

GVA



Highlights

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★★★★★ Member News ★★★★★

GVA artists made an impressive showing in the 30th Annual West Michigan Regional Art Competition, which highlights outstanding artwork by lower West Michigan artists. This year's curator was Caitlin Doherty, Curator and Deputy Director of Curatorial Affairs at Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU. Caitlin selected sixty-six artworks from one hundred-eighty-nine entries. Eleven of these works were created by GVA artists, including Larry Blovits, Dianne Carroll Burdick, Marianna Heule, Kathleen Kalinowski, Carol Lurn, Jan McKinnon, Kathy Mohl, Randy Nyhof, Bonnie Osborne, Holly Sturges, and Joanne Swann. Joanne's print and Kathleen's oil painting received honorable mentions. The Regional Exhibit will be on display at Lowell Arts King Gallery on 149 South Hudson, Lowell, through April 16.



Let's Go Sailing!

Many of our members expressed a strong interest in chartering the Wind Dancer Schooner Charters for a sail on Lake Michigan Waters. Mary Sayers, owner of the Wind Dancer, will be at our April 7 critique to give us specific information about the sailing experience and answer any questions we may have. This sailing experience will be a special social time with our GVA friends.

Constitution Approved

The membership in attendance at the March 3 Critique voted on and passed the new constitution with 23 people out of 30 voting for the change and zero people voting against.

GVA Gallery in April

In April, the gallery will feature NARRATIVE ART created by GVA members. A painting is worth a thousand words, and the April show features art that tells some kind of a story. It's one of those things that can make a piece of art so compelling and therefore memorable.

Area Art News

The Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission presents...The 42nd annual Art in the Park on Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The show features 60+ unique fine art and craft booths, food booths, a children's craft area, community art exhibit, door prize drawings, live musical entertainment, and the annual Park-Prize! Competition. Attendance is free. Learn more at www.lakeodessaarts.com

Billboard Competition!

Experience Grand Rapids is launching a competition for local artists to submit entries that could be displayed on billboards around Michigan.

The billboards would be a part of the organization's annual Art Outdoor campaign that is displayed around the state from August to September to promote Grand Rapids as a travel destination.

Of the entries, five will be chosen for display. Selected artists will receive a \$500 reward in addition to having their work showcased around Michigan. Learn more at www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2016/03/post_599.html

Arts in Ada

The Ada Arts Council is pleased to announce that, with the completion of Phase 1 of the downtown redevelopment project, the Arts in Ada street festival will be held on May 14, 2016. Please visit their website at adaarts.org for more information.

Bus Trip to Chicago

The Rivertown Artists is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago to see the Van Gogh exhibit. They have a 48-seat bus to fill, and they've invited us to join in. To learn more and get the form to participate, visit the GVA website.

Upcoming Exhibitions at LowellArts!

The 30th Annual West Michigan Regional Art Competition highlights outstanding artwork by Lower West Michigan artists and will be on exhibit until April 16.

The LowellArts! Gallery
149 S. Hudson St.
Lowell, Michigan

Gallery Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 1–4 p.m.

St. Cecilia's Terryberry Gallery

Margo Burian is showing her work at Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia. This show will run from April 1–30. The reception will be an “End Of Show Reception” on the 29th of April from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Please join Margo for this time of celebrating her work.

ICCF

Charles LaRue will be showing his work at ICCF on Cherry St from March through the end of June. His reception will be on April 22 from 6–8 p.m., with a Question and Answer time at 7:00 p.m. Please join Charles for this interesting time.

Marywood Dominican Center Art Gallery

Lars and Doris Larson will be sharing their work until April 30. The reception will be Sunday April 10 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Lars does wood turning, and Doris will share her paintings, fabrics and collages. The gallery is located at 2025 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Franciscan Life Process Center Program Lineup

