



June 14, 2011

Hello Artists,

We are starting the next 25 years of the art competition formerly known as the *Richard Kubinski Fine Arts Competition* with a new name and many enhancements! And remember, you need not be of Polish heritage to enter.

26th Annual Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Competition

October 2-28, 2011

At the Galeria

Sponsored by Friends of Polish Art & the Polish Mission
of the Orchard Lake Schools

Friends of Polish Art and the Polish Mission are pleased to announce that the Galeria on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools has a fresh new appearance! The art intake, reception, exhibit, and art pick up will all take place at this location.

Summary of enhancements:

- **A true juried exhibit** (please refer to the show prospectus for more details)
 - Your entries will be reviewed as digital images (CD with JPEG files) by the juror
 - You will be alerted as to whether your entries were accepted by mail
 - The prize winners will then be chosen by the juror once the work has been delivered to the Galeria
- **A new award**, the Richard Kubinski Best in Show Award (\$350) will be introduced
- **The same nominal entry fees** as in the past: Artist - \$25/3 or \$10/entry, and College Student (18 yrs. +) - \$5/entry (up to 3 entries).
- **Gallery Talk** (date TBD)
- **Postcard invitations** will be available for artists to send to their friends and family

Key Dates:

August 29: Postmark Deadline for entries (digital images only, on CD)

September 12: Juror results mailed/emailed

September 24: Art intake at the Galeria at OLS, 10-2

September 29: Award notification (by phone)

October 2: Opening Reception 3-5pm & Awards Presentation 3:30pm

October 2-28: Exhibit on display

October 29: Art pick-up at the Galeria at OLS, 10-2

The juror for the 2011 Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Competition is Portrait Artist Vianna Szabo P.S.A.:

Vianna Szabo is an award winning artist and instructor who lives in Romeo, Michigan. She has been working as a professional portrait artist for the past 18 years, completing over 100 commissions. She works in both oil and pastel and her favorite subject is children. She received a B.S. degree and teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 1983. She teaches private lessons and group workshops, and is an instructor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Vianna is a member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society, Oil Painters of America, West Coast Pastel Society, American Impressionist Society, the Degas Pastel Society, and a signature member of the Pastel Society of America. In Spring 2011 she will be inducted into the Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies.

<http://viannaszabo.com/>

We look forward to seeing you all at the Galeria (Building 8). You may access the Friends of Polish Art website for complete dates & information as well as the 2011 prospectus and entry form at: www.friendsofpolishart.org

If you have any questions, please email eabowman@comcast.net or call 248-684-9581

Best regards,

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