

THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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INFORMAL GALLERY TALK & PARTY

Do you have work you'd like other members to see? Between now and February 9th you can place works in the Center for all to see at an **informal gathering** planned for Saturday, February 10th.

We are starting the new year off by planning more frequent, casual events. These can be considered as artists get-togethers where anyone willing to talk about their art can speak to the group. Artwork will be hung on Friday evening February 9th between 7 - 9 PM. If this idea sounds interesting, plan on dropping in on February 10th. The **gallery talk** will last from 7:00 - 8:30 PM and then we'll turn up the tunes and **party** til 10 PM.

If there is sufficient interest we are considering adding outside artists for talks in the future. If you know of someone you'd like to invite to speak share your ideas with a Board member so we can follow through on your suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 26TH

The next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th at 7 PM at the Artisan Center. We'll be discussing calendar changes, including a retrospective show of member, **Matt Debevec's** works. **Matt** passed away recently and we're planning an exhibition and fund raising effort (for leukemia research) in his honor for the latter part of March. **Bob Larson** will curate the exhibit.

DIGITAL ART CLASSES SET

Bryan Leister will be teaching classes on computer generated illustration. The first session will be held at the Center on Monday, February 5th from 7 - 9 PM. The second session is set for Monday, February 12th. Call **Bryan** at 683-1544 to register. Fee is \$15 per class or \$25 for both sessions.

'96 EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

Several members came forward in recent planning sessions with offers to curate major exhibitions in the coming year. The following list of exhibition opportunities will make it possible for Del Ray Artisans to contact these curators now and register interest in showing work. It should also give artisans sufficient lead time to create artwork. While dates are not definite, here is the general chronology of events.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF TODAY EXHIBITION - Alexandria Professional Photographers Group Exhibit (Curator: **Dave Nicholson** 836-2975)

ONE MAN'S ART- Retrospective Matt Debevec's Artwork (Curator: **Bob Larson** 836-0413)

ARTS FOR THE HOME EXHIBITION (Curator: **Becky Heavner** 683-1544)

MEMBERS SPRING SHOW-MIXED MEDIA (Curator: TBA Could be you)

FURNITURE EXHIBITION (Curator: **Ron Blank** 765-3878)

FALL FOR ART - MIXED MEDIA MEMBER SHOW (Curator: TBA)

SIDE BY SIDE - Exhibit featuring the works of adult artists beside the artwork of their children or young partner (Curator: **Alice Cannon** 683-3252)

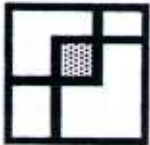
Exhibitions take the talent and combined effort of many members, not just the artists and curator. There are many ways for members to get involved: mailings, publicity, coordinating food donations for receptions, hanging artwork. If you'd like to help, call a curator and sign on!

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DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

FEB 5 & 12	DIGITAL ART CLASSES 7 - 9 PM
FEB 8	PAINTING FOR PLEASURE ADULT CLASS 7 PM *
FEB 9	HANG ARTWORK FOR PARTY 7-9 PM
FEB 10	GALLERY TALK/PARTY 7-10 PM
FEB 20	CHILDREN'S CLASS: FLIGHTS OF FANTASY 3:30 & 5:30PM*
FEB 26	MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 - 9 PM
MAR 22	OPENING RECEPTION "ONE MAN'S ART" 7 - 10 PM
MAR 23,24 & 30,31	"ONE MAN'S ART" SATURDAYS 10AM- 5PM SUNDAYS 12 - 5 PM

* For more info on these classes call 703-227-2239.



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

gallery talk/party
sat. feb. 10th
7 -10 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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