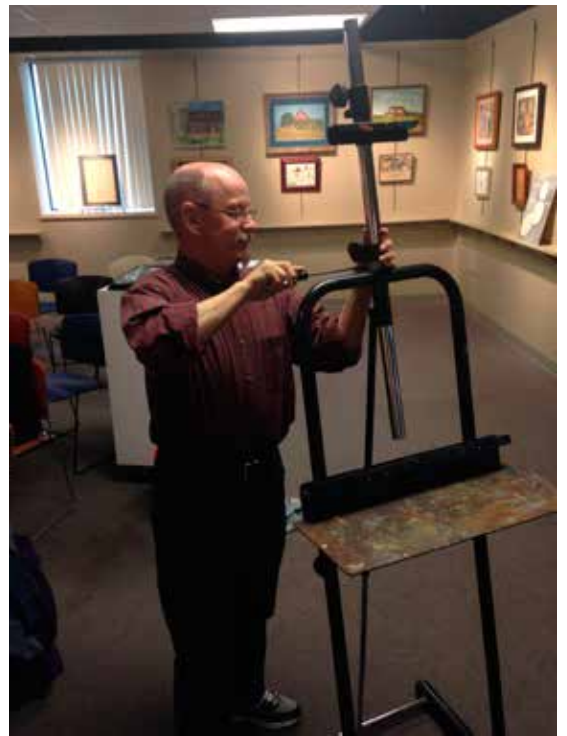
You can learn more about the exciting lineup of workshops at The Franciscan Life Process Center by visiting the GVA website home page, where a complete listing of upcoming events is available.

CASCADE LIBRARY

Joanne Swann, Debbie Walker, and Wilma Knoll currently have their work displayed at the Cascade Public Library. If you would like to show your work there, please contact Larry Goff.

April Program Night

April's program has not yet been determined. We just know it will happen! Check the website for information, as we will know something soon, but not soon enough for this printing.



Thanks, Bob!

Many thanks to Bob McDonald who, after last year's efforts to re-finish a workbench and even build us a new one from scratch, has now turned his attention to repairing our dilapidated easels!

Resources You Might Enjoy

YouTube is rich with tutorials by outstanding artists of today. One of my favorites is Vladimir Volegov. Just put his name in the YouTube search field and get ready to see some amazing work! — Mary Marin

Do You Have Any Suggestions?

Our suggestion box welcomes your ideas. You can also drop information for the GVA newsletter in the box if you are unable to send it via email, although email is preferred (send to marymarin@comcast.net).

Bliss & Vinegar

Barb Munro's colorful oils have been gracing the wall at B&V in March and will be followed by Karen S. Johnson.

If you are interested in having your work displayed at B&V, you must place your work in the Gallery on our GVA website. The owners of B&V regularly check the GVA website to see our work. If they like what they see, they contact Marty Klar. He coordinates this venue. Please do not contact the restaurant directly. In general, B&V leans towards still lifes of fruits and vegetables, farm-land, barns, farm animals, and rural landscapes. Their display wall can handle 6-7 framed and ready to hang moderately sized paintings/photographs.

Contact Marty with Bliss specific questions: martyklar@comcast.net, (616) 813-7921.



Barb Munro at Bliss & Vinegar

FOR SALE

Mabef Convertible Easel for sale. \$50. Contact Laurie Koster at koster334@hotmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline Reminder

The 20th of the month is the cut off for any article, notice, calendar items, etc., you would like to see in the next newsletter. Submit information to Mary Marin at marymarin@comcast.net.

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Fun Stories

Submitted by Louise Bauer

Ronald arrived at his car in the artists' parking lot and found this note on his windshield (in beautiful cursive script):

"I'm terribly sorry I hit your car. I'll never do it again."

Watching his new assistant count out the day's receipts, the artist walks over and asks the fellow where he got his financial training.

"Yale," he answers.

"Good! And what is your name?"

"Yackson."

"Humor is something that thrives between a person's aspirations and his limitations. There is more logic in humor than in anything else.

Because, you see, humor is truth." --Victor Borge

Van Dunderkopf and his wife were staying in a local hotel when they were disturbed by a very loud noise in the wee hours of the morning.

"Where is the light switch?" shouted Van Dunderkopf to his spouse.

"Beside your left hand," she replied.

"Don't be so smart," he bellowed. "How can I see which is my left hand in the dark?"

Q. How many volunteers does it take to change a light bulb?

A. 100. One to change it and 99 to stand around and say, "I could have done that."

Welcome New Members
GVA welcomes our latest additions, Donald Teachout, Carol Friend, and Kerre Nykamp.



Sundays

Closed

Mondays

10:00 am until noon

Sketch

Tuesday

First Tuesday of each month only, 7:30 pm

Photo

Wednesdays

2:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Still Life

Thursdays

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
Remaining Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Critique
Program
Sketch

Fridays

10:00 am until 1:00 pm

Still Life

Saturdays

10:00 am until 1:00 pm

Sketch

Note: There will be a **Board Meeting** on April 7th, at 6:00 pm

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