

Perspectives



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March 2021



West Michigan Art Competition

February 13 to April 10

The 35th Annual LowellArts West Michigan Art Competition highlights outstanding artwork by Lower West Michigan artists who reside in a 25-county region. Five cash awards totaling \$2500 were awarded. 5 Award Winners: Neven Allan, **Deborah Bergren**, Monica Johnstone, Cheryll Leo-Gwin, and Earl Stringer. 6 Honorable Mentions: **Larry Blovits**, Lee Brown, Anna Greidanus, Taylor Mazer, **Mary Reusch**, and Tom Sampson. Congratulations to all who had works accepted. We are especially happy to see three GVA members among the winners and several other GVA members who were accepted into the show!

Gallery Hours: Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m–6 p.m, Saturday, 12–5 p.m.

GVA Welcomes New Members

Jim Starkey, Alyssa Colombo, Susan Vogelar, Ellee Laybourn, and John Altena of Hollister Arthouse and Returning Member Bob Glass

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 Jean Kubiszewski is currently on display. 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.



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"Beginner Series" Workshops Ahead at Franciscan Life Process Center

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 two days and costs \$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>



We had our regular critique meeting online with Zoom on February 2 at 7:30pm. There were I believe 10 participants this month. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 2. Again this will be a Zoom meeting. Any member wishing to show work should email them to Randy (r.nyhof@comcast.net) no later than the day before. No other events planned at this time.

As for members showing their work, Anne Crans is showing her photographs at the Lowell Library from February 5 for two months. Russ Barneveld's photographs will be showing starting in April for two months.

Program Night

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

No program is planned for this month. We will continue having our monthly Critique by Zoom, and our next critique will be held Thursday, March 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 about doing online programs would be greatly appreciated. Send your suggestions to me at r.nyhof@comcast.net

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Lowell Library

The Englehardt Library in Lowell is open once again, and they are filling their walls with the work of GVA artists! Sara Youngman is our representative, and she is keeping a list of artists who would like to show their work at some point. She thanks all the artists who have already signed up to show their work. Our schedule is full through February 2022! Let Sara know if you would like to be added after next February. You can contact her at sycre8@gmail.com.

Membership Update

Submitted by Mary Baine

As GVA members might have noticed while joining or renewing, donations may be made to the Kubiak Fund as well as to GVA itself. Because some of you might not be familiar with the purpose of this fund, how it is used, or even how it got its name, Membership is pleased to provide details!

The history can be found on our website: “The William (Bill) Kubiak Fund was established to help those experiencing financial hardship to pay for their membership. Bill Kubiak was one of the original founders and served as the first president of Grand Valley Artists (GVA) in 1957, and again in 1979 and 1986. Bill was very sensitive to those experiencing hardship and each year would personally donate to help those in need, right up until his passing in 2010. After Bill’s death, the board at that time suggested that we establish a fund to carry on what Bill and many other founders and other members were freely giving to support those in need.”

Fast-forward to 2021, and the Kubiak Fund is still available to pay dues for members who could not otherwise afford to join or renew. Thanks to the generosity of members who can afford to contribute, there is enough to support several deserving artists suffering from pandemic-related setbacks. Abiding by a previous board decision, the Membership Chair is instructed to accept the assertions made by applicants in good faith, use her best judgement, and keep awards confidential. A letter describing the financial difficulties in question is required so the Membership Chair may determine if the applicant’s situation seems understandable as described. The GVA Board recently made the decision to limit Kubiak assistance to two consecutive years for any member.

The takeaway? If you know someone who has not yet joined or renewed this year because GVA membership has become unaffordable, please encourage that person to contact marymbaine@gmail.com!

Special Request for Courtesy

Please leave the studio in order for the next group. Easels, benches, sinks...everything should be returned to an orderly state so the incoming group doesn't have to clean up after the previous group. If we all pitch in, we will all be able to better enjoy the wonderful space that we are very fortunate to have.

Thank you for your consideration.

