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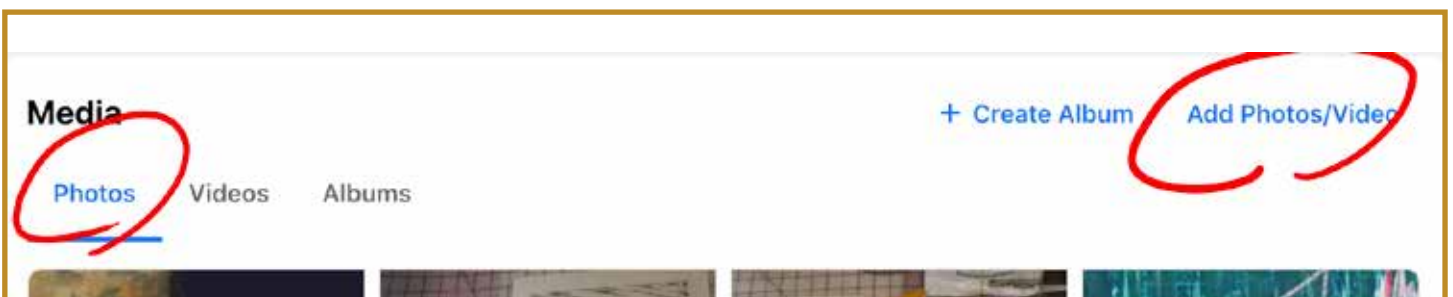
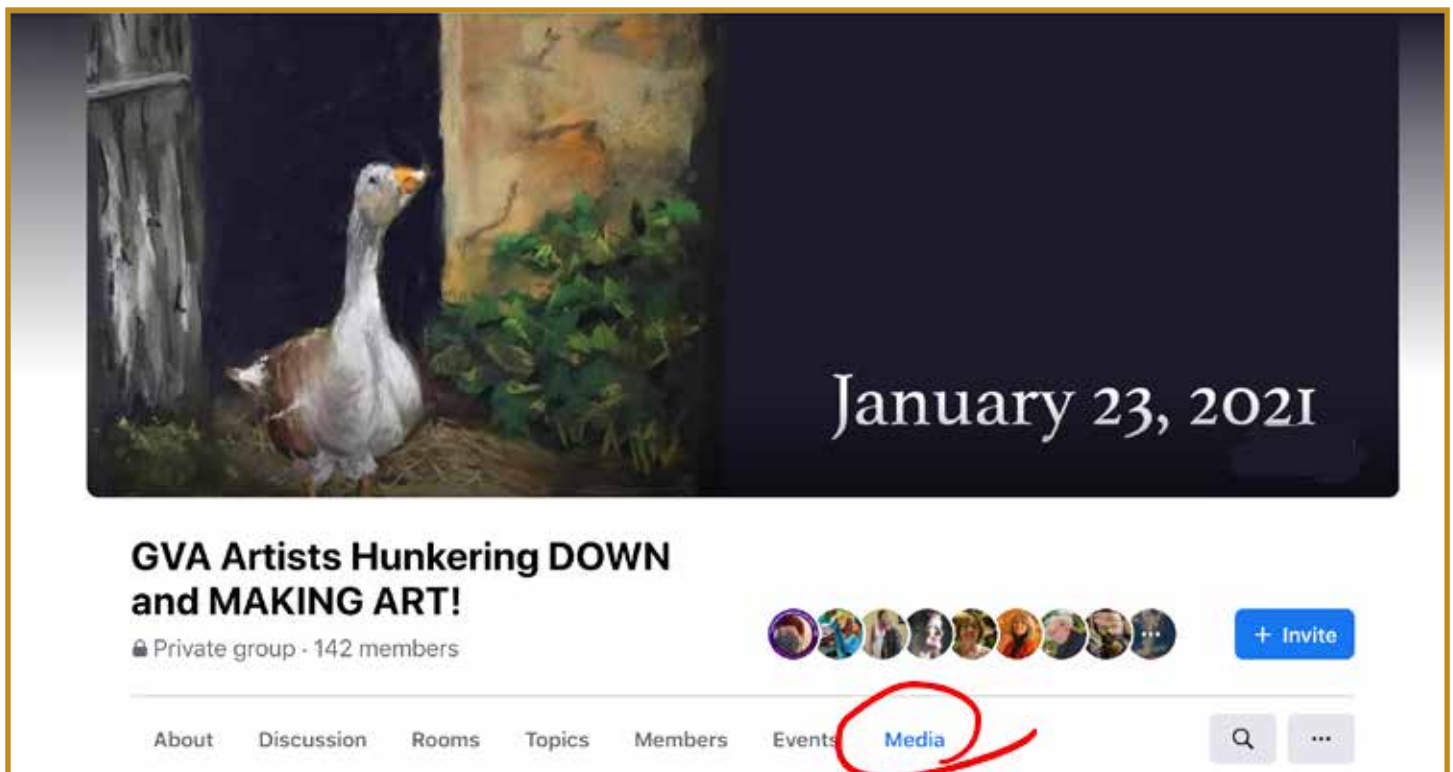


