



Teamwork and Cooperation from Mother Nature=Another Successful Festival!

Carol Lurn, President of GVA

The weather forecast for June 17, 2017 was rain. Terrible, terrible news. Bob Kraai spends countless hours planning the Reeds Lake Art Festival throughout the year, and the threat of rain was disheartening at best. 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning proved the veracity of the prediction. We did not have a gentle sprinkling of rain; rather it was torrential. The black sky was lit with streaks of white/yellow lightning accompanied by ear-splitting sounds of thunder. We were drenched. And as the rain soaked our volunteers and artists, the marks Lisa Geren, Jeremy Kuhn and Bob Kraai had drawn on the curbs Friday afternoon to indicate to our vendors where to set up their booths were quickly erased. Most of our artists/vendors, being accustomed to the capriciousness of weather, took everything in stride. The weather eventually cleared and people arrived to buy art. David Thinger, one of our talented members, was very busy throughout the day drawing wonderful caricatures of our guests. Mary Myszka, who organized the GVA sales art tent, helped GVA artists who had rented panels to display their work.

It should be noted that technology/media played an important promotional role in our 2017 Reeds Lake Art Festival. In addition to making Bob's organizational duties much easier [no more stamps, no more delayed communications], it allowed us to further expand ways to promote our Festival. Bob suggested we hire Matt Rybar to use a drone to commemorate our show. The board loved this idea, so Matt was in attendance to video the event. These drone images will be put on our website to promote our organization. Marty Klar contacted Wood TV and reserved us a spot on 8West, where Steve Scarborough and Matt Rybar promoted the event. Thanks to Randy and others for recording the day by taking photographs of the event, too.

I wish I could list every volunteer who worked on behalf of GVA to make our show a professional art event. Many of you stayed throughout the day to assist in any way you could. You are so important to our organization.



Longer Pose Opportunity

Coming to GVA on Thursdays

Have you wished you had more time to work on a painting? That the same model, same pose, was available multiple sessions?

GVA will now be offering long pose sessions featuring the same model 3 weeks in a row in the same pose, same outfit (or nude), for 4 hours/multiple sessions. No instruction, so the only cost will be your share of the model's fee.

The first series is/was taking place on Thursdays, June 22, June 29, and July 6, from 10 until 2 p.m. The second series will have a clothed model and will take place September 14, September 21, September 28, and October 5. (Four sessions total.) This opportunity is open to members and non-members. Anyone is welcome to come to all or one day.

Note: Artists who come to multiple days will have priority in seating. If you do not come to the first day, please allow other artists to set up first.

Contact Candice Chovanec through telephone or via email for additional information or to reserve a spot. (949)228-4220 / candicechovanec@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Art Fairs



JULY 1 & 2

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN

The 2017 West Shore Art Fair takes place July 1st and 2nd at Rotary Park (formerly known as City Park) in the beautiful Lake Michigan resort community of Ludington, Michigan. Features 110+ jury-selected fine artists across a variety of media, including clay, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, sculpture, and much more!

2017 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

The 56th annual Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff in St. Joseph, MI, takes place on July 8 and 9. With an estimated 50,000 attendees, the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff is one of the most prestigious and well-attended events in South-west Michigan. A source of pride for the community, the Krasl Art Fair provides attendees with tremendous exposure to high-quality art. The Art Fair is consistently ranked as one of the top art fairs in the country and has specifically been chosen as one of the Top 20 Art Fairs by Sunshine Artist Magazine for 5 years running.

The 43rd Annual



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN

The Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission invites you to apply to our annual one-day fine arts and crafts festival. Now in its 43rd year, Art in the Park takes place on the grounds of Lake Odessa's shady and picturesque Village Park. Our show features 70+ 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 ParkPrize! Competition. Attendance is FREE. We promote our event on all regional and many state and national festival and visitor websites, advertise in local print publications, by direct mail, and social media. Learn more at <http://www.lakeodessaarts.com>.

Summer Picnic!

