



GVA Highlights

October 2018

GVA “Brings It” to ArtPrize 10!

Thanks to the enormous efforts of Joanne Swann and her amazing team of site preparers, art hangers, reception planners, publicity chasers, and site hosts, the GVA venue for ArtPrize 10 is an accomplishment GVA can share with pride. We look forward to seeing hundreds of visitors over the three weeks of ArtPrize 10.



To find out who did these beautiful works and those in the centerfold, you'll need to visit our venue! So many beautiful pieces, and we can't share them all in these pages. Over 50 artists from GVA and around the country grace the walls of the City Water Building at 1101 Monroe NW. See you there!

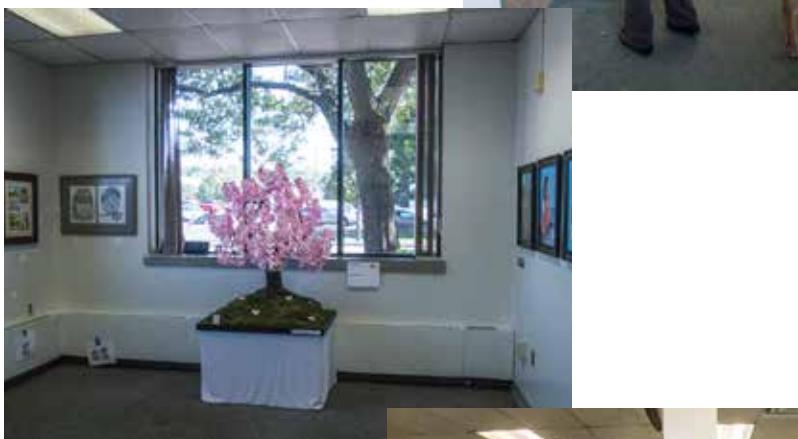


So many
hands



Pitching in

Transformation



**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO HELPED MAKE GVA'S
ARTPRIZE VENUE TRULY
EXCELLENT!!!!**



Wonderful Entries



Plein Air Group Gets Around!

If you haven't joined the Plein Air Group yet this year, you've missed some great times and really fun locations, including small town scenes (Coopersville), fair-grounds (Lowell), the Grand River (Allendale), downtown streets (GR), Reeds Lake, Riverside Park, and the dairy farm in Eastmanville. We should have several more opportunities to enjoy painting outdoors before the snows fly, so remember to check the website calendar each Tuesday night to see where we will be painting the following day.



Nice Hat!

GVA Gallery / October / FIGURATIVE EXHIBIT

Submitted by Jim Johnson

Figurative Art: Art that has the human figure as the main subject. Figures can be nude or clothed. They can be presented against a neutral background or figures can be engaged in a narrative of some sort. I loved our last figurative exhibit. And I'm thinking that this time it might be fun to push our interpretations a bit closer to the edge. Give yourself permission to experiment. All 2D and 3D art is eligible, including drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, photography, digital works, mixed media, etc. This exhibit is not juried and the works do not have to be framed, only hangable. No entries will be accepted beyond the hang date.

Hang: Oct 1 / Monday

Strike: Oct 29 / Monday



Congratulations to Alix

Congratulations to Alix Bartnick. She is showing and selling her framed 11 x 14 photos and photo art cards at Grand Haven Art Prize. Her venue is the Porto Bello Italian Restaurant located downtown Grand Haven on Washington Street. Grand Haven ArtPrize is running concurrently with Grand Rapids ArtPrize.

GVA Artists at Other Venues

Several of our members have been accepted at various venues around town, so please don't miss the chance to see their work as you navigate your way around ArtPrize.

These artists include:

Park Church

Mary Helmic

Amway Grand Plaza

Steven Huyser-Honig

Sweet House

Doug Schwentor

Judith Tummino

Nancy MacLachan

Susan Ellison

Kathleen Kalinowski

San Chez Bistro

Barbara Clayton Price

The Artists Studio

Rose Ellis

Fountain Street Church

Mary Jane Pories

Studio D2D-The Harris Building

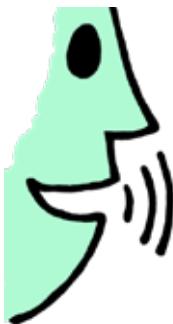
Lisa Mull

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Wesley DeVries

New Hotel Mertens

Judy Blank



October Program

On October 11th, H.J. Slider, Art Educator, will present a program titled "New Ways of Looking: Sharpening The Artist's Eye."

She will introduce you to some in-depth methods for perceiving and analyzing art, plus new ways to use what you already know to increase your appreciation of art. This information will be interspersed with frequent and lively audience participation. Take-away informational packets will be provided.

Those attending will be encouraged to add their own unique perspectives in a variety of formats, having fun with aesthetic exercises and enjoying enlightening discussions based on images by historically recognized artists.