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Have You Joined Our "GVA Artists Hunkering DOWN and MAKING ART!" Page on Facebook?

If not, you should! (Of course you will need to join Facebook first.) There is lots to see on there. Photos. Videos. Entire albums with member contributions inside. If you want to share your work with the rest of us, this is the place to do it! Go there and click on the "Join Page" button. Your request, assuming you are a GVA member, will be approved fairly quickly...as soon as one of the moderators sees it! You will be able to upload your own work and see what everybody else is doing, too. Just click on the word "Media" beneath the masthead image and choose an option: Photos, Videos, Albums. Then click on Add Photos/Video. Here is a [LINK](#) to the page.



Bliss & Vinegar

We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with B&V for a few years already, which has been a great opportunity for our artists to share their work. The work of Kathy Bechtel is currently on displa. Jean Kubiszewski is up next. You can see her work beginning February 3. Be sure to swing by, grab a fantastic salad, and check it out!

If you want to show your work at Bliss & Vinegar, you will need to share some of it in the gallery on our website, www.grandvalleyartists.com, so the owners of B&V can see what you do. They decide whose work they want to feature. Please don't contact them directly. Marty Klar coordinates this opportunity for us. Have questions? Call Marty at 616-813-7921.

Trinity United Methodist Church and Lowell Library

Right now, neither the church nor the library are showing our art. Sara Youngman is our representative at both locations, and she is keeping a list of artists who would like to show their work at one or the other or both locations at some point. You can contact Sara at sycr8@gmail.com to let her know if you are interested.

Workshops Ahead at Franciscan Life

Submitted by Kathleen Bechtel

At the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, we're starting a new series called the "Beginner Series." Have you ever thought about changing mediums? Would you like to study further into your medium? We're running, in the months of March and April, the Beginner Series. They are being taught by three of Grand Valley Artists' best: Kathleen Kalinowski for Pastel, Jim Johnson for Watercolor and Larry Blovits for Acrylic and Oil. Each workshop runs only two days and costs are \$209, which includes the Eventbrite fees. Here is your chance to start off the new year in a different medium. Here are the dates and links for the workshops:

March 11 & 12: Larry Blovits instructs "Introduction To Oil Painting": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-blovits-introduction-to-oil-painting-tickets-129610218653>

March 19 & 20: Larry Blovits instructs "Creating A Painting from General to Specific": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-blovits-oil-painting-creating-a-painting-from-general-to-specific-tickets-129614884609>

March 19 & 20: Jim Johnson instructs "Watercolor Painting/Let's Start at the Beginning": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jim-johnson-watercolor-paintinglets-start-at-the-beginning-tickets-129621442223>

March 25 & 26: Larry Blovits instructs "Introduction To Acrylics": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-blovits-introduction-to-acrylics-tickets-129619097209>

March 25 & 26: Kathleen Kalinowski instructs "Beginner Series Workshop with Soft Pastel": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kathleen-kalinowski-beginner-series-workshop-with-soft-pastel-tickets-130614701087>

Note from the editor: Until we are back in full swing, we will only be distributing the newsletter online. If you have any news to share, please always feel free to send it to marymarin1285@gmail.com for inclusion.

Photo Group News

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

We had our regular critique meeting online with Zoom on January 5 at 7:30 p.m. There were twelve participants this month. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 2. Again this will be a Zoom meeting. Any member wishing to show work should email it to Randy (r.nyhof@comcast.net) no later than the day before. No other events planned at this time.



Program Night

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

On Thursday January 21 at 7:00 p.m Dana Donnell will be having a Zoom program about her virtual workshop on monotypes using Akua ink. Those that have participated are invited to join a Zoom conversation to discuss the monotype process and ask questions or get feedback from all other students.

We will continue having our monthly critique by Zoom, and our next critique will be held Thursday, February 4. If you have one or two pieces to share, please send photos of them to Randy at r.nyhof@comcast.net.

As usual a link via Mailchimp will be sent so you can log in and join the fun.

Any ideas for future online programs would be greatly appreciated.

Critique Night

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CALL FOR ARTISTS

Grand Valley Artists Juried Exhibition at The Van Singel Fine Arts Center

Submitted by Doug Klemm

The beautiful Van Singel Fine Arts Center will host a juried exhibit of the work of Grand Valley Artists in their Gainey Art Gallery, March 15 through April 22, 2021. The Van Singel Fine Arts Center is located at 8500 Burlingame Road SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

GUIDELINES

- This exhibit of about 45-50 works will be juried by Stephen Duren, American Artist, San Francisco Art Institute (BFA), Sacramento State University (MA). Duren left his faculty position at Kendall College of Art and Design in the mid 1980's to make his living as a painter. His beautiful work is well known and collected throughout the country.
- VSFAC will take no commission on art sales. All work must remain in the show until conclusion. Purchasers will be referred directly to the artist.
- VSFAC is a part of a school community and is a family friendly gallery. Artwork that could be deemed inappropriate for children should not be submitted.
- 3D work including sculptures is permitted; large works (more than 60" or 100 lbs) need prior VSFAC approval before submission. Check with Doug Klemm (616) 481-6121.
- VSFAC reserves the right to use the galleries during the GVA Exhibit. Some artwork may be temporarily moved.
- GVA will hang the exhibit with oversight of VSFAC staff.
- Awards: 1st Place \$300; 2nd Place \$200; 3rd Place \$100 and Honorable Mention \$50 will be selected by the juror.

APPLYING & SUBMITTING YOUR WORK

- Submissions are open February 1 and close February 20, 2021. (No late entries will be accepted.)
- Send up to 3 entries to the following email account: gvasubmissions@gmail.com.
- In the subject line enter: GVA Exhibit-VSFAC.
- Enter your name, address, city, state, zip. Enter your phone number and email address.

Next, list your entries, numbering as follows:

- Entry 1: Title of Work
- Medium
- Size
- Price or NFS
- Repeat for Entries 2, 3.
- Attach a photo of each entry.
- Your cost of entry is \$25 for one entry. Add \$5 for each additional entry.
- Entries will not be considered complete until payment is received.

Promptly send payment the same day that you apply for the exhibit.

Send check made out to Grand Valley Artists or money order to Doug Klemm, 7941 Park Lane Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428

Or make a payment to this email with PayPal:

GVASJS@gmail.com

PRESENTATION OF WORK

It is to your advantage to submit clear crisp images of properly photographed work. Do not shoot your images through glass. Remove artwork from the frame before photographing. It is also best to crop the images so that only the art and not the mat or frame is photographed.

Work must be wired for hanging. Sawtooth hangers are not permitted.

- Submit original art. No giclees or other reproductions of your art will be allowed. (Photography is the only exception.)
- Framing must show good craftsmanship.
- No exposed glass edges.
- Entries will be handled with care. However, neither GVA nor VSFAC is responsible for loss or damage to an artist's work.
- Selected images must remain for the duration of the show.
- Please do not submit work that was previously exhibited in a show at VSFAC.
- If you have no computer access or have difficulty submitting your entries, contact Doug Klemm at (616) 481-6121. We will help you with your entry.

NOTIFICATION/DROP OFF ACCEPTED ARTWORK/PICK UP ARTWORK

- Notification of Acceptance/Decline will be by email the end of February.
- Drop off accepted artwork to VSFAC on Friday, March 12, 10–12 Noon, or Saturday March 13, 10–12 Noon; Hang show 12–4 p.m.
- Exhibit Dates: Opens Monday, March 15, and Closes Thursday, April 22, Gallery Hours: TBD
- Take down and pick up artwork from VSFAC on Friday, April 23, 10–12 Noon

OPENING RECEPTION To be determined

We look forward to receiving your entries! Best wishes and good luck to all of you!

Please address any questions/concerns you may have to either:

Doug Klemm at dougklemm@hotmail.com or (616) 481-6121

Carol Larn at: carollarn@yahoo.com or (616) 437-9365

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