

# THE WELL-CRAFTED WORD

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## CREATIVE KIDS T-SHIRT PAINTING CLASS

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1993  
10 A.M. - 12 NOON

For Children Ages 7 -12

Instructor: Becky Heavner

Cost: \$3.00

Bring a White T-Shirt or  
Sweatshirt

Del Ray Artisans Center,  
2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue,  
Alexandria, VA 22301

For More Information  
Call: Ann Campbell  
(703) 683-5246

## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL: OPENING RECEPTION USHERS IN SPRING

Del Ray Artisans' Center kicks off spring by featuring the work of twenty-five ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION members. The HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL show focuses on two dimensional pieces: paintings, photography and drawings.

Many hands and hearts have gone into the creation of the HOPE show. Hats off to Michael Hilker for doing a terrific job on the graphic design for the invitations and programs. Nancee Roberts and Susan Downs Prock organized the reception and coordinated the refreshments, and want to thank the artists for providing platters of delicious food. Congratulations to Patsieann Misiti and the rest of the busy Curating Committee: Christine Caravelli, Maria Cuzzocrea and Margaret Stewart for bringing the show to life.

Marchandts Ltd. and Firehook Bakery also lent their support by providing flowers and bread for the reception. Show your appreciation by frequenting their shops. By all accounts this has been a joint effort and a labor of love for all those involved. Be sure to bring your friends into the Center to enjoy the show.

## CHILDREN'S CLASSIC'S HOUR A HIT

Even though the "Blizzard of the Century" cancelled our initial story hour set for March 13, Sally Macklin's class on the following Saturday was a tremendous success. Fourteen children and their parents enjoyed Sally's rendition of "The Nightingale", after which the children worked with poster board, markers, and watercolors to create a three dimensional nightingale and a window for it to peek through. Thank you to the very talented Sally Macklin, organizer Christina Penn, and helpers Becky Heavner and Ann Campbell.

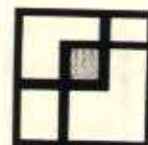
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General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, April 1, 1993 - 7:30 p.m.  
Del Ray Artisans' Center  
2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria  
703-684-6549

Bring a friend. Meet New Members.



## FLOOR CLOTHS CLASS SET

It's not too early to reserve a spot for Sarah Pearson's FUN WITH FLOOR CLOTHS classes. They will be held Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Students will try their hand at creating a 2' x 3' canvas floor cloth. Sarah will give an historical overview of the medium and then provide a demonstration. Come with color and style ideas to suit your decor. The cost will be \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members, plus a \$15 materials fee. For more information call Ann Campbell (703) 683-5246. See Calendar on p. 6 for details.

## FORMATION OF POTTERY COOPERATIVE SUBJECT OF MAY MEETING

George Brown of Pine Ridge Pottery in Alexandria has been invited to speak at ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION'S May meeting about plans which are being developed for an open cooperative clay studio for full-time and part-time artisans. It is anticipated that workspace, shelving, glazes, glaze preparation, and firing would be available through this cooperative. Members of the cooperative would work independently and share in the common operation and maintenance of the studio and its facilities. Consideration is being given to forming this cooperative under the umbrella of ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION, and making it a part of Del Ray Artisans' Center. If you work in clay, and you have been searching for economical studio space and the company of other clay artisans, the formation of this cooperative should be of interest to you. The May general Meeting of ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION will be held on Thursday, May 4, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., at Del Ray Artisans' Center, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Non-ARF members interested in the formation of a cooperative clay studio are welcome to attend this important presentation.

## YES, WE HAVE NO CENTER MANAGER

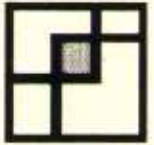
When in the course of human events, someone has come forward to take on an extra job, just to be a nice guy, it behooves us to rise to the occasion and pick up the torch. Susan Van Gilder, Director of Fundraising, has also served as Acting Center Manager for the last three months. The Manager makes up a calendar based on volunteer sign ups, provides orientation for new volunteers who wish to staff the Center and oversees the operation of the Center. The job has rotated among members and does not need to be a permanent position. It is time for Susan to devote more time to her Fundraising duties. Your help is needed. If you can keep a calendar and enjoy working with people, please call Susan at (703) 548-3577. Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE AUCTION

It's time to begin thinking about the 1993 Off-Beat Auction, ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION'S principal fundraiser. We are looking for folks who have a yen to serve as committee chairs (Live and Silent Auction) and as Overall Event Chair or Co-Chair. Watch for a soon-to-be announced Mini Retreat to some exotic location (Lake Accotink, anyone?) where some basic decisions can be made: how can we improve on last year's success? In the meantime, gather up that curbside furniture and let's get artists involved early in the process. We look forward to having the Center hum again with craftspeople.

## PLANTING AN IDEA

When you are planting your flower beds at home, please put a few plants aside and bring them to the barren little stretch of mulch in front of the Center. We can transform our streetscape with a few plants from every member.



**ATTENTION ARTISANS AND ARTISTS**  
**Arts & Crafts Fair Spaces Are Still Available For**  
**The Alexandria Waterfront Festival**

Sponsored by the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross, the Alexandria Waterfront Festival is the Red Cross' largest outdoor fundraiser in the country. The Waterfront Festival will be held June 11, 12, and 13 at Oronoco Bay Park, along the banks of the Potomac River in Old Town. Last year's festival attracted 125,000 people. 87 booth spaces, ranging in price from \$175 to \$225 for the three-day event, will be made available to selected artists and artisans. Applicants will be selected through a juried competition, to assure the overall quality of the Arts & Crafts Fair. A broad range of two and three-dimensional works are encouraged, including jewelry, furniture and woodworking, fiber arts, glass, paintings, photography, basketry and ceramics. For submission requirements and an application please call the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross at 703-549-8300: the deadline for submission of entries is April 23rd.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES: "STATE OF THE ARTS" SHOW**

The next exhibit at Del Ray Artisans' Center will be opening on the day of the third annual Mt. Vernon Avenue Block Party, Saturday, May 22. This show will include all media in two and three dimensions, *through all categories: functional, visual, wearable, etc. Selections will be made by jury, and there will be a minimal submittal fee.* Submissions will be sought from in and beyond the membership, and jurying will be of up to three works per person. Our receiving days will be Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 25, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; and Tuesday, April 27, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. We are eager to see what the "STATE OF THE ARTS" is in Alexandria, so show us your best! For further information, call Kathryn Brown, Selections Committee Chair, at (703) 549-5227. If you are not interested in submitting, but are interested in assisting during jurying or hanging the show, please call Kathryn.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail with \$3.00 payable to: ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION, Del Ray Artisans' Center, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301



**GRAPHIC ARTISTS' COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

A local non-profit group is in search of a graphic artist to bring its ideas to life. A local bereavement support group needs a volunteer artist to develop a logo so that plans can move ahead to incorporate and expand. Are you willing to donate your talent to a good cause? If so, contact Patsieann Misiti at (703) 549-1094.

Dear Member,  
Through Del Ray Artisans' Center, ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION has successfully served the needs of the community and engaged the public at large. However, ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION'S overriding commitment is to the needs of its members. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the opening of Del Ray Artisans' Center, we would like to take this opportunity to learn more about the individual talents and needs of our members. This valuable information will help guide ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION in the year ahead and make this a more effective organization for you. Please complete the brief questionnaire on the following page and return it to me at Del Ray Artisans' Center at your earliest convenience. Feel free to call me at (703) 548-9530 with any questions. Thank you.  
Lauren Smirniotopoulos  
Director of Members' Resources

**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.....**

KATY DIECKS  
CRAIG HANSON  
DANIELLE G. HATFIELD  
MARTIN JENKINS  
MARK LYONS

JEANNE MARSHALL  
DR. HOWARD AND IRENE PIERPONT  
RUTH SIEVERS  
CHESTER SIMPSON  
PATRICK STEELE

Updated Membership lists are available at every General Membership Meeting.

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type  
 Student/\$25     Individual/\$35     Household/\$50     Business/\$100

I am:  
 a fine artist                       an artisan                       interested in the arts

I am interested in:  
 Classes/Lectures     Exhibitions/Programs     Events

Please make check payable to "ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION" and send to 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

ATTN: Terry Atkin, Membership Director



ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an:  artisan  artist  interested in the arts.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBES YOUR AREA(S) OF ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS OR INTEREST:

- painting  printmaking  photography  ceramics
- furnituremaking  architecture  calligraphy
- sculpture  metalwork  glass arts  jewelrymaking
- other (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

I DERIVE THE FOLLOWING % OF MY INCOME FROM MY ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS:

- N/A  up to 20%  20% - 50%  over 50%  100%

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CLASSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREA(S):

(Please indicate B = Beginner; I = Intermediate; A = Advanced)

- painting  printmaking  photopgraphy  ceramics
- furnituremaking  architecture  calligraphy
- sculpture  metalwork  glass arts  jewelrymaking
- other (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS?  yes  no

Age(s) of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH CLASSES FOR

- adults  children in the following area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICPATE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S):

(Please note: an indication of your area of interest is not a forfeiture of all your free time!)

