

# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

october 1996

## CARD PARTY A SMASH

The furniture was barely in place at the Del Ray Artisans new site in the St. Elmo's building when **Becky Heavner** opened the doors to 18 artisans who came to share their time and creativity to make custom note cards in preparation for the Art on the Avenue Festival October 5th. **Becky** and husband, **Bryan** provided scads of materials, stamp images, magazines, and specialty pieces that jump-started the artisans' creative juices. These unique cards showcase the talent of the Del Ray Artisans and will be sold as a fund raiser for our group at Art on the Avenue. Thanks to the following members and the artistic friends they recruited: **Becky Heavