



THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

summer 1996

ART SAFARI

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is planning an Art Safari the weekend of October 5th and 6th. **Steve Shulman** who is a member of the Del Ray Artisans and the Commission, attended the May 29th membership meeting to invite our participation at this event. The concept will involve events at all the public art spaces in Alexandria simultaneously. Three maps are being developed to guide visitors whether they be on foot, bicycle or car. Plans are being made to coordinate the Del Ray Art Walk so that our street fair will be part of the Art Safari. **Pat Miller** is organizing the Art Walk which is seeking scores of artists to display and sell their works On the Avenue. She is also in search of artists who can create their artwork on-site at the event. Entry fees for artisans are reduced to \$40 per table and two artisans may share a space. Call **Pat Miller** 683-2570 to learn more about this opportunity. On that weekend our group is planning an exhibit that will focus on visual artists interpreting the performing arts. Not only will we put on an exhibit, but we hope to provide some entertainment (musicians, dancers). If you have leads for performers or if you have created artwork that celebrates other artists, please attend the June 18th Membership Meeting to discuss plans for this exciting event. Your feedback and ideas are needed now to help flesh out this concept.

JUNE MEETING SET

The next gathering of the Del Ray Artisans will be Tuesday June 18th at 7:30 PM at the Center, 2003 A Mt. Vernon Avenue. On the agenda will be finishing touches for the July 5th exhibit, discussion and planning for future events and exhibitions (wearable art? edible art?), and more information on the October Art Safari weekend. On-going opportunities to schmooze about Del Ray Artisans to the community are available in short shifts at the Farmers Market on Saturdays. To sign up for a stint please call **Charlotte Corcoran** 548-1521.

AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE: INEZ RENWICK JOHNSON (1937-1992)

July 5th is the Opening Reception for Del Ray Artisans - to remember a Del Ray neighbor and artist Inez Renwick Johnson. **Marlin Lord** is curating this exciting show to honor the artwork of a woman known and loved in this community for many years. Inez had a great talent and spirit that endeared her to everyone who knew and worked with her. She was active teaching with the Alexandria Recreation Department and at the Colasanto Senior Citizens Center. But people all over the city admired her work and her outlook on life.

The Opening Reception will be held on Friday evening July 5th from 7 - 10 PM at the Center 2003A Mt. Vernon Avenue. The exhibition will run Saturdays in July from 10 AM - 4 PM and is expected to generate many visitors. If you would like to volunteer to host the gallery for a couple of hours, please contact **Marlin Lord** at 549-5227.

The exhibition features bold paintings rich with color and beauty. Many of Inez' works depict native American themes that speak to her heritage. Her works cover a wide range of subject matter that take us on a journey from Venice to the American southwest. Most importantly they let us experience the soul of a great woman who once walked among us.



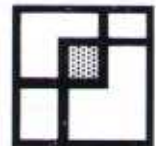
SUMMER IS DUES TIME!

It has been just a year since our last membership renewal drive. Your membership is vital to the ongoing presence and energy the Del Ray Artisans generate in the art community in Alexandria. We are proud to have been the engine behind much of the renewed vitality along Mt. Vernon Avenue and we have gained a reputation as a young upstart in the Alexandria art community. We have earned two Alex awards in two years, received grants from the Virginia Commission of the Arts and the Alexandria Commission on the Arts. We must be doing something right! Keep the gallery filled with great shows and stories about them in the newspapers. Get our artisans' works sold and into the homes of the public. You can do that by joining the Del Ray Artisans. Family membership is just \$50, individuals contribute \$35, and students donate \$25. What a great investment. Fill out the form below and do your part to keep us alive and well in the coming year.

DESIGN SELECTED FOR DEL RAY ARTISAN T-SHIRT

Congratulations and thank you to all the artists who submitted designs for the next great Del Ray Artisan t-shirt. When all the votes were tallied at the May 29th membership meeting one of **Becky Heavner's** designs came out on top. Currently arrangements are being made to get the new edition printed and ready for sale at the Farmer's Market and at our Center. The shirts are an important fundraiser for us, so watch for their arrival and be the first on your block to sport the new design!

Become a Member Join Del Ray Artisans Now!



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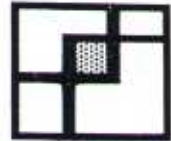
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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



"THE ARTIST'S WAY"

Last week was the first meeting of a newly formed discussion group formed around the book, The Artist's Way. Member **Daniele Piasecki** organized the group which has attracted people from all walks of life and who arrive here from points all around the Beltway. The talks center on releasing one's creativity and learning to live life more imaginatively. The group will meet on alternate Wednesdays at the Center. The next meeting is set for June 19th from 7 - 9:30 PM. For more information call **Daniele** at 519-0878.

YOUTH PROJECT

Kudos to Kathleen Baker of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau for the jazzy artwork that her volunteer junior high youths have created on the trash cans at the Del Ray Farmers Market. We are proud to have lent creative leadership through the stewardship of **Nick Bayus** and **Nancee Roberts**. The project has spanned several weeks and the fruits of the kids' labors and the perseverance of the adult and artisan leaders has paid off. Great job!

ST. ELMO'S IS NEW SITE FOR ARTISANS

If you have visited Mt. Vernon Avenue's new coffee pub you may have noticed the photography of artisans **Kathryn Brown** and **Marlin Lord** on the walls. Owner Scott Mitchell has agreed to show Del Ray Artisan work on a revolving basis. The next exhibitor will be **Helen Ottaway**. Stop in for a cup of iced tea or coffee at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Del Ray Avenues and check out **Helen's** work. If you would like to sign up for an exhibition date at the coffee pub, call **Dave Nicholson** at 836-2975.



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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.

DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR

- JUNE 18 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM
- JUNE 19 "THE ARTIST'S WAY" DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 9:30 PM
- JULY 5 OPENING RECEPTION: AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE
7 PM
- JULY 6, 13, AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE EXHIBITION HOURS
20, 27 & SATURDAYS 10AM-4PM
AUGUST 3



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

OPENING RECEPTION
AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE
FRI. JULY 5, 1996
7 PM -10 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.

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