

THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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GRANT AWARDED!

News was just received that the Del Ray Artisans received a \$500 grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. It represents our first ever grant from the Commonwealth and is the second grant awarded to our group. Our first grant was from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts last year.

Executive Director of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Peggy J. Bagget writes "Del Ray Artisans is a young organization ... but it has the beginnings of a solid community arts resource. The Commission is grateful for your cooperation and for your contribution in making high quality arts activities available to the citizens of Virginia."

A big thanks to grant chair person **Patsieann Misiti** for the hard work and late hours and to her committee: **Nick Bayus, Kathryn Brown, Charlotte Corcoran, Mart Larson, Marlin Lord, and Dave Nicholson.** Great job!

FARMERS' MARKET STAFFING

If you can spare 2 - 3 hours on a Saturday, please volunteer to staff our T-shirt table at the Farmers' Market. Meet your neighbors, gossip, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the weather. Call **Charlotte Corcoran** at 548-1521 to get on the schedule. We need your help.

NEXT MEETING AT NEW LOCATON

Our next meeting will be at 7 PM at the new gallery space at 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue at the corner of Howell and Mt. Vernon Avenues. Come on over to see what the buzz is about and help us plan our "phoenix exhibition" to inaugurate the new space.

NEW ARTISANS' CENTER RENOVATIONS START

The Artisans' Board is finishing the paperwork on new space kindly offered by **Dennis Reeder**. The space, at 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue will serve as gallery and exhibition space for the Artisans. Renovation work started on Monday June 26th. There is a sign up sheet at the Artisans' table at the Farmers Market if you'd like to lend a hand with the spruce up work.

A big thanks to John Mennell of The Avenue Partnership for his efforts and interest in seeing us "on the Avenue" again.

On Monday, June 26th, a kick-off in the new space ended with great enthusiasm. Standing on the street and applauding their efforts in designing an initial window display were: **Nick Bayus, Ron Blank, Kathryn Brown, Charlotte Corcoran, Ellen Ferguson, Walter Hock, Marlin Lord** and **Dave Nicholson**. Most of this group met again on Thursday night and got down to the real work of moving hardware and display racks to clear the space for the gallery. Meanwhile **Kathryn and Nick** played "5,000 letter pick-up" after a minor moving accident spilled seemingly that many house numbers on the floor.

Another crew worked during the first week of July to finish emptying our half of the old Potomac Hardware space. Included in the spruce up group were some civilian volunteers who signed on at the Farmer's Market. Thank you to neighbor **Sherry Bergen**; new member, **Joan Gaskins** and to **Bob Larson's** mom, **Jeanette Carbonetti**. Other willing workers were **Gayle Reuter** and **Brian Leister**. Again, if you'd like to help, sign up at the Artisans' table at the Farmers' Market on Saturdays.



ARTISANS' TORPEDO FACTORY SHOW OFF TO STRONG START

Our Torpedo Factory Target Gallery Show **FOCUS ON DEL RAY** continues to run up large audiences. During the first week that the show was open over 1,000 guests toured the exhibition. The show, juried by Lee King of Gallery 4, contains 41 works representing 21 artists with a wide diversity of styles. There are sculptural pieces, blown glass, painted panels, furniture, photographs, painted works, jewelry items and hand-made papers.

The exhibition is also getting good press. Check out the July 6th edition of the **Gazette Packet**. A photo of some young visitors playing checkers at **Sarah Peason's** "Sun and Moon Table" sets off a complimentary article.

Kathryn Brown spent a huge amount of time coordinating the details for this show and deserves a pat on the back for her efforts. **Les Perkins** did a masterful job in designing the reception invitation. Also, kudos to **Ron Blank** and **Bob Larson** for so ably installing the show. And a special thanks to **Dara Schumaier** for orchestrating a beautiful buffet at our opening reception and to everyone who made goodies. Try to get by the show if you haven't already done so. It runs Tuesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. through July 16th.

CARL TESE FURNITURE EXHIBIT

There's not much time left to catch **Carl Tese's** furniture exhibit now on display in Washington, D.C. through July 29th. **Carl** is known for his first-rate craftsmanship and design. His work is being featured at Studio Design Gallery which is located at 1508 19th Street, N.W. near Dupont Circle and Q Streets. Just follow the gallery's logo, a green square on point, to the entrance. The hours are 10 AM - 6 PM Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 202-667-6133.

BECKY HEAVNER HONORED

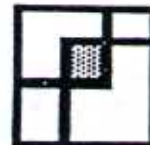
When **Becky Heavner** recently designed a poster to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Bureau, a government agency here in Washington, D.C., she had no idea it would lead to an invitation to the White House. **Becky** and five other women artists met **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton** at a reception last month. When you see **Becky** ask her what it feels like to be a "Friend of Bill." Congratulations, **Becky**.

SUSAN SLATTERY OPENS AT HANNIBAL'S COFFEE

Our continuing association with Hannibal's Coffee took another step forward. **Susan Slattery** has now hung an exhibit which will run through September. **Susan's** colorful oils on canvas feature a variety of subject matter. Many pieces were inspired by her Mom's postcard collection. Be sure to stop in and enjoy **Susan's** still life work at Hannibal's on Duke Street in the Hechingers Common Shopping Center. Members who would like to display their work should call **Dave Nicholson** at 836-2975 to reserve a spot on the schedule.

BEST IN SHOW AWARDED

On June 22nd **Dave Nicholson** was announced as the 1st Place Award winner in the Delaplaine Visual Art Center's annual juried Arts Festival Exhibition. There were over 250 entries submitted from four states and the District of Columbia. The winning entry was a manipulated Polaroid SX-70 photograph of the American Horticultural Society's headquarters in Mount Vernon. Call **Dave** for information if you would like to "trek" to Frederick for this show. It runs through July 30th.



ARTISANS: KEEP US POSTED

Members are showing in a variety of locations and we are always interested in supporting their work. Each month the **Well-Crafted Word** reports on exhibitions of Del Ray Artisans in and around the Metro area. Please contact **Mart Larson 703-836-0413** if you wish to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



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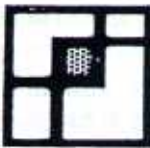
I am interested in volunteering. ___ Yes ___ No

**Membership Categories: Student - \$25 Individual - \$35 Household - \$50
Corporate - \$100**

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

DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

- JUL 25** **GENERAL MEETING 7 PM/ 2003B MT. VERNON AVE.**
- JUL -SEP** **SUSAN SLATTERY EXHIBIT - HANNIBAL'S COFFEE**
- THRU JUL16** **ARTISANS' TARGET GALLERY EXHIBITION - TORPEDO
FACTORY**
- THRU JUL 29** **CARL TESE FURNITURE EXHIBIT/STUDIO DESIGN GALLERY**



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GENERAL MEETING

JULY 25, 7 PM

2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue

Alexandria, Virginia

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 is a community arts group featuring two and three dimensional works of decorative and functional art and fine crafts through exhibitions, lectures, and instructional classes in the community. DEL RAY ARTISANS is funded, managed and operated by ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION.

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