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TED EICHERS MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1998, Del Ray Artisans (DRA) established the **Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund** in honor of our former member and friend, Ted. Since 2000, through the Alexandria Scholarship Fund, DRA has provided this scholarship to an art student graduating from T. C. Williams High School who is planning on attending college and continuing his or her education in the art field. DRA has established criteria so that a committee of teachers can select the student best deserving of the scholarship.

Past recipients are Daniel R. Krahn (2000), Brian P. McCarthy (2001), Kimberley M. Burke (2002), Caroline Q. Gullickson (2003), Michaela A. Murphy (2004), Claire M. Schoen (2005), Keriann C. Cassidy (2006), Thomas B. Carroll (2007) and Olivia T. Morrow (2008). Each year the recipient is announced at the DRA Student Art Show, presented with the scholarship by the Alexandria Scholarship Fund at their awards night, and added to a memorial plaque which hangs at the DRA gallery.

To date, the scholarships have been funded from interest on all DRA funds. However, DRA envisions that the Scholarship Fund will continue to grow and ultimately be the sole supporting Fund for the scholarship program. DRA hopes to be able to increase the annual scholarship amount, but that will depend on the money in the Fund.

DRA is happy to accept contributions, including memorial contributions, to the **Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund** at any time. Checks should be made out to Del Ray Artisans with a note of your wishes to add to this Fund. A donation form can be found on the next page. *DRA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and all contributions to DRA are tax deductible.*

Ted Eichers was an active DRA member until his sudden death on October 24, 1997. Ted, who grew up on a Minnesota farm, attended the University of Minnesota (receiving a Masters degree in economics), served in the military and worked at the Department of Agriculture for 29 years. Alice Eichers, Ted's wife, continues as an active DRA member. Ted's sons, Tim and Danny, have been members of the DRA scholarship committee along with Alice. The Eichers family also includes four other children, Kevin Eichers, Roberta Fowler, Teresa Minehart and Elisabeth Eichers, and four grandchildren. Virginia Minehart has been a DRA student member. Ted became interested in art after he retired and studied art at the Northern Virginia Community College. He enjoyed a style of working with wood veneers creating scenes and compositions, which he exhibited at DRA. He proffered his art work and companionship to nursing home residents, inmates in jails and at-risk youth in Alexandria. He was a volunteer tutor with Alexandria and Arlington schools as well as at shelters for the homeless and the Offender Aid and Restoration Program. He even tutored an Armenian refugee and artist in English.

Thank you from the Board, the DRA membership and the Eichers family.



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I would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the Del Ray Artisans for the **Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund**. *DRA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and all contributions to DRA are tax deductible.*

In memory of _____ (if applicable)

My Name: _____

Address: _____

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Contribution Amount:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$300 _____ Other \$ _____

I would like a receipt: Yes _____ No _____

I am willing to be recognized for my contribution. (Please check all that apply)

- In the DRA newsletter, The Well Crafted Word
- On the DRA website (www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)
- I would prefer to remain anonymous

Please make your *check payable to Del Ray Artisans* and send it along with the completed form to:

Del Ray Artisans
Attn: Treasurer
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
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