

"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

Its transition time at GVA. November brings us to the time to vote and confirm the next President of GVA. The process of searching for a new president was carried out very thoughtfully by a very competent committee on behalf of the club. Having been part of that process I can say it was thorough and well done.

Thanks to all of you who were part of that process, led by our Vice-President Al Cianfarani. I believe the next person to lead GVA into 2012 will be challenged and pleased. Show your support and encouragement.

We also are looking for someone to take over the helm as Treasurer. Krista Livingston has committed to provide the training necessary and we look forward to a smooth transition once the right person steps forward. Please contact a board member to help out.

We have the Winter Juried show to look forward to as well as our Christmas party.

Be encouraged and continue to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you during the upcoming holiday season.

Cheers.
Robyn J. Bomhof



"Don't Touch" by Steven Kelly

Juried Holiday Competition

December 5, 2011 thru January 13, 2012

You are invited to participate in the upcoming **Grand Valley Artist's Juried Holiday Competition Art Show** to be held at the GVA facility; 1345 N. Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI. You may enter up to two pieces of two or three dimensional art. Feel free to enter work "not-for-sale" if you wish. There is no commission on work sold during the show.

ENTRY DELIVERY: All entries may be delivered to the GVA facility on either Thursday, December 1st between 6:00pm and 7:30pm, or Saturday, December 3rd between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

ENTRY FEE: Registration is \$10 for one entry and \$15 for two entries. Make check payable to "Grand Valley Artists, Inc.". Please bring a self addressed, first class stamped envelope so you can be notified if your work has been selected or not.

NON-SELECTED ENTRY PICK-UP: Wednesday, Dec. 7th between 10:00am and 1:00pm or between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.

GVA'S HOLIDAY PARTY/ARTIST'S OPENING RECEPTION: Will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please bring a snack or holiday treat for the banquet table.

Treasurer/Bookkeeper for GVA Needed immediately

Experience with handling finances is needed. Bookkeeping has been done in past in Quickbooks Pro software on computer (Apple or PC). Open to offers of other software or other methods to perform the bookkeeping.

Duties of recording expenses & deposits, writing checks for bills, making deposits; one hour a month is estimated time for normal tasks during the year. Reeds Lake Festival (Spring) & Membership drive (Fall) take a little more time. If interested or have questions, call Krista 451-2143.

Jim Markle, PSA 2011 Workshops and Classes

• **Livonia, MI - Nov. 11 & 12 - Landscape Pastel Workshop**
Sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia
Contact: Diana Jamrog, 734-838-1204 or email vaalart@yahoo.com

• **Grand Rapids, MI - Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28 -
Landscape Classes**

Location: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.

Times: Mondays 1:00pm to 4:00pm or 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Contact: Jim Markle, 616-458-8559 or jimcmarkle@earthlink.net

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 ten 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.

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 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

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.

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- Holly Sturges 10/11 - 11/28 Oil Paintings
- Margaret Otley 11/28 - 1/9/11 Mixed Media

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, November 10, 7:30pm**

This month's program features art historian James Straub who has been researching and compiling the life and paintings of Mathias Alten since 1982. He is the compiler/documenter of The Mathias Alten Catalogue Raisonne, an ongoing project and currently sits on the advisory committee for Grand Valley State University Mathias Alten collection.

"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.



"Island Scene" by Steven Kelly

Members In The News

• Diann Reicherts-Lemmen won 'first place oil painting' at the Michigana Annual competition at St. Joseph, MI. The award winning painting is 'Early Morning at Northpoint' which is now being shown at the Grill House in Allegan. Eleven other works by the artist are also hanging in the Grill House and will be there until the first of the New Year, 2012.

Diann Reicherts-Lemmen's painting: 'Lies and Deceit' was shown at Huntington Bank for ArtPrize 2011 and will be on exhibit at the Griswold in Allegan for the rest of the year.

• Patti Mollema has 28 small oil paintings now showing for the month of November at the 654ART work cottage which is next to Jersey Junction in East Grand Rapids, MI. It is a quiet exhibition space open to the public M-F, 8am to 6pm. It will also be open during the Christmas tree lighting celebration, Sat. Nov 26th-6:30pm when many of the local shops are open for strolling.

For the month of December Patti will be part of a show with "6 Women Artists" at the same location. If you will be in the GR area, we would love to have you come to our reception Friday, Dec 9th (6:30-9PM) and Saturday, Dec 10th (11AM-2PM).

VSA Michigan

VSA Michigan is having their annual "Very Special Art Auction" on November 11, 2011. If you would like to donate, sponsor or attend contact Michele at 616-885-5866 or vsagr@iserv.net. This is VSA's major fundraiser for the year and Michele does a wonderful job. So think about how you might participate and plan on attending auction night for this first class event.

Membership Renewal

Reminder: If you haven't renewed your membership, open the newsletter at the GVA web site and print your renewal form. Renew before Nov. 1 to avoid a penalty. If you are a new member who joined during the 2010 year, send in your pro-rated dues. Thanks, GVA.

Welcome New Member

Nancy Penny

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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!

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. 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.



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Calendar

November

Wednesday	Nov 9	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	Nov 10	7:30 PM	Program
Saturday	Nov 12	10:30 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Nov 14	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Nov 14	6:00 PM	Jim Markle Workshop
Tuesday	Nov 15	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	Nov 17	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Nov 19	10:30 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Nov 21	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Nov 21	6:00 PM	Jim Markle Workshop
Thursday	Nov 24		THANKSGIVING
Saturday	Nov 26	10:30 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Nov 28	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch

December

Thursday	Dec 1	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	Dec 3	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Tuesday	Dec 6	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Wednesday	Dec 7	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	Dec 8	7:00 PM	Holiday Party
			Artist's Opening
Saturday	Dec 10	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Dec 12	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Wednesday	Dec 14	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	Dec 15	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Dec 17	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Dec 19	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Dec 22	7:30 PM	Life Sketch

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