New GVA Board Position: Facilities Liaison

Duties include:

- Liaison between Dave Bazen (building owner and GVA member) when necessary.
- Being the contact person for issues that arise concerning the studio.
- Being in charge of studio rentals, ensuring there are not conflicting dates, and making certain the rental form is signed and rental money sent to the treasurer.
- Making certain there are cleaning supplies, you are reimbursed for them. You will be the contact for the cleaning person.
- Keeping a list of who has keys to the studio and retrieving keys from those don't need them anymore.

Being a board member is actually a fun way to get to know the rest of the board and to feel a part of the success of GVA. It takes a village, and we would love to have you jump on board! (Check out the board members, below, to see the excellent company you will be keeping.)

Please contact Joanne Swann at joswann@sbcglobal.net or any board member if you are interested in this position.

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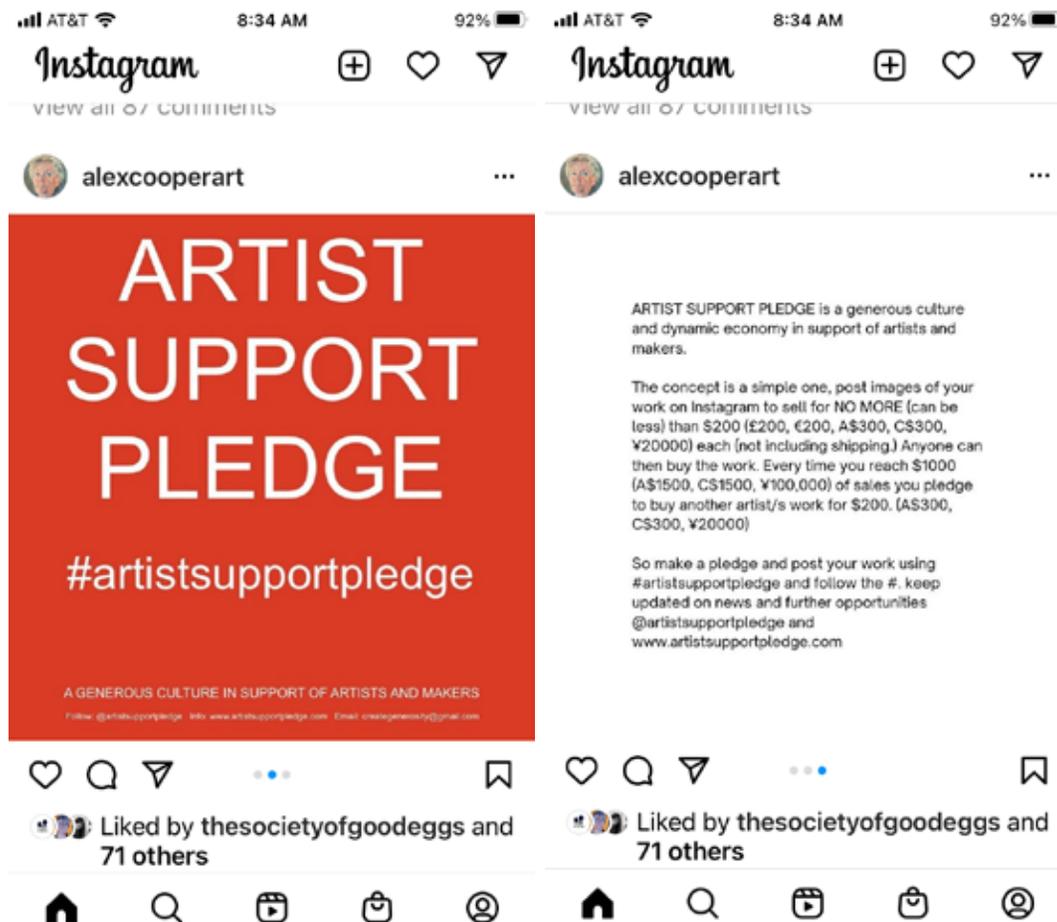
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GVA Library

Position Open

Interesting Info, Passing It Along



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.

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