

THE WELL-CRAFTED WORD

news from del ray artisans' center

september 1993

OFF-BEAT AUCTION OFF AND RUNNING

ARF's 1993 Off-beat Auction has been jumpstarted by a furniture windfall thanks to a tip-off from **Linda and Ron Blank**. When they learned that the City needed to empty a house for re-hab work they alerted **Nancee Roberts**. Nancee and Jono Roberts, **Susan Prock** and her friend Michelle, Sean Klink, Don Sellman and **Terry Atkin** devoted an entire day to hauling out what turned out to be a little bonanza: 35 pieces of furniture (art deco dressers, chairs...) Several items will be used in upcoming faux finishing classes. Many others will be available as Adopt-A-Piece projects for members to refinish, repaint or rebuild for the auction. Nancee's garage at 104 E. Cliff Street is filled to the brim with furniture crying out to be adopted. To get first dibs on a piece to redo, call Nancee at 548-1096. (Jono would like to use his garage again.)

FINE CRAFTS/FUNCTIONAL ART RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 10

ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION kicked off its second members - only show this year, featuring twenty-nine artists, on September 10. Masks, stained glass, sculpture, pottery, furniture, neon and wire work are included in this dynamic showing of local talent. Curator **Patsieann Misiti** has masterfully pulled together a show with diversity, quality and a few surprises. She praises members of the hardworking Curating Committee for their efforts in bringing this show to life: **Christine Caravelli** (Public Relations), **Adrienne Hollander** and **Terry Atkin** (Reception Invitations), **Maria Cuzzocrea** and **Margaret Stewart** (Program Editing), **Michael Hilker** (Graphic Design), **Margo Scavone** (Program Production), **Marty Hughes**, **Leslie Perkins**, **Dara Schumaier** (Installation) and **Bob Larson** (Signage/Installation). The opening reception was beautifully orchestrated by **Susan Downs Prock** and **Nancee Roberts**.

Special thanks go to **Nick Bayus** for doing the long overdue patch job on the Center walls and to **Scott Mitchell** of Residential Finishes for donating paint.

Bring your friends to this fine showing which continues through October 17.

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 1994

The ARF Executive Board held a strategic planning meeting on Sunday September 19th to discuss 1994 Budget, Fundraising & Grants, Staffing and Personnel, New Location, Retailing, Community Programs, Classes, New Board Positions etc. The Executive Board will report on the outcome of the strategic planning meeting and solicit member input at the October 7th General Meeting.

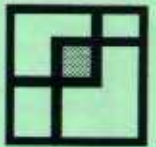
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General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 1993 - 7:30 p.m.
Del Ray Artisans' Center
2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria
703-684-6549

Auction Plans, New Site Update, Faux Finishing Classes



PROCRASTINATION ENDS: CENTER IS PAINTED!

The next time you visit the Center you are certain to notice its freshly painted walls. Painters extraordinaire **Margo Scavone, Ellen Johnson, Christine Caravelli, Terry Atkin** and **Patsieann Misiti** got down to business on a recent Sunday afternoon and completed the job in just two hours. They were supported by **Nick Bayus** who did the pre-paint prep work and by **Scott Mitchell**, of Residential Finishes who donated the paint. These wonderful folks deserve a pat on the back. Thank you all.

THE WALK STOPS HERE

Del Ray Artisans' Center will be the last stop on a walking tour set for Saturday, October 16. Community Outreach Director, **Adrienne Hollander** has made arrangements with the Fairfax County Division of Adult Education and will be organizing coffee and refreshments for about 20 visitors. The group is interested in meeting several of the artists of our Fine Crafts and Functional Art show and learning more about the historic nature of housing in Del Ray. Susan Esherick who is largely responsible for the historic district designation for the Town of Potomac in Del Ray, will lead the tour. Call Adrienne at (703)836-8530 for more information.

DROP OFF TIMES SET FOR AUCTION FURNITURE

Nancee Roberts will be available to accept donations of ugly duckling furniture for use in the upcoming Off-Beat Auction. If you have furniture with potential that you'd like to donate please drop it off at the Center September 28, 29 or 30 between 6 and 9 p.m. Furniture will also be accepted Sunday October 3 between 12 and 4 p.m. If you need assistance, call Nancee Roberts at 548-1096 to arrange a pick-up time.

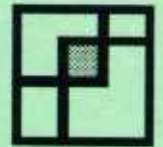
TWO ARF BOARD POSITIONS NOW OPEN

Christina Penn, Programs Director and Arts Liaison has announced that she will be stepping down from her post as program planner for ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION. Christina has a gift for organization and has arranged for several very successful classes here at the Center. She also represents ARF at meetings of the AAAG (Association of Alexandria Art Galleries). Her dedication and commitment will be greatly missed. Chris has offered to train her successor. If you would like to work in partnership with Christina to plan classes for the '93-'94 season she is looking forward to hearing from you. Call (703) 519-7253.

Another unhappy surprise is that **Christine Caravelli** is resigning her post as Director of Public Relations. Christine's enthusiasm and perseverance have made her a valuable part of the ARF board. If PR work is just what you've been looking for, here is an excellent opportunity. Talk with Christine for details at (703) 519-0825.

ARF AND PAAA CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP

As part of our continuing efforts to reach well beyond our immediate community and develop a broader audience and base of support for Del Ray Artisans' Center, ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION has embarked upon an ambitious plan for developing strategic partnerships and alliances with other worthwhile organizations. ARF's most recently formed strategic alliance is with the Performing Arts Association of Alexandria, (PAAA) which promotes the performing arts through a broad range of activities and public outreach programs. PAAA has invited ARF to organize several exhibitions of two and three-dimensional works, to coincide with PAAA's performance calendar for the upcoming season. PAAA has offered to make their December 12 holiday concert at the George Washington Masonic Memorial available for an exhibition of our members' works of fine and functional art, and is considering a second exhibition in May.



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The ARF Executive Board is seeking a member who would like to coordinate these exhibitions with PAAA, and act as the Executive Board's liaison with PAAA and its Board of Directors. Prior relevant experience is not necessary (after all the Executive Board didn't have any when we started this venture!) but energy, enthusiasm, and commitment are. Our liaison to PAAA may be an artisan or artist who would like to participate in these exhibitions.

We are extremely excited about pursuing this unique opportunity to collaborate with another non-profit cultural organization and combine the visual, physical and performing arts.

FURNITURE SHOW DRAWS RECORD CROWDS; NEW MEMBERS

The Furniture Show was an enormous success, breaking attendance records, receiving significant coverage in **The Washington Post**, **The Washington Times** and **The Gazette Packet** and resulting in several sales and numerous inquiries. Congratulations and many thanks to the extraordinarily talented furniture artists whose exceptional works graced Del Ray Artisans' Center, and who diligently worked the Center during the Exhibition. Much appreciation is also extended to the following members who also staffed the Center during the Furniture Show: **Terry Atkin, Ron Blank, Kathryn Brown, Christine Caravelli, Walter Hock, Ellen Johnson, Mart Larson, Bryan Leister, Sally Macklin, Patsieann Misiti, Chris Penn, Rob Reuter, Peter Smirniotopoulos, and Susan Van Gilder.**

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

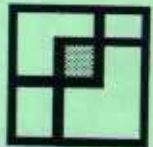
Danlele Piasecki is happy to report that she has received an "Honorable Mention" for one of three photographs now on exhibit at George Mason University Metro Center Gallery. The photos are part of the Springfield Art Guild's Annual Fall Show and Sale. The show runs through September 30th at GMU, 3401 N. Fairfax Drive 3rd floor gallery in Arlington, Virginia. Gallery hours: M - F: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Weekends: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Don't miss **Neville Johnston's** fabricated aluminum sculpture now showing at **David Martin's** shop, Gold Works 1400 King Street. The show runs through October.

Trish Cavallero received some well deserved recognition for interior design work she donated to a Washington D.C. house for children with HIV. Trish's mail table, which appears in our current show, was featured in the April issue of **Architecture Magazine!** **House Beautiful** also published an article with photos of Trish's design for the foyer of the house. Great project, Trish.

When **Steve Crossett** approached the owner of a local restaurant about placing one of his paintings, he got more than he bargained for. Instead of hanging a painting at King St. Blues, Steve has been commissioned by the owner to create an 8' x 6' painting for a new restaurant that will be located near King Street Metro. Watch for the opening of **Stellas** in November. Congratulations Steve.

ATTENTION ARTISTS: Earn city-wide recognition for your work and assist women in Alexandria. The Alexandria Commission on the Status of Women is seeking a local artist to create an award to honor women in Alexandria. The award will be given to those who are committed to the work sponsored by the Commission: Battered Women's Shelter, Rape Companion Program, Youth Community Outreach and Employment Services. Contact Tara Hardiman 684-3297.



SURGE IN ARF MEMBERSHIPS!

We are pleased to welcome many new members.

Carolyn Armbrustmacher

Hugh Belton

Kyle Bergman

Maja Chaszar

Elizabeth Anne Fertig

Marvin Gorelick

Annette Hickman

Pamela Holt

R. Neville Johnston

Robb Livingston

Michael Lynch

Scott Mitchell

Robert O'Toole

Carole Sherer

Kenneth Shoup

Chris Spencer

Karen Casey is our newest corporate member.

Stop in at the Center to pick up a current membership list.

RENEWAL TIME FOR ARF'S FIRST MEMBERS

If you have been a member of Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative a.k.a. ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION since 1992, it is probably time for you to renew your membership. If you have any question about when your renewal is due, please call Membership Director **Terry Atkin** at 836-0264.