- Fundraising  Public Relations  Communications  Community Outreach
- Membership  Corporate Membership  Programs  Curating  Selection
- Marketing/Graphics  I would like more information. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING AT THE CENTER  yes  no

(Please note: the Center is staffed on a volunteer basis. Volunteers are requested to work an average of one shift per month.)

Please indicate preference(s)

- Tuesday 6 - 9 p.m.  Wednesday 6 - 9 p.m.  Thursday 6 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Saturday 12 - 3 p.m.  Saturday 3 - 6 p.m.
- Sunday 12 - 3 p.m.  Sunday 2 - 5 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND IDEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

When completed please forward to : LAUREN SMIRNIOTOPOULOS  
 Director Member Resources  
 Del Ray Artisans' Center  
 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
 Alexandria, VA 22301



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 26 - MAY 2: HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL. A Members' Showing of Visual Arts.
- MAY 4: Lecture - by painter Kathy Fliger, Topic and Time TBA
- MAY 8: Class - CREATIVE KIDS T-shirt Painting for Children Ages 7 - 12. Taught by Becky Heavner. 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Cost \$3.00 Bring a White T-Shirt or Sweatshirt.
- MAY 9 - MAY 19: One-Woman Show - Sarah Pearson. Faux Finished and Hand Painted Furniture.
- MAY 15: Class - FUN WITH FLOOR CLOTHS. Hand Painted Canvas. 9:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m. Instructor: Sarah Pearson. Price: \$25 Members, \$35 for non-members; plus a \$15 materials fee.
- MAY 16: Class - MORE FUN WITH FLOOR CLOTHS. Hand Painted Canvas. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Instructor: Sarah Pearson. Price: \$25 Members, \$35 for Non-members; plus a \$15 Material Fee.
- MAY 22 - July 3: State of the Arts. A Community Celebration of the Arts in Varied Media. (Juried)

**CONTINUOUS ARCHITECTURE: 19 APR - 14 JUN**  
 Smithsonian Lecture Series Presents  
 The Country's Leading Design-Build Architects

Created by Kyle Bergman, an M.Arch. candidate at VPI's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center in Alexandria, and co-sponsored by Warner Books and the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, this Campus on the Mall forum will explore an innovative new process of architecture which is redefining the way in which buildings are designed and constructed by continuing the design process *through the completion of construction.* David Sellers, James Hubbell, Steve Badanes of Jersey Devil, and John Connell, co-founder of Yestermorrow Design-Build school in Warren, Vermont and author of the forthcoming *Homing Instincts* from Warner Books, are among the architect practitioners of continuous architecture featured in this Smithsonian Forum. **CONTINUOUS ARCHITECTURE: Designing and Building Your Dream** will take place on eight, consecutive Monday nights from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., April 19 through June 14 (except May 31). The cost is \$99 for RAP members and \$139 for non-members. To register or for more information, please call the Resident Association Program, Smithsonian Institution, at 202-357-3030 (Code: 309-401).



**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS  
ADRIENNE HOLLANDER AND  
CHRISTINE CARAVELLI NEWEST  
MEMBERS ON ARF BOARD**

There are two additions to the ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION Executive Board. Christine Caravelli has assumed the post of Public Relations Director. She will handle press releases and publicize events. Peter Smirniotopoulos will be happily passing the baton to Christine after handling both the job of Executive Director and PR for lo these many months. The Executive Board is also very pleased to announce its selection of Adrienne Hollander Outreach Director. Among her many new duties Adrienne will represent ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION on the Chamber of Commerce and Potomac West Trade Association.

**PRESIDENT SCHUMAIER**

Congratulations to ARF member Dara Schumaier, the new President of the Del Ray Citizens' Association. Dara has served as an officer of the civic association for many years and assumes the top job mid-year due to Eric Wagner's appointment to the Alexandria Planning Commission. Dara assures us she has no further political aspirations. (That's what they all say.) Congratulations, Dara.

**SALUTE TO WOMEN**

Member Adrienne Hollander was one of 27 women honored at the 13th annual Salute to Women Awards banquet sponsored by the Alexandria Commission on the Status of Women earlier this month. Adrienne was nominated for the Margaret Payez Leadership Award for extensive volunteer work in the areas of human rights, women's and children's issues.

**MOTHERS' DAY TEA PLANNED TO OPEN ONE-WOMAN SHOW AT CENTER**

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Pearson, popular faux finishing teacher, will be displaying 20 pieces of hand painted furniture at Del Ray Artisans' Center beginning on Mothers' Day Sunday, May 9. Bring your mother for tea and to view Sarah's work. The Center will be open at noon until 5 p.m. Mothers' Day. The display will be featured Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and weekends through May 19.

Ann Campbell is soliciting names of volunteers to staff the Center on days when Sarah will not be available. Ann can be reached at (703) 683-5246.

