

THE WELL-CRAFTED WORD

news from del ray artisans' center

summer 1993



**ARTS
RESOURCE
FOUNDATION**

Check Out Our New ARF Logo!

Many thanks to Leslie Perkins, our new director of marketing & graphics, who designed the new, funky ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION logo. This logo will appear on all promotional materials, letterhead, and official correspondence, so keep an eye out for that cute pooch! (Why the dog, you ask?!) As reported by the *Gazette Packet* in our first feature article, many of the founding members were "DOG PEOPLE!" We won't mention any names here, but a certain husky is said to have been largely responsible for early information distribution.

ARTISANS' CENTER TO STAY AT 2210 MT. VERNON AVE FOR INTERIM

The ARF Executive Board is relieved to report that we have a home through the end of September. Rodger Digilio, developer and owner of Potomac Town Square, has accepted the board's offer to stay in our current digs through the end of September, at a slightly higher rent than we now pay (but still well below market rent). By some time in August, we should know whether the center can stay put through the end of the year.

However, the search is still on for a new, permanent home. The prospect of a larger facility presents a number of exciting opportunities for us. In addition to larger exhibition space, ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION hopes to also provide dedicated instructional space for classes, demonstrations, and workshops, and is exploring the possibility of providing limited studio space. ARF has developed a Request for Proposals seeking 2,500 - 10,000 square feet of retail/warehouse space along Mount Vernon Avenue or an adjacent retail corridor. We'd LOVE to find a commercial real estate agent (willing to waive the commission, of course) who would take on a good cause! For more information contact Peter Smirniotopoulos (703) 548-9530.

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

LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!!



COMMUNITY NEWS

ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION TO CO-SPONSOR CULTURAL EVENT

To further serve the public and reach out to the broad range of cultures that make up our community, ARF is joining together with the Performing Arts Association of Alexandria (PAAA), and Bienvenidos, the Latin-American outreach group, to co-sponsor a Latino music festival later this summer.

Preliminary meetings have been scheduled, and we expect to set a date and venue for the event soon. The most likely location will be the Arlandria neighborhood, north of Del Ray.

Christine Caravelli and **Susan Van Gilder** will be representing ARF; please give Christine or Susan a call if you want more information or would like to help out with the event.

NEED A MEETING SPACE?

If you belong to a group or organization that is looking for a place to hold regular meetings, the ARF Executive Board would like you to consider Del Ray Artisans' Center. At the last Executive Board meeting, it was decided that making the Center available during regularly scheduled exhibition hours might be a way to help groups in the community while increasing the Center's visibility.

If you're interested in finding out more about using the Center, please contact any Executive Board member (names and phone numbers are listed on the back of this newsletter).

The Furniture Show Opens July 20

What is being billed by exhibition coordinator Peter Smirniotopoulos as "the most significant show of our fifteen-month existence," The Furniture Show promises to feature some of the most talented furniture designers and makers in the Washington area. Opening Tuesday, July 20, this by-invitation-only exhibition will offer the works of ten furniture artisans, providing an unprecedented opportunity to see a broad range of original furniture designs in one exhibition.

The Furniture Show will feature recent works by:

ARF member **Carl Tese**
Henry Barrow
Hugh Belton
Jeff Dahlquist (a State of the Arts juror)
Henry Edquist, AIA
Stephen LaDrew
Peter Kramer
Ralph Reinecke
Pete Schlebecker
and Rick Wall.

All pieces to be exhibited are original designs, many of which have never before been shown in the Washington area.

As usual, we will be combing the membership ranks looking for volunteers to staff the Center during the show. If you are interested in working at the Center for a few hours, and you know when you'll have time available, please contact **Peter Smirniotopoulos** at (703) 548-9530.

Mark your calendars for the exhibition's opening reception, hosted by ARF member Dara Schumaier and featuring Firehook Bakery. The reception will be held **Friday, June 23** from **7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.**

selected works from del ray artisans' center



A showing of Fine Crafts and Functional Art.

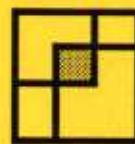
September 8—October 17

**Deadline for Submission
of Entries is
Monday, August 16.**

This exhibition is open to all members, whose submissions will be restricted only to the space limitations of the DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER. This is a very important exhibition for the center and for the future development of the DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER as an independent entity. By showcasing the considerable talents of many of the members of the ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION who create three-dimensional and functional objects, the DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER hopes to further the public's interest in and respect for fine crafts and functional art. This is the second of this year's two members-only, non-juried exhibitions sponsored in full by ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION.

**If you've been planning to join us,
now is your opportunity.**

**For more details, please
contact the Curating
Committee through
Patsieann Misiti,
703-549-1094**



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Submittal Form

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A showing of Fine Crafts and Functional Art

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Please describe briefly each piece for purpose of identification. More than one piece may be submitted, however space limitations will dictate number of pieces used.

Title of work _____

Dimensions _____

Medium _____

Value (*Information necessary for insurance purposes*) _____

Available (*price*) _____

Not for Sale

Artist's Statement (*Description of work, inspiration, or how did you interpret theme, choice of medium, artistic background, awards, other notable exhibits, etc.*) _____

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Deadline to submit entry forms is Monday, August 16

Show runs from Wednesday, September 8 through Sunday, October 17

No work may be removed for the duration of the show. No sales will be made by Arts Resource Foundation.

Permission to photograph any work for publicity purposes is considered granted unless otherwise stated in writing.



MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...

DAVID NICHOLSON
MILAGROS MATEU

Also, thanks to original members who have recently renewed their ARF memberships! Updated Membership lists are available at the Center.

Congratulations to member **Sally Macklin**, who sold "Circus 93," one of her pieces in the State of the Arts show!

Congrats also to sculptor and ARF member **Martin Hughes**, whose "First Dervish of January" will be loaned to the American Gear Manufacturers Association, Alexandria, where it will be prominently displayed in the headquarter's lobby. Marty's sculpture also will travel to AGMA's annual trade show in Michigan in October. Many thanks to AGMA Executive Director Joe L. Franklin, Jr.

Exhibitions at Del Ray Artisans' Center offer a wonderful opportunity for creative members to

gain exposure for their work. If you are an artist or artisan, keep an eye out for submission news in upcoming newsletters.

Marlin Lord's photograph, "Looking Through Time," (which also appeared in our Hope Springs Eternal Show) was accepted in the Art League show at the Torpedo Factory, recieved an award, and SOLD!

Look for nationally-recognized ARF member **Bryan Leister's** cover illustration appearing on the June '93 issue of *Architecture Magazine*. The cover marks a departure for the magazine, which generally features a photograph of a building.

OFF-BEAT AUCTION UPDATE

Nancee Roberts and **Susan Downs Prock**, co-chairs for this year's **Off-Beat Auction**, are looking for committee members, helpers, and LOTS of great old furniture. Workshops & Faux Finishing classes will take place in the fall, but we need to start collecting our treasures NOW. **Off-beat Auction** is scheduled for Saturday December 11. Call **Nancee** at (703) 548-1096 or **Susan** at (703) 548-2684 to get involved.

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:

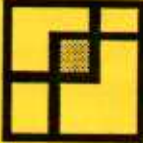
Classes/Lectures Exhibitions/Programs Events

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

ATTN: Terry Atkin, Membership Director

- Tuesday, July 20** **THE FURNITURE SHOW Opens**
- Friday, July 23** **Opening reception for The Furniture Show**
- Sun., Aug 22** **THE FURNITURE SHOW Closes**
- Mon., Aug 16** **Deadline for submissions for
Fall Fine Crafts & Functional Art Exhibition**
- September 8** **THE FALL FINE CRAFTS
& FUNCTIONAL ART SHOW Opens**

Del Ray Artisans' Center Exhibition Hours Are:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 6 PM—9 PM
SATURDAY: 10 AM - 6 PM/SUNDAY: 12 PM - 5 PM



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