Our GVA picnic will be held July 8 from noon till 5 p.m, with food at 1 p.m. Our most gracious hosts, Mary and Dave Bazen, have invited us into their home for this annual event. The Bazen's home is on Fennessey Lake just south of Standale. Their address is O-314 Fennessey SW. The directions are: Take 2nd Avenue [one block west of Wilson] south to Fennessey. Turn right. Their home is about 6 houses down. Bring your swimsuit and towel if you want to take a dip.



The main dish and salads will be catered. Drinks will be supplied. Should you feel inspired to bring a dessert, please do. For those of you who have not tasted our GVA members' desserts, you are in for a spectacular treat.

We hope you will attend this social event. For those of you who are new members, we would love to see you in this very comfortable setting. Many of our GVA members have established strong friendships throughout the years and invite you to this community of artists. See you at the picnic.

In the Gallery

In July, our gallery theme is SELF PORTRAITS.

Coming in August: NO show in August, but we could use your help painting the studio and tidying up in preparation for ArtPrize!

Program Night

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

Fellow GVA member Jim Connelly presented our June 8 program. His program, "My Adventures as an Artist," covered Jim's entire career from custom painting vans to fine art painting and illustrating book covers. The presentation included over 300 slides (digital) of work, influences and milestones. It was a very good program showing Jim's top-notch work and his history.

NOTE: No program in July. See you at Program Night in August.

Cascade Library

The Cascade Library is a beautiful venue that provides a great deal of exposure to GVA artists. Don't miss the beautiful work of Bonnie Lindke, Carol Lurn, Kristen Thornton, Sri Oetjoen Soekarmoen, and Gene Sampson, showing from May through July.

If you want to share your work at the library, contact Candice Chovanec at candicechovanec@yahoo.com.



Photo Group

Submitted by Randy Nyhof

The Photo Group met for their regular meeting on June 6 with their usual critique. We had a good turnout. The second meeting for the month on

Tuesday June 20 was canceled due to conflicts.

For July we will have our regular meeting on July 11 instead of the first Tuesday of the month, which falls on the Fourth of July. This will be our only meeting this month.



Dave Bazen and Todd Darling checking out Bob's handiwork

New Stairs!!!!

Models rejoice! Thanks to the efforts of Bob McDonald, we can finally breathe easier when our models ascend the stage during sketch. Bob built us a super-sturdy stairway complete with handrail that will make life a lot easier and safer for our

models. Bob has donated his time to make these stairs for us. Thank you so much, Bob, for all that you do behind the scenes to make our sketch session equipment functional and safe.



Reeds Lake Featured on WOOD-TV

Our own Steve Scarborough and drone operator Matt Rybar did a great job of sharing the excitement of Reeds Lake Art Festival on WOOD-TV's daily program 8West. Matt's video footage will be used to promote future festivals. A video of the TV program can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wv-73JqRT1k>.

Festival of the Arts

Submitted by Gene Sampson

This year's Festival of the Arts art competition is back at the old Federal Building. The building, which once served as a post office and later as the Grand Rapids Art Museum, was sold to Kendall College of Arts and Design when the current Art Museum was built. It is located at 148 Ionia Ave., Grand Rapids.

GVA members whose work has been accepted into the juried show are as follows: Lynn Anderson, Diane Bartnick, Dana Donnell, Joe Goedel, Diane Haworth, Jim Johnson, Margaret Kriegman, Sri Soekarmoen McCarthy, Darlene Podpolucki, Susan Pragaspathy, Mary Reusch, Steve Scarborough and Gene Sampson each have one piece in the show. Evie Carrier, Leilei and Beibei Chen, Candice Chovanec, Edward Kloote, Carol Lurn, Randy Nyhof, Jan Paulson, and Patrick Seanor had two pieces accepted and Nona Bushman, Bell Chardon, Sue Ellison, Don Karel, Dennis O'Mara, and Stone Peng each have three pieces in the show.

To see the list of winners, visit the Festival website or [click here](#).

The show will run through July 25th. Don't miss it!



Janice Paulson received a Purchase Award from Warner, Norcross & Judd for her painting, Rolling Waves.

If You Use Amazon Smile...GVA Wins!

