

# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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## DEL RAY ARTISANS RECEIVE GRANT

We have just learned that our grant proposal to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts was viewed favorably. A grant of \$1,700 has been awarded to the Del Ray Artisans pending final City Council approval which usually is a formality. Congratulations to those who worked on preparing the grant and attended two "gruelling" interview sessions. Thanks go to **Mart Larson, Marlin Lord** (who tried to sell our T-shirt to the selection committee - Yea! Marlin!), **Kathryn Brown, Charlotte Corcoran** and **Dave Nicholson**.

## THE AVENUE'S HOPPIN' ON SATURDAYS

Not only is the ART FOR THE HOME show drawing foot traffic on Mt. Vernon Avenue, but now neighbor, Robert Murray of von Braehler Gallery is opening up the sidewalk in front of his gallery for "Art on the Avenue" on Saturday mornings. Artists are invited to display their wares along the Avenue. For more information contact Robert Murray at 683-7474.

Your participation is also welcome at the Del Ray Artisans' info table at the Farmers' Market each Saturday. Call **Charlotte Corcoran** at 548-1521 to sign on between 8 AM -10 AM or between 10 and noon. T-shirt sales have been brisk and the market has been even busier this year. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours. Let us hear from you.

## SPRING MEETING SET: MAY 29TH, 7PM

The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 PM at the Artisan Center. Come share your ideas for **your arts organization**. We would love to hear suggestions and yes, even comments on how the gallery can better serve your artistic needs. Come to the Center on the 29th and find out the latest on the T-shirt design competition, provide some input for our summer and fall events. We need you.

## PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR FALL "DEL RAY ARTWALK"

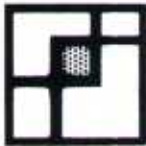
Plans are underway to block off a section of Mt. Vernon Avenue so that over 100 artists can display and sell their work on an upcoming October weekend. The project is being spearheaded by The Avenue Partnership under the leadership of **Pat Miller**. Her committee is already busy with logistics, fund raising and other organizational tasks that promise to make this an outstanding event. TAP came to the Artisans first and asked that our artists help spread the word to colleagues and friends that this October, the Avenue is the place to be for showcasing artwork. The art walk will be the entire focus of the event. It will be held in place of the block party and the festivals that have been sponsored by TAP the past. Artisans' input is sought on the planning committee and interested persons should contact **Pat Miller** at 683-2570. There will be a \$50 entry fee but members of the Del Ray Artisans will be able to enter for \$40. Artisans will be the only group that will be allowed to share a space. So two artisans could spend an affordable \$20 a piece and enter together. Contact **Pat** now to get on the mailing list for further information.

## DO YOU HAVE SLIDES OF YOUR WORK?

We are moving forward with assembling a slide show that will showcase members' work in the bay windows of the gallery space. **Dennis Reeder** has generously offered the use of projectors for this project. This exciting development will afford any and all of the members a chance to have samples of their works seen by hundreds of people every evening. We plan to use a rear projection system on a timer to accentuate the gallery and the Del Ray Artisans. Get your slides together, and call **Ellyn Ferguson** 549-2660 who is coordinating and collecting the slides.

## DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

- MAY 4, 11, 18, 25 "ART FOR THE HOME" EXHIBITION  
SATURDAYS 10AM- 5PM
- MAY 29TH SPRING MEETING 7 PM
- JUNE 2 ART FOR HOME ARTISTS PICK UP ARTWORK
- OCTOBER ART ON THE AVENUE



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

Spring Meeting  
Wed., May 29th  
7 PM -9 PM  
2003A 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.

### ART FOR THE HOME SHOW

There was a great turnout for the Opening Reception of the ART FOR THE HOME show which **Becky Heavner** so skillfully curated and installed. Congratulations to **Becky** and her installation crew: **Bryan Leister, Nick Bayus, Kathryn Brown, Charlotte Corcoran, and Marlin Lord** who fueled by pizza and beer, finally overcame ....*the Pegboard!!* The show is dynamic, diverse and does a great job showcasing the works of many talented artisans. If you haven't had a chance to see what is on display, make sure you do before the show closes at 5 PM Saturday, May 25th. Artists should make arrangements to pick up their work on June 2nd.

### ENCHANTED NEW MEXICO

15 DAYS-14 NIGHTS= \$1689.00  
SEPTEMBER 12 TO 26, 1996

Catch the spirit of a magic land with DEL RAY ARTISAN member **Daniele Piasecki** as she leads an exciting two week trek to the beautiful Southwest! Immerse yourself in the multi-cultural world where Spanish, Native American and Anglo influences mingle and Art & Craft are bountiful. Call **Daniele Piasecki** (703) 519-0878 for a complete itinerary. **Daniele** will donate \$10 to DEL RAY ARTISANS for each person who takes the trip thanks to this newsletter.