

THE Well-Crafted Word

news from del ray artisans' center

april 1995

DEL RAY ARTISANS GENERAL MEETING

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY

APRIL 11TH AT ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER
BUREAU 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue,
Alexandria

AGENDA:

7:00 Refreshments

I. Old Business

John Mannell (Del Ray Newspaper,
CORE Support)

Membership Drive: Professional
Artisans, Basic and Corporate
Memberships

Treasurers Report

II. New Business

Grant Proposal Status

**T-shirt Order and Fund Raising
Sales**

Elizabeth Pirsch re: Legal assistance
& tax related discussion for
members

Members' Slide Portfolio

Newsletter Notices of Member's Shows

Realtor's Showhouse Project:
Brenda Williams

Space, The Final Frontier: Current
Status of Gallery Without Walls
"We're Back on the Avenue (maybe)"
Discussion of opportunity and
obligations associated with
quasi-permanent space

III. Buzz Sessions

Community Projects
Artists' Circle

IV. Reconvene: Groups Report

V. Adjourn 9:30

FOCUS ON THE TARGET

The Del Ray Artisans have been invited to exhibit in the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory this summer. Target Gallery is run by a committee drawn from the Torpedo Factory Artists Association, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the City of Alexandria. Representatives of this group recently met with **Kathryn Brown** our Selections Committee Chair.

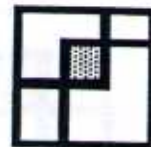
We are planning a juried, multi-media, membership show (so make sure your dues are current!). It will include any 2-D or 3-D works (including furniture). Although the space is not that large, the gallery will accommodate freestanding pieces and will provide several pedestals with plexiglas covers.

The dates for the show (some of which are tentative awaiting final confirmation) are as follows:

Submission of Works	June 10
OPENING RECEPTION	June 18 2 - 4 PM
Closing	July 16
Pick-up Exhibited Works	July 16 & 17 4- 5 PM

There will not be an "Entry Fee", but rather an "Acceptance Fee". Artists will be allowed to submit 3 pieces each, and for each piece that is accepted there will be a \$5.00 fee. There is also a 40% commission on any works sold through the show, but half of that will benefit the Del Ray Artisans!

For further information about this marvelous opportunity, please call **Kathryn Brown** 549-5227. And this from Kathryn, "I would also love to hear from you if you could offer any assistance - as always many hands make lighter work for all!"



DEL RAY ARTISANS BRANCHING OUT FOR SPRING....

We are pleased to announce that **Steve Crossett's** exhibit has been installed at Hannibal's Coffee Company, 3225 Duke Street in Hechinger Commons Shopping Center, Alexandria. Steve's artwork will be on display through the end of May. Hannibal's space will be available to artists from the Del Ray Artisans on a rotating basis. If you wish to exhibit your work, contact **David Nicholson** at 836-2975.

Also showing locally is **Kathryn Brown's** "Frozen Neon" Photography now on display at the Del Ray Cafe located at the corner of Monroe and Commonwealth.

There continues to be interest from the real estate community in our Brigadoon-line weekend open houses and artisans' sale. McEneaney Associates is working closely with **Brenda Williams**, a new member of the Del Ray Artisans, to plan an art show and sale this spring. Hear more about this opportunity at the General Meeting April 11th.

Marlin Lord reports that Crestar Bank at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Commonwealth has offered us exhibition space. If you are interested in using this space please contact **Marlin** at 683-1112.

ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM: MAKE ONE, SHARE ONE

The "Mother of all Artisans" **Lauren Smirniotopoulos** has been taking her show on the road when it comes to children's programming for the Artisan Center. As many of you know she organized a very successful partnership with Mt. Vernon Recreation Center last fall which brought twenty some children to the Artisan Center to work on arts and crafts projects which involved several days' work. Her concept was to not only treat the rec kids to some wonderful artistic experiences with our helpful artisans (**Eve Lamois, Helen Ottaway, Roberta La Rosa, Peter Smirniotopoulos** and

Nancee Roberts), but to have the children make two of each project. One project would be the child's to keep, and the other would be a Halloween treat for a child from Carpenter's Shelter, a homeless shelter here in Alexandria.

To expand on the concept Lauren returned to Carpenter's Shelter on other occasions to offer Del Ray Artisans' support. She met with children for crafts projects on Friday nights to make Thanksgiving treats, another make one, share one project. Only this time the Carpenter's Shelter kids shared their projects with residents of Woodbine Nursing Home. Thank you **Lauren** for sharing your ingenuity, time and resources with Alexandria's children. If you have ideas for future children's programming please give **Lauren** a call 548-9530.

ARTISANS APPLY FOR GRANT

As this newsletter goes to print **Patsieann Misiti** is diligently compiling facts and figures to apply for a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. We are eligible to apply for General Operating Support for '95 - '96. Many thanks to **Patsieann** for assuming responsibility for this project and to all those who contributed information including (New Mama) **Susan Van Gilder, Dave Nicholson, Marlin Lord** and **Kathryn Brown**.



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ARTISANS' PORTFOLIO IN THE WORKS

To help further our efforts when we're approaching potential contributors and/or new members or the media, it has been suggested that a library of members' work be maintained in 35 mm slide format. In this way we will have examples of work that demonstrates the depth and breadth of Del Ray Artisans' work.

To this end we are asking that each interested member submit up to three examples of their work. Please submit two (2) slides of each work as we anticipate having two complete slide presentations available. Each slide must be captioned on the cardboard mount. It should state your name and the name of the piece. Additional information, such as medium or size, is optional at your discretion and subject to the space available on the slide mount.

Please forward these slides to **Ellyn Ferguson** 104 E. Del Ray Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301 or give her a call at (703) 549-2660 if you need further information.

ARTISAN EXHIBITION AT NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Make plans to visit the Washington National Cathedral in time to take in **Carolyn Armbrustmacher's** current exhibit. The show has been extended into April and is located in the Garrett Lounge in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery. The show features Celtic Illumination Calligraphy and Photography. Showing along with Carolyn is Louise Megginson. The cathedral is located at the intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues and is open 10 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Saturday and 12:30 - 4:30 PM Sunday. Check it out.

POTTERY CLASSES

If you are interested in workshops and classes in pottery contact Creative Clay Studios 5704G General Washington Drive, Alexandria, VA 22312 at 703-750-9480.



*Hey You !
It's time to renew*

Name _____

Address _____

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day phone _____ evening phone _____

Membership type: student-\$25 individual-\$35
 household-\$50 corporate-\$100

Please make check payable to: **Del Ray Artisans** and mail it to 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301, attn: membership.

Don't miss the fun. There are new and exciting things for '95.

*Stay in touch by sending your renewal.
NOW!
Please*

DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

MAR - MAY
APRIL
APRIL 11
JUN 18 - JUL 17

STEVE CROSSETT EXHIBIT - HANNIBAL'S COFFEE
KATHRYN BROWN PHOTOGRAPHY- DEL RAY CAFE
DEL RAY ARTISANS GENERAL MEETING 7 P.M.
DEL RAY ARTISANS TARGET GALLERY EXHIBITION/
TORPEDO FACTORY



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2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue
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APRIL 11TH, 7 PM
2210 MT. VERNON AVE.
(ALEX. VOLUNTEER BUREAU
CONFERENCE ROOM)

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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