Festival

**June 18 - 19, 2010**

Byron Center, Michigan

Artists are invited to demonstrate their creativity and talent with this unique art form, for information and to download a registration form go to <http://www.wmcaf.com> or call 616-878-6029. Registrations are due May 24, 2010.

## Pasetl Workshop

A member of Gallery Uptown 201 Washington Street, Grand Haven MI. 49417, <http://www.galleryuptown.net>, is offering pastel lessons every Wednesday Night at the Grand Haven Art's Council, 18 N. Fifth Street, Grand Haven. These are on going each week, 6:30 - 9 PM, call 616-842-0221 for more information.

## Larry Blovits Workshops

• **Oil and pastel Color and aerial perspective workshop**  
**June 18-19-20**

Hours: 9:00-1200 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](mailto:larryblovits@mac.com)  
Cost: \$285.

• **Oil portrait workshop**  
**July 19-23**

Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell, MI  
Contact [registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto: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 - [isenhart@live.com](mailto:isenhart@live.com) or 231-924-4022

## Members in the news

• Sara Youngman had an etching accepted into the KIA's Regional Show. Her first art fair will now be Art Birmingham, May 15-16, in downtown Birmingham. She has also been accepted into Grand Haven art fair, June 26-27 and Krasl, in St. Joseph on July 10-11.

• Patricia Dee was awarded the White Lake Art's Council Award at the White River Gallery 'Change of Seasons Show' in Montague, MI. The show is up through April 3rd. She is currently showing at the Bookman Bookstore in Grand Haven, MI. and at the Bettye Clark Cannon Gallery for the months of April and May in the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts in Muskegon, MI.

• Florence Trustkowski had a pastel entitled "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near" displayed in the lobby of the civic theatre through the non profit organization Fresh Hope. Her art is also on display at **Gallery One** in Sparta, entitled "SPOTLight on the Artist" until May 14th.

• Bonnie Osborne had a piece of artwork accepted into the GLPS National show in Midland, Mi. It's titled "Cliffs at Dun Quin."

## Coming up at One Trick Pony

• 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, May 13, 7:30pm** - Artist (think "Nessie") and gallery owner Richard App will talk about the business of art from a gallery owner's perspective.

• **Thursday, June 10, 7:30pm** - Wood turner and art organizer Fred Bivens will share his work and involvement in Festival and ArtPrize.



Armand Merizon, Bill Kubiak and Carl Forslund

What a treasure Armand has been in my life. He welcomed me to my first ever meeting of GVA in 1963. Posed for a couple of pencil sketches which I still have. Taped one of the critiques I led way back when, then added some of his own classical music selections to the reel-to-reel tape. Went on a sketch trip with him, celebrated GVA anniversaries, had coffee dozens of times at a drugstore counter at Kalamazoo and 44th Street. A great debater! And of course visits to his home and studio. I'll miss him and treasure the memories. Armand lived, breathed art. His influence will live on for a long time.

John Knight

## WHAT WE DIEM IMPORTANT

Our tribute to John Diem was a huge success. A one-man show to honor a fellow artist. John had been an inspiration to all of us. What a great reason to come forth and honor him. A special thank you to all who participated in the fun.



## 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!*

## 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

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## 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.

## 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.



1120 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1287



# Calendar

## May

Saturday	May 1	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 3	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Tuesday	May 4	7:30 PM	Photography Group
Thursday	May 6	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	May 8	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 10	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Program</b>
Saturday	May 15	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 17	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Thursday	May 20	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 22	10:00AM	Life Sketch
Monday	May 24	10:00AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	May 27	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	May 29	10:00AM	Life Sketch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>No Portrait Sketch</b>

## June

Tuesday	June 1	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Thursday	June 3	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	June 5	10:00 AM	Life sketch
Monday	June 7	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Program</b>
Saturday	June 12	10:00 AM	Life Sketch

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