We are now listed as a non-profit in the AmazonSmile list, which means that any time you order from Amazon, assuming you choose to order via AmazonSmile instead of plain old Amazon (it doesn't cost you anything...it is just another way to buy from Amazon), your purchase will result in a small donation to GVA if you choose to make GVA your Amazon Smile charity. If you are an Amazon Prime member, you can still choose to order via AmazonSmile and still get the same free shipping and other benefits that come with Amazon Prime membership.



Learn more here: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201365340>

Area Art News

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

The work of Ralph Annunziata (Nunzi) will be featured from June 30 through July 31. Reception will take place July 6 from 6 till 7 p.m. Exhibit hours are 9–5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Guardian Gallery Lowell

From July through October, see the beautiful work of Charles LaRue, entitled “Detours Opening Up New Vistas.” Much of the work in this solo exhibit was produced during a period of emotional and artistic transition. Charles generated a large body of sketches and exploratory drawings during this time. The subject matter was composed of new-to-him scenes as well as more familiar ones seen through new eyes. His sketches changed and the new approach informed and altered his paintings. Located in the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes NE, Lowell, MI 49331. The Franciscan Life Process Center is open during regular business hours.

Guardian Gallery Grand Rapids

The month of July features the beautiful artworks of Blythe Metternick Smith and Wilma Knoll. The name of the show is “Franciscan Friends.” Blythe and Wilma have journeyed together enjoying and discovering life thru art. This show will be up through the month of October.

Guardian Gallery
654 Davis Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

(Go to the brick building furthest north in the complex that has the arched entryway. Go to the handicapped entrance next to the entryway. About 10 feet back from the door on the half wall to the right you will find a box with three buttons. Push the button to “Franciscan Life Process Center.” Someone will buzz you in. Go through the door to the elevator and take it up to the third floor. Go right, then a left, and you will find them there. Guardian Gallery is open Tuesday–Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.)

Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia’s

The month of July features the work of Brenda Sipe and Dianne Carol Burdick. The name of the show is “Trees” and is a beautiful display of paintings by Brenda and photographs by Dianne. The reception for this show will be Friday, July 14 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. This show will be up through the end of the month.

ICCF

“Impressions” is the name of the show for July. Treat yourself to beautiful watercolor and pastel landscapes by Valentina Gregorieva. This show will run through the month of October. ICCF is located at 920 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, and is open during regular business hours. This show is on all three floors.

Dominican Center at Marywood

The Marywood Dominican Sisters will be displaying their work from July 1 through August 31. The reception will be August 13 from 1 until 4 p.m.

Frauenthal Center

The month of July features the work of Kristin Thornton and a display of photos by the Boys and Girls Club of Muskegon. Come and see our own Kristin Thornton’s beautiful paintings that will be up through the end of the month of July.

Lowell Arts

June 17–August 12

FLIGHT: An Exhibition of Art of Things that Fly,
Float or Soar

At LowellArts

223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331

Gallery Hours:

Tues-Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.



Reeds Lake Art Festival a big success – in spite of the early morning rain!

Submitted by Steve Scarborough

The weather report was ominous, and the rain had already started to come down before the sun came up as the artists and our volunteers began to get the show set up. The hearty and seasoned artists dug in and got the work done, all the while holding an umbrella over the art work as it came out of trucks and cars and into the booths.

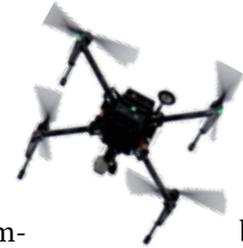
By 9 a.m., the rain had pretty much let up and only a few sprinkles came down the rest of the day. The crowds didn't let the forecasts hold them back, and being set up on Wealthy Street, the surface was weatherproof and allowed everyone—artists, patrons and volunteers—to get the festival underway without any perceivable delay. People close enough to run home and change after setting up did so, and by noon, everyone was pretty well dried out and having fun as the day turned into a great one to have our 52nd annual event!





We hired a drone to video the event!

Thanks much to all our brave volunteers as they battled the odds to turn this event into a great success! GVA is the sole sponsor of this yearly event, and we on the revenue to keep our studio and gallery running throughout the year. Bob again led our team to put on this truly beautiful art festival. It's a credit to our mem-



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Members in the News

Jim Johnson

See watercolors by Jim Johnson on exhibit at the Van Singel Fine Arts Center
8500 Burlingame Ave SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
June 2–August 31, 2017
Summer Gallery hours:
Monday thru Wednesday, 12:00–5:00 p.m.
Closed July 6th–16th.