GVA members also have the opportunity to use their own images during this workshop. If you would like to include one of your artworks for discussion, please send the image to Randy Nyhof (r.nyhof@comcast.net) by Thursday, Oct. 4, so he can prepare it for projection onto the screen. Landscape, portrait, figures, still life, and non-objective images of all types of visual art are welcomed!

Are you searching for ways to look deeper into the art you see on your own easel or in your workspace? Then schedule Oct. 11's program on your calendar right away!

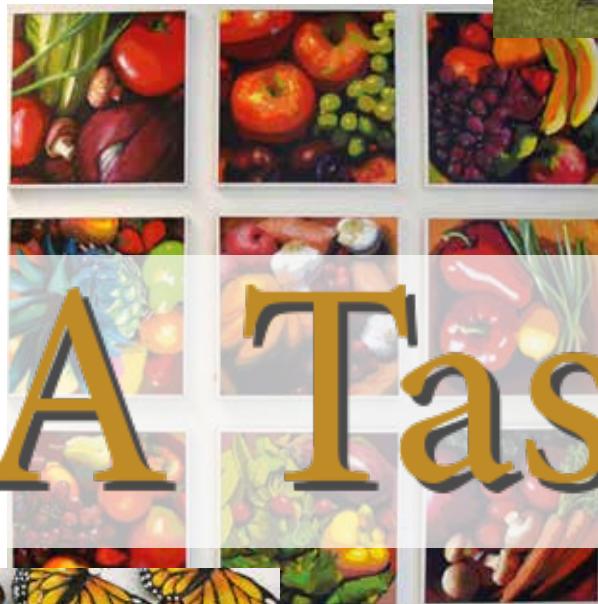
Long Pose Thursdays!!!

We are very excited to add a weekly "long pose" to our already abundant list of studio options each week. At the long pose session, the model will assume the same pose for the entire 6 hours (with breaks, of course), so come and paint for part or all of the session. The fixed cost of \$10 is a STEAL! You might want to pack a lunch!

Photo Group News

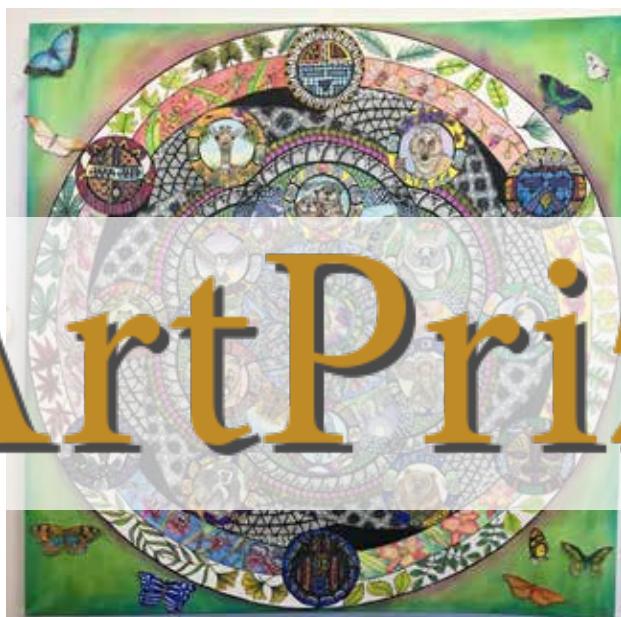
The Photo Group met for their regular meeting on September 4 with their usual critique. For a second meeting in September on the 18th we had an interesting workshop where Jim Henningson brought a Stroboscopic Light, an electronic strobe with a continuous repeating flash and controllable output. Mike Mitchell brought an MIOPS Splash. The unit is controlled via Bluetooth to an app on a smart phone or tablet. It will control up to four water drops and eliminates the need for an eye dropper. (Bill Andrus shared some photos with us here.) Our first October meeting is scheduled for the October 2. Join us!



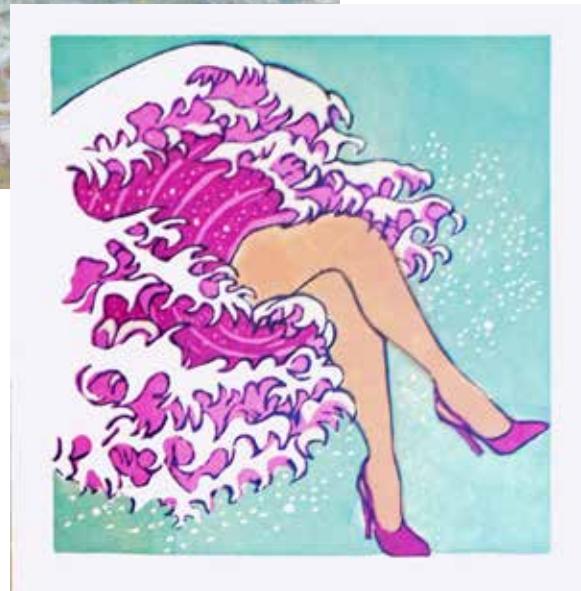


A Taste of





ArtPrize 10



Area Art News

Lowell Arts

Give & Let Go

September 15–October 20

The exhibition is in two parts, Ron and Miriam Pederson: New Collaborative Works and Legacy: Aquinas College Art Professors Pass It On. Ron and Miriam Pederson have enjoyed a 30-year history of collaboration. Ron creates welded and painted steel sculptures, and Miriam creates poetry that accompanies the sculptural works. The second part of the exhibition features the work of Aquinas College art professors, plus works by former and current students, selected by each professor. Artist Reception: Sunday, September 30, 2–4 p.m. LowellArts is located at 223 W. Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Gallery Hours: Tues–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat 10–5 p.m. www.lowellartsmai.org.

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

October 1, 2018–October 31, 2018

Doug McPherson's amazing wordworks! Reception October 11 from 6 until 7 p.m. Exhibit Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Mon.–Fri.

All exhibits are free to the public.

Guardian Gallery Lowell

“Communicating Through Art” features the work of Irene Bakhuyzen Wordhouse. During years of losses and transitions, making art has become increasingly dear to Irene. She enjoys abstract as well as realism. This show has both. The gallery is open during regular business hours. Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI.

Guardian Gallery Grand Rapids

“A Brush With Color” features watercolors and batik paintings by Carole Nielsen. This show will be up through the end of October. The gallery is on the third floor at St. Adalberts at 654 Davis Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

Terryberry Gallery at St. Cecilia’s

September 18–October 12 brings the beautiful work of Lynn Anderson and Bonnie Osbourne. Their beautiful, loose interpretations of landscapes is highlighted in this exhibit of pastels and oil paintings. Please join these wonderful GVA members and celebrate their work on Friday, October 5 from 5:30 - 7:30. Parking is free next to St. Cecelia’s.

Dominican Center at Marywood

In September and October, see the mixed media works of Deb Diapa. Reception is Sunday, October 14, from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 2025 E. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and is open Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Bliss & Vinegar

Stop in to B&V to see the works of Ruth VanderMuelen, currently on display. 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. Please do not contact the restaurant directly. Questions? Call Marty at 616-813-7921.

Trinity United Methodist Church

October–November features Dennis O’Mara, Cindy Wojciakowski, Ruth VanderMuelen, Devi Fongers, and Sallie Zigerman. Trinity is located at 1100 Lake Drive SE, and the church is open during business hours on Monday through Thursday. If you would like to show your work at Trinity, please contact Mary Marin at marymarin1285@gmail.com.

Fruenthal Gallery, Muskegon

See the beautifully diverse work of Marianna Huele and Linda Goss. This show goes through October 28. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Extended Hours on show nights.



Ruth VanderMuelen at Bliss & Vinegar

What a Night!

Reception at the GVA ArtPrize venue was a HUGE SUCCESS. Thank you so much to Diane Haworth and the amazing team of volunteers who made it happen.



September Program...Fun Time!

Very fine turnout for GVA's program with John Knight. John walked us through what he has learned since he joined GVA back in the 1960's. John is an illustrator, painter, designer, photographer you name it with a long successful career. He also got the audience to participate with some interactive doodling. Fun time.

CALENDAR



Board Meeting October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

EVERY WEEK

Sundays Closed

Mondays 10:00 a.m. until noon

Model Sketch*

Tuesdays Every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Model Sketch*
Photo Group

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.until 1:00 p.m.
(check website calendar for location)

Plein Air or Open Studio

Thursdays First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Every Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Critique
Program
Long Pose**

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

Still Life

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

Figure Sketch*

Model fee

*\$5 for Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday night

**\$10 for long pose on Thursday

Did You Know? Ancient Drawing Found

Archeologists have discovered an artifact that scientists think is about 73,000 years old, predating the oldest previously known modern human abstract drawings from Europe by about 30,000 years. Read about it here:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/12/science/oldest-drawing-ever-found.html>



GVA Welcomes New Members

Annemarie Biernacki

Dick Buist

James Falk

Martha King

Jesus Solis

Rejoining Members

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Karen Johnson

Blythe Metternich Smith

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Please visit the Contact Us page on the GVA website to send us a message. Use the dropdown box to direct your question or comment to the appropriate person: <http://grandvalleyartists.com/contact>

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Those Dues Won't Pay Themselves!

As of October 1st, if you are not current with regard to your dues, you will not be considered a member in good standing.

Don't know if you owe?
Contact Mary "Membership" Baine (marymbaine@gmail.com)!