

"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

October brings us to the end of Artprize and a huge thank you to all the participants and volunteers. I hope it was a source of pride, inspiration, and growth.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Carl Forslund for his generous donation of his library of art books to GVA. Also, a thank you to Susan DeVries for her TLC. Be good stewards of this trust and enjoy.

Love one another and do good. It has been a profound privilege to get to know you all a little better.

Robyn B.



"To the South Forty" by Al Cianfarani

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.

JUDGING: Sunday, December 4th.

NON-SELECTED ENTRY PICK-UP: Monday, December 5th 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.

JUROR: Our juror this year will be Mr. Boyd Quinn, a well respected professor at Kendall. His bio will be forthcoming in the December newsletter.

Potential Candidates for Presidents

Dave Bechtal
Peg McKeown

Jeremy Kuhn
Lynn Anderson

Jim Markle, PSA 2011 Workshops and Classes

- **Ann Arbor, MI - Oct. 3, 4 & 5 - Workshop**

Sponsored by: Budding Art Ideas

Contact: Diane Bennett www.buddingartideas.com or call 734-417-3824

- **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.

Oil and Pastel Workshops by Kathleen Kalinowski

Let Your Colors Sing with Pastel - Painting the Landscape from Start to Finish

Take your understanding of applying color in layers to the next level and improve your pastel paintings. Emphasis on color harmony, color temperature and achieving atmospheric perspective in the landscape. Demonstration on setting up for a good beginning to finishing touches. Individual instruction and critiques.

Date: Oct. 20-21, 9am - 4pm

Location: Grand Gallery in Ada, MI

Cost: \$110

Level: Beginner with some experience to intermediate

Class size limited to 10.

Let Your Colors Sing with Oil - An Alla Prima approach using Oil to Paint the Landscape

Learn the Alla Prima method. Demonstrations on color mixing and applying paint with emphasis on color temperature and harmony. Individual instruction and critiques.

Date: Oct. 27-28, 9am - 4pm

Location: Grand Gallery in Ada, MI

Cost: \$110

Level: Intermediate

Class size is limited to 10

Contact Kathleen by e-mail, Kalinowski@chartermi.net, to get more information. Visit Kathleen's web site to see her works in pastel and oil, www.KalinowskiFineArt.com.

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.

Program Notes

- **Thursday, October 13, 7:30pm** - Movie Nite featuring portrait artist Nelson Shanks "The Portrait as Fine Art". Shanks is a world renowned portrait artist, teacher and founder of Studio Incamminati. In this video he demos as well as discusses his philosophy.

Coming up at One Trick Pony

- ARTPRIZE 9/12 - 10/10
- Holly Stures 10/11 - 11/28 Pastel
- 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.

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.

Members In The News

• Larry Blovits was the artist in residence in the Porcupine Mountains in the U.P. during the last two weeks of August. One of his paintings was accepted in the MI Arts All Media Competition at the Holland Area Arts Council during September. He is one of the featured artists in the Grand Haven Gallery Uptown October show. Larry is also the October artist-in-residence at Forest Hills Fine Art Center in Grand Rapids with a large show of his work; the opening is Thursday, October 13, from 6-7pm.

• Diane Bartnick had two mosaics accepted in the Holland All Area Michigan Artist Exhibit.

Welcome New Member

Susan Haddix

Membership News

Sign up or renew your membership by November 1 to avoid the \$10 late fee.

Dominican Center: Marywood Gallery

“Patterns of Naure”

Exhibit from Sept. 1st to Oct 31.

Reception is on Sunday October 9th from 12 noon to 3pm.

Artists: Jan Upp - Watercolor
Don Upp - Fine Art Photography

Gallery Hours: Mon. - Thurs 7:30am to 9pm
Friday 7:30am to 8pm
Sat. & Sun 8am to 6pm

Address: 2025 Fulton NE Gr. 49503



“Tropical Shack” by Ken Cadwallader

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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

October

Tuesday	Oct 4	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Wednesday	Oct 5	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	Oct 6	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Sunday	Oct 9		ArtPrize Ends
Monday	Oct 10	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Oct 13	7:30 PM	Program
			Movie Night
Saturday	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Oct 17	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Oct 20	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Oct 22	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Oct 24	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Thursday	Oct 27	7:30 PM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Oct 29	10:00 AM	Life Sketch
Monday	Oct 31	6:00 PM	Jim Markle
			Workshop

November

Tuesday	Nov 1	7:30 PM	Photo Group
Wednesday	Nov 2	7:30 PM	Open Studio
Thursday	Nov 3	7:30 PM	Critique
Saturday	Nov 5	10:30 AM	Life Sketch
Saturday	Nov 5		Great Lakes Pastel
			Society Annual Mtg.
Monday	Nov 7	10:00 AM	Portrait Sketch
Monday	Nov 7	6:00 PM	Jim Markle
			Workshop
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

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