

# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

january 1996

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Plan to attend the next Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, January 10th at 7 PM** at the Artisan Center at 2203B Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Our members are the backbone of our artistic calendar and community involvement. Come to learn about preliminary plans for an ambitious 1996 and register your interest early. The '96 Exhibition Calendar that was developed for our recent grant application will be unveiled. There are lots of hot opportunities to show your work if you are an artist whether you create Furniture, Arts for the Home, Photography, and of course there will be two Member shows to feature the complete range of our artists' talents. Sign on to be part of our exciting artists' directory project: '96 in '96. The directory is the brain child of Membership Director, **Sarah Pearson**. She is seeking members with expertise in marketing, printing technologies, graphic art, distribution and finance for this important project. There are also exciting outreach opportunities in the community. Take a little time to attend Wednesday's meeting and share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

## REQUEST FOR MEMBER ARTWORK

In conjunction with upcoming classes to be held at Del Ray Artisans Center items are now being solicited for display during January and February. A wide variety of work is requested that will show the broad range of member appeal. If you have work that you would like to display, bring it Wednesday, January 10th to our next membership meeting. The bay windows provide excellent space to display three-dimensional work and there will be some room for items to be shown on our freestanding pedestals. Bring your pieces Wednesday to be part of our next display.

## INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL ART

**Bryan Leister** has announced plans to offer a demonstration of the many ways to use today's computers in your art. With the recent introduction of relatively inexpensive and fast computers more artists are switching to, or incorporating, various computer technologies into their art. The graphic arts field is dominated by Macintosh computers so all of the demos will be on Macs. However, many of these programs are available for Windows as well.

In this class you will see how one illustrator made the transition from a printmaking technique to completely digital artwork that is given to the client in electronic form. It can even look more handmade than something handmade! There are many ways to paint and manipulate images on the computer: even scan in your own textures and paintings. And best of all, it's easy! There will also be examples of how to make a digital portfolio (with music!) that can fit on a floppy disc. The primary program focused on here will be Photoshop.

If you've seen the movie Toy Story, then you can appreciate the possibilities of 3-Dimensional modeling and animation. Everything from photorealistic objects, sculptural designs and architectural layout can be done with computer graphics. While much of 3-D work is quite technical, this class will serve as an introduction to how to go about making and adding texture to models and a little bit of animation. Some of the programs used here include Alias Sketch!, Pixel Putty Solo and PIXAR's RenderMan software (the same software that was used for Toy Story).

**Bryan's** class will be offered in mid-February and we are expecting a good response. Please pass the word about this great opportunity. To register call **Bryan Leister** at 703-683-1544



## ART CLASSES: HERE! IN '96

Interested in classes that you can take at the Center? Check out the following list of classes for children and adults that are co-sponsored by the Del Ray Artisans and the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education Program.

**BIG PAINTING, BIG IDEAS** - ages 9 and up  
Explore collage combined with largescale wall painting. Create individual works and collaborative mural celebrating some of the great people we like to recognize in Jan.-Feb: King, Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, or even you.  
1/16/96 3:45 PM Fee: \$49

**FLIGHTS OF FANTASY** - Children will use things that fly as inspiration for sculpture projects using mixed media.  
2/20/96 3:30 PM 6-8 year olds  
5:00 PM 9-12 year olds  
Fee: \$29

**PAINTING FOR PLEASURE** - class for adults  
All levels find your style, experiment with new ideas for using color and paints while having fun. Materials extra.  
6 three hour sessions  
2/8/96  
Fee: \$79

**DREAM COLLAGE** - Stream of consciousness picture making for people who want to explore dream imagery. No art experience necessary. Some supplies provided.  
2 two hour sessions  
Fee: \$49

**Call Fairfax Adult Education now  
at 703-227-2239 for  
information, schedule and lists  
of materials.**

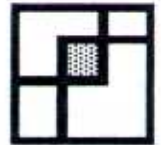
## VISIONS OF WINTER WONDERS HOLIDAY SALE

Congratulations to **Sue Dick** and her committee: **Alice Cannon, Mary Coldren, Charlotte Corcoran, Steve Crossett, Helen Ottaway, Madeline Ramsey** and **Susan Slattery** for inaugurating our new space with a beautiful Holiday Craft Show and Sale. The space was transformed by several hardworking artisans. Hats off to the clean up and clean out crew: **Kathryn Brown, Ron Blank, Charlotte Corcoran, Sue Dick, Mart Larson, Marlin Lord, Dave Nicholson**. A medal goes to **Walter Hock** who proved to be relentless in his battle to remove spilled paint. Nevermind that we all needed gas masks! Special thanks to **Charlotte Corcoran** for setting up the Christmas tree.

Kudos to the talented artisans who created beautiful work: pottery, paintings, hand fashioned boxes, fancifully decorated bottles, jewelry, handpainted furniture, ornaments, stained glass and more. The variety was impressive and so was the graciousness of the setting complete with hot cider and delicious holiday sweets. A portion of each artist's sales was donated to the Del Ray Artisans. Many thanks to **Sue** and her first-rate committee for a job well done.

## OPEN STUDIO DISCUSSED

The possibility of sponsoring an open studio night or nights has been proposed. Good idea? or not? Let us hear from you. Would you be interested in sharing your art and joining in the camaraderie and energy of group creation? If there is enough interest, we may hire a model or models. This is something that would be open to any and all artists for a very nominal fee. Members, of course would get a break. Participate in the planning for this new venture by being part of the Membership Meeting next Wednesday.



**WOULD YOU LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT?**

We have new and continuing opportunities for exhibition of works by members in area establishments. To exhibit come to the January 10th Membership meeting and sign up or call one of the members of the Executive Board listed at the back of this newsletter. Currently we have spaces at Hannibal's Coffee Company, The Del Ray Cafe (undergoing a change of ownership), the Snuggery and invitations from the American Political Network, the Fin and Hoof Restaurant, the soon to open coffee shop on the Avenue, the soon to open soda shop, plus our own Window on the Avenue. Good stuff! Get on a list to exhibit and Sell!

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS**

January 3rd, selected members of the Del Ray Artisans appeared before the Alexandria Commission for the Arts to answer questions from the Commission regarding our mission, goals and calendar of events for 1996. Present were **Dave Nicholson**, Executive Director, **Charlotte Corcoran**, Assistant Executive Director, **Marlin Lord**, Treasurer, **Kathryn Brown**, Assistant Treasurer and **Mart Larson**, Secretary. We are confident that we will receive a grant from the Commission owing to our commitment to the arts in the community and our outstanding record of community involvement and accomplishment. A significant example of this was our second consecutive Alex Award for Excellence. With your continuing support and involvement we can make '96 even better.



**Become a Member  
Join Del Ray Artisans Now!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- JAN 10**            **MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM/2003B MT. VERNON AVE.**
- JAN 16**            **CHILDREN'S CLASS: BIG PAINTINGS-BIG IDEAS 3:45 PM**
- JAN 18**            **ADULT CLASS: DREAM COLLAGE 7PM**
- FEB 8**             **ADULT CLASS: PAINTING FOR PLEASURE 7 PM**
- FEB 20**           **CHILDREN'S CLASS: FLIGHTS OF FANTASY 3:30 & 5:00 PM**



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2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
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## GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 10TH

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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