

Volunteers at GRAM

A Newsletter for and about Volunteers at Grand Rapids Art Museum

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE PROFILE

TAMMY BAILEY



Tammy Bailey just completed her first year as a Board Member for GRAM and didn't waste much time getting involved. She currently serves on the Executive Committee, Development Committee, Co-Chairs the Planned Giving Committee with Doug Padnos and is Chairing the Annual Fund Campaign.

Tammy is a Wealth Strategist for Northern Trust, one of the Top 10 Wealth Management firms in the country with over \$640 billion in assets under management. One of the founders of the Grand Rapids Northern Trust office in 1999, Tammy enjoys assisting individuals, families, endowments and foundations in maximizing their financial success. A graduate of Hope College ('83) with a Masters Degree from Grand Valley State University Seidman School of Business ('91), Tammy went on to earn a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation ('98) and a Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) designation ('08).

In October of 1987, Tammy, originally from East Grand Rapids, married Howie Bailey from Grand Haven whom she met skeet shooting shortly after he left his 8+ year career as a professional baseball player for the Detroit Tigers. Howie's business is Buy Right Packaging Supply in Grandville that provides packaging materials to diverse businesses throughout the greater Grand Rapids area. They live in West Olive on Bailey Farms which today includes their horses, barn cats, blueberry field and beehives. They have 19 nieces and nephews. Tammy has had a lifelong passion for horses and has trained and shown on local and national circuits in hunter/jumper, 3 day eventing but mainly in dressage - the "ballet" of horseback. She also shoots skeet competitively, is a beekeeper and enjoys reading and card making.

At GRAM, Tammy values the incredible community reach of the organization with the expansion to schools and businesses. "Words of wisdom for fellow volunteers is to get to know and listen to the staff. Their passion is contagious and what you see when you walk in the doors of GRAM is just a FRACTION of all that is going on behind the scenes. This place has great energy!! "

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

ALICE GILBERT



Alice Gilbert grew up in the Detroit area, graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School. She received a Bachelor's in Art Education and a classroom teaching certification from Western Michigan University. She completed her M.A.T at Calvin in 1995 with an emphasis in drawing and

printmaking. (Chris Overvoorde was her advisor)

Alice taught art K-6 in Kalamazoo Public Schools and High School art in Melbourne, Australia. She recently retired from GRPS with 21 years of teaching. Connecting art and the classroom curriculum is a passion of mine and during my time at GRPS she wrote several grants through the Grand Rapids Grant Foundation, bringing in local artists such as Reb Roberts and Phil Wilson to work with her students on permanent installations in the buildings.

Alice and her husband, Charles have lived in Grand Rapids since 1981. They have 3 children and 1 grandchild. Simone teaches in Ashville, NC, Nick works in medical sales in Chicago, and Adrienne is finishing her Masters in Atlanta at Emory University.

"In particular I am excited about the 3rd grade "Language Artists" tours with the emphasis on connection writing and creating after the GRAM tours. I feel very grateful to have found a niche at the GRAM with so many inspiring & energetic people of all ages.

GRAM Association Volunteer Council:

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Laura Oudedyk -Volunteer Coordinator
Randy Van Antwerp -
Deputy Director of Adminsitration and CFO

STAFF PROFILE:

ELIZABETH WILSON

Guest Services Coordinator

Liz Wilson moved to Grand Rapids from the Metro-Detroit area in elementary school and moved to East Lansing for college, then returned to Grand Rapids. Her family has been in Grand Rapids



for 17 years. Liz has a BA in Hospitality Business and a BFA in Art Education from Michigan State. She then spent a year student teaching art at St. Anthony under our provisional docent Jacqueline Heaney as well as East Kentwood High School.

Before GRAM, she taught at REACH Studio Art Center for over 2 years. REACH is a community focused, non-profit, art center open to adults, adolescents, and children of the surrounding mixed income neighborhood as well as the greater Lansing area. I started as a volunteer and eventually became the teacher for Creative Tots, a fun process based class for toddlers and their parents to discover and experiment in art. I also taught various summer camps. Liz also enjoys painting and playing the cello.

"I really enjoy everything at GRAM! I appreciate working with the positive, motivated, and creative staff and volunteers at GRAM. I enjoy that at GRAM, we have the unique opportunity to make art accessible to all and help the public learn and connect to different forms of artwork. I enjoy the warm, welcoming atmosphere at GRAM and being surrounded by art and creativity every day! I always look forward to events GRAM hosts as well!"

VOLUNTEER HOURS

This past fiscal year for GRAM (2010-2011) brought some significant improvement in both the number of volunteers and their hours worked. We had 675 volunteers versus only 407 for the previous fiscal year (2009-2010). Laura Oudendyk, GRAM's Volunteer Coordinator, indicated that a large part of this increase can be explained by the fact that we had 316 volunteers for ArtPrize this past year compared with 176 in the previous year. These increases along with increases in many of our other volunteer categories led to the improvements in our volunteer numbers. The number of volunteer hours worked in 2010-2011 increased 5.19% over last year. We had 4,335 hours volunteered this year versus 4,122 in the previous year. The successful introduction of the docent led "Language Artists' Tour" in 2010-2011 which increased docent tour hours to 1,977 from 1,697 in 2009-2010 added significantly to the total number of volunteers hours worked.

Garrick Rollert,
Volunteer Council Record Keeper

NEWS FROM THE DOCENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Docent Holiday Party on December 13. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time celebrating with their fellow docents and GRAM staff.

We especially want to thank Carol Cordes, our Docent Council Hospitality Chairwoman, and the hospitality committee- Julie Connors, Barb Groat, Nancy Huhn, and Judy Tyner. They put on a fantastic event.

We also want to take this time to thank all of the Docents that have volunteered their time to devote to our educational tours.

GLITTER AT GRAM

Dont miss out on the fun at the Art Museum this New Years Eve. This year, warm up inside GRAM and enjoy exhibitions on view as our galleries are open late. The Museum will be open from 6:30pm-12:30am. This is a great opportunity to ring in the New Year in the heart of downtown. Admission is only \$5 for non-members and free for GRAM members.

FROM THE STAFF

"Every Holiday season brings a time of reflection for me. 2011 has been a monumental year for the Grand Rapids Art Museum. On behalf of the Museum, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that have help make GRAM such a great place. We could not do it without you.

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings."

*Randy VanAntwerp,
Deputy Director for Administration and CFO*

Upcoming Volunteer Needs

December 31: New Years Eve 6:30-12:30am
Skate and Create: Saturdays 10am-3pm
Jan 21 & 22: Great Skate 12pm-5pm