

# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

september 1995

## MUD WOMEN COMING TO DEL RAY

The DEL RAY ARTISANS are proud to present **The Mud Women Ceramics by Jane Cullum, Fran Newquist and Helen Ottaway**. The exhibit will grace Del Ray Artisans Center October 6th - 9th. An Opening Reception is set for Friday, October 6th from 6 - 9 PM at the Center, 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue.

We are pleased to be hosting a collaboration by such an accomplished group of "mud women."

**Jane Cullum** is known for her functional ceramics, primarily in stoneware. She teaches in her studio in McLean and at Pine Ridge Pottery in Alexandria.

**Fran Newquist's** studio and show room are located at the Tin Barn in The Plains, Virginia. She works mostly in stoneware and raku and makes functional pieces and decorative work.

**Helen Ottaway** will show porcelain with chrySTALLINE glazes and raku. Some of Helen's large pastels and watercolors will also be included in this show. The work will range in price from inexpensive functional pieces, such as mugs and bowls to larger, more complex pieces. Don't miss this special show Friday through Monday October 6th - 9th.

## FARMERS' MARKET STAFFING

Thank you to **Mary Jo Long** who has volunteered to coordinate Del Ray Artisan participation at the Farmers' Market. If you are interested in volunteering to staff our T-shirt table we need you. Volunteers spread the word about upcoming events at the Center and dispense membership information. If you would like to donate a couple of hours on a Saturday morning call **Mary Jo** at (703)-549-1085.

## SUMMER STARS EXHIBIT COMES TO A CLOSE

The premier exhibit in our new Center is a member show featuring the works of 18 Del Ray Artisans. The two and three dimensional work has been on display throughout the month of August. The Exhibition Center is open on Saturdays to showcase the work of our members. Thank you to **Kathryn Brown** for curating this show.

A **SUMMER STARS** Reception will be held Friday September 8th and will feature great food and live music. We expect a large crowd to help inaugurate the new space.

The DEL RAY ARTISANS are proud to show the works of our fine and functional member artists. If you have visited the exhibition you have seen that we have gathered talented artists, working in a variety of media. What you may not know is that our group also includes many non-artists with an interest in the arts, or in the uplifting effect that arts have in the community. There are many opportunities to become involved with DEL RAY ARTISANS and we are always open to new ideas for ways we can better serve both artists and the community. Let us hear from you. (703) 684-6549

## NEW HAPPENINGS

**Sarah Pearson** has signed on as Membership Director and is spearheading the development of an Artists Directory (see inside). **Sarah** believes that the purpose of DEL RAY ARTISANS is "to bring artists and artisans together to support them through member exhibits, networking and community events. We place emphasis on the ability to support the artist in everyone." To that extent, she is also offering two sections of Faux Finishing Classes. Please share the enclosed flyers with your friends and note the tight deadlines. To learn more about these projects and others attend the next ARTISANS Meeting Monday, September 18th from 7 - 9 PM 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.



REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CLASSES AT DEL RAY ARTISANS CENTER!

DECORATIVE FINISHES I.....SEPTEMBER 30, SATURDAY  
\$60 includes supplies.....9 AM - 1 PM  
\$50 Members..... DEL RAY ARTISANS CENTER  
Instructor: Sarah Pearson ..... 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Students must bring a bucket, plastic gloves and wear old clothes.

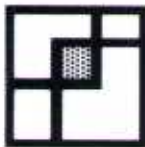
This is an introduction to faux finishing/decorative finishes. Students will come away with 4-5 finished samples of their work learned in class. We will open with a description of the paints used, how to mix a glaze, what base coats to prepare, tools to use, and how to avoid mistakes in accomplishing a wonderful painted finish. Students will complete sample boards using these techniques: sponging, dragging (simple antique wood grain), verdigris, stippling and a couple simple marbles.

DECORATIVE FINISHES II.....OCTOBER 1, SUNDAY  
\$60 includes supplies.....9 AM - 1 PM  
\$50 Members .....DEL RAY ARTISANS CENTER  
Instructor:.....SARAH PEARSON

Again, students will come away from class with 4-5 finished sample boards. We will create: granite, green marble, fantasy marble, carrera marble and yellow marble. We will varnish our boards and students will receive detailed instruction on the procedure for preparing and finishing many kinds of surfaces to take a painted finish like the ones we are creating in class.

About the Instructor: Sarah Pearson has a BA in Interior Design from Marymount University. She has taught Faux Finishing and Decorative Finishes classes for the Del Ray Artisans Center, Springfield Art Guild and Fairfax County's Adult Education program. Sarah was given a one-woman show at Del Ray Artisans Center in May '93 for her functional art (painted furniture). She has also shown in galleries and boutiques in McLean and Alexandria, Virginia and Potomac, Maryland. She has recently branched out to faux finishing columns, doors and small walls for interior designers and clients in the Metropolitan area.

Yes, enroll me for Decorative Finishes at Del Ray Artisans Center:



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

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

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the session you plan to take:  DECORATIVE FINISHES I, Saturday, September 30th, 9 am - 1 pm

DECORATIVE FINISHES II, Sunday, October 1st, 9 am - 1 pm

Make Check Payable to: Del Ray Artisans And mail to: 2003B Mt. Vernon Avenue Alexandria, VA 22301  
For more information call 684-6549.

*A call to artists to participate in our  
first annual artists' directory!*

**Del Ray Artisans Center** is creating a directory that will promote artists in our community. This color directory will publish local artist's with a brief description of their work, and how to reach them. Promote yourself and join a team of ambitious artists by signing up today. A reception will be held on Friday, December 1, 1995 to kick off the distribution of the directory, details to be announced.

I want to publish my work in your directory.

Secure a cropped print here  
of the work you want  
published. We are limited to  
3 x 4, horizontal or vertical.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for entry is Wednesday, November 1, 1995**

Please tell us about your artwork in 50 words or less. Include medium, price range for your work, and any affiliations, awards, etc.

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<sup>440</sup>~~\$35~~.00 per entry. Please write your check or money order to: **Del Ray Artisans Center**, and enclose it with this form. Send to: 2003B Mt Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301

## DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

SEP 8	RECEPTION SUMMER STARS EXHIBIT 7 - 10 PM
SEP 30	DECORATIVE FINISHES I CLASS 9 AM - 1 PM FESTIVAL ON THE AVE (on field at Mt. Vernon School) 11 AM - 4 PM
OCT 1	DECORATIVE FINISHES II CLASS 9 AM - 1 PM
OCT 6	OPENING RECEPTION: THE MUD WOMEN 6 - 9 PM
OCT 7, 8, 9	THE MUD WOMEN CERAMICS EXHIBITION 11 AM - 5 PM



Del Ray Artisans' Center  
2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301  
703-684-6549

## GENERAL MEETING

SEPT. 18, 7 - 9 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.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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