Forming a broad membership base is the bedrock of our organization. Our members supply the talent, energy, financial support and vision we need to keep Del Ray Artisans' Center open as a center for community activities on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us by sharing your copy of this newsletter. Thanks.

1993 HELPING HANDS CRAFT SALE:

If you would like to put your crafts to work to combat hunger and homelessness see the flyer at the Center. Donated crafts are being collected by November 19. Call Deborah Norton (202) 483-7695 for info.

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



TIME

(WE ARE RUNNING OUT)

Del Ray Artisans Center is in need of people to fill several important positions for our upcoming

December 11, 1993
(Saturday)

**offbeat**
AUCTION

If you are interested in keeping the Center open for another year... (the auction is our main source of income)

Please call Nancee Roberts
(703) 548-1096

or

Susan Downs Prock
(703) 548-2684

Our next general meeting is

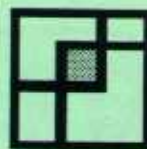
OCTOBER 7, 1993

(if you can't make it call Nancee)

NOTE: Nancee Roberts has loads of furniture

in her garage that needs loving care for refinishing and for upcoming faux classes

please call her if you are interested in adopting a piece



IN SEARCH OF...

FOA in search of SEL for mutually satisfying relationship. Must appreciate the full range of the arts and embrace our potential as a couple to stimulate...community development and commercial revitalization.
Signed, Desperate

Arts Resource Foundation (an FAO, or "fledgling arts organization") continues its search for a new home for Del Ray Artisans' Center as of January 1, 1994. More importantly, we are in search of a truly meaningful relationship with a SEL ("sympathetic and enlightened landlord") who understands the financial constraints of non-profit arts organizations and appreciates the level of positive activity Del Ray Artisans' Center generates. Thus far, our search has prompted several intriguing inquiries from SEL's outside of Del Ray but no interest from our own neighborhood. Although it would disappoint the community and many ARF members to have Del Ray Artisans' Center leave Del Ray for another part of Alexandria, our prospects for remaining in the community do not look promising at this stage. If you would like to help keep Del Ray Artisans' Center in Del Ray, or at least, somewhere, on Mount Vernon Avenue, and you have time to help identify and pursue prospects for possible sites for the Center, please call **Peter Smirniotopoulos** at (703) 548-9530.

CLASSES AND EVENTS

MO' FAUX, FAUX REAL...

The generous and talented **Sarah Pearson** will offer more of her hugely popular Faux Finishing classes. Sarah was featured this spring in a one-woman exhibition entitled "Second Star from the Right and Straight on until Morning." So polish your glasses, clean your contacts and keep doing those finger exercises. More faux is coming November 13, 14, 16, 17. Call **Christina Penn** 519-7253 for information.

JUMP START YOUR ART: Member **Carl Tese** presents a lecture/discussion on ways to be more productive Wednesday evening October 27. Registration for the class is \$12.00. For information call Carl at (703)820-7971.

PINE RIDGE POTTERY SPONSORING: Marketing for Craftspeople: Six Saturday afternoons beginning Oct. 2. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$70. Pine Ridge Pottery, 570G General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Instructor: Anne Fournier Anderson (703) 534-3765.

The Clay Connection is sponsoring a September workshop by Phil Rogers. Mr. Rogers was featured in the May 1993 issue of CERAMICS MONTHLY and is noted for his ash glazes. Cost for the 3-day workshop is \$50 for Clay Connection members and \$75 for non-members. Call Fran Newquist at 703-253-5997 for more information. The workshop will be held September 24, 25, and 26. For information on the workshop, pottery classes and studio space call 703-750-9437.

SMITHSONIAN: The Shape of Things to Come: The Impact of Commerce and Technology on the Arts. This all-day symposium will explore what's in store for the arts in the next century. Sat. Nov 6, 9:30 - 4:30 p.m. members \$85, nonmembers \$114. For information call WALA (202) 393-2826.

SMITHSONIAN: "Dirty Realism": Architecture and Urban Design in a Post-Industrial Society. October - November. (Code 315-401) Members \$99. Non-members \$139. For more information call (202) 357-3030.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

9/8 - 10/17: FINE CRAFTS & FUNCTIONAL ART
9/28,29, 30 & 10/3: OFF-BEAT AUCTION
FURNITURE DROP OFF

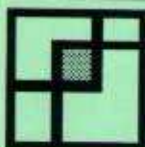
10/27: JUMP START YOUR ART LECTURE
10/30: HALLOWEEN PARTY
11/13,14, 16, 17: FAUX FINISHING CLASSES

11/23 - 12/11: FAUX LOVE OF MONEY
EXHIBITION
(Preview of Auction Items)

12/11: OFF-BEAT AUCTION

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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ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION is a 501(c)(3) public membership organization formed to create and support community based arts organizations and promote the arts as a resource for community development. DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER is a community arts space featuring two and three dimensional works of decorative and functional art and fine crafts through exhibitions, lectures, and instructional classes. DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER is funded, managed and operated by ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION.

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