Little House by Jim Johnson

Wayne Pierce

Wayne's photo was accepted into the LowellArts show, "FLIGHT: An Exhibition of Art of Things that Fly, Float or Soar" from June 17–Aug 12. His photo of a kite is titled, "What's Up?" Wayne is a new member of GVA. Congratulations, Wayne!



What's Up by Wayne Pierce

Sister Laurena Alfen is having a showing of her work from July 5–August 8 at First United Methodist Church at 227 E. Fulton. Summer Hours: M, T, Th: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Wed 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.–noon.



Pink Arrow Pride Chair-A-Tee

More than 60 artists are creating chairs for the Pink Arrow Pride Chair-A-Tee cancer fund raising event in Lowell. Mary Helmic, one of our new members, teamed up with Suzanne Butler-Lich to renovate a chair (see photos). The chairs will be on display in front of merchant venues July 5–Aug 18. During this time, many important, well attended, community events will be happening. The chairs will be moved on August 19 to be displayed in a special exhibition at LowellArts! From August 22–26, bidding will continue. A reception will be held August 26 from 2–4 with final bids at 3.



Sri Soekarmoen McCarthy

Please stop in for a great salad at Bliss & Vinegar, where you will see Sri Soekarmoen McCarthy's work. If you want to show your work at B&V, make sure to load some images to our website, as that is where the owners go to find artists whose work they would like to display. Marty Klar coordinates this opportunity for us. Thanks, Marty!



Sri with B&V owner Jennifer McNamara



Walking My Path by Joanne Swann

Joanne Swann

Don't miss Joanne Swann's solo print show at Clark Home on the Franklin Campus in the Donna Chase Gallery from June 20 to July 20th. A reception will be held on July 19th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Boys Will Be Boys



If you thought Jim Johnson and Larry Goff had something better to do, you'd be wrong.

Three Session Long-Pose Workshop with Candice Chovanec

Learn how to paint the nude model and surrounding scene in oil in a 12-hour pose from life. (Same model, same pose, three separate 4-hour sessions.) The cost is \$200 plus model's fee, which will depend on the number of students.

When:

Three Thursdays from 10–2 p.m., August 17, 24 and 31.

Where:

Grand Valley Artists

1345 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 140

Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

Instructor: candicechovanec@yahoo.com

Candice Chovanec is a professional painter from Los Angeles, California. Her portraiture has been nationally recognized by the Portrait Society of America and the Art Renewal Center.



View all her work at www.candicechovanec.com.

Workshop Ideas?

Do you have ideas for Saturday afternoon workshops you'd like GVA to sponsor? Or do you have a workshop you'd like to put on? If so, contact Joanne Swann at joswann@sbcglobal.net.

Classified Ads

Roll of unprimed canvas 5'x20'. Contact Patrick at 616-717-1711.

Gorilla Pochade Box, 9"x12" (large size), used only once or twice. This beautifully constructed box attaches to tripod, carries paint, brushes and medium beneath sliding palette. Holds panel for plein air painting. Paid \$200 new. Will sell for \$100 firm. Contact marymarin@comcast.net or call 616-443-0362.



French Easel. Full size and almost new. \$100. Contact Jim Markle at jimcmarkle@earthlink.net.

French Easel \$50. Not worn. Contact Patrick at 616-717-1711.



Do you have items to sell? Send an email to marymarin@comcast.net so we can publish your item/s here. Photos are helpful but not necessary.



**GVA welcomes
Mark Andrews
and Terri Dunderman**

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CALENDAR



Board Meeting July 6 at 6:15 p.m.

EVERY WEEK

Sundays Closed

Mondays 10:00 a.m. until noon

Tuesdays 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. (check website for location)

Thursdays* First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
(Note: Program in July or December)
Remaining Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Fridays 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Model Sketch

Photo Group
Plein Air or
Still Life

Critique
Program

Model Sketch

Still Life

Model Sketch

*See newsletter and website for info on new long-pose sessions on Thursdays

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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