

Hello Fellow GVAL Member,

We've been talking about adding a **Member Directory** for some time now. Recent changes to our website, gval.org, have made it possible to implement. The directory will be a benefit for GVAL members and is free of charge.

The directory is **completely optional**. You can opt in at any time. Once you are in the directory, I would ask that you make changes only at the time you pay your membership dues.

The idea is to have a directory that will be available for the public to view. It will also be nice for members to more easily put names to faces! So, if you would like to be in the directory, include in your email:

1. A **photo of yourself with the name you would like people to know you by**. Send this image as a jpg. attachment to your email. You will have a chance to change the image the next time you pay annual dues.
2. Include with your email **one of your artworks**. You will have a chance to change the image the next time you pay annual dues. Send the jpg. as an attachment to your email. We won't be advertising this art for sale, so no need to send details, but it would help if you can rename the image using your name. For example, Joe Smith.jpg.
3. Let us know what **contact information** you would like the public to have. It can be your website, a website where you sell, or your email address. It will be a nice benefit for those who sell artwork. **Contact information is optional.**

It may take some time to get the directory completed. My plan is to post what I have in two weeks and add to it as more member entries come in. I will send you a confirmation when I receive your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at opat.mary@gmail.com

You can also find my email address anytime by going to gval.org and looking under the menu item About - Board Members.

Keep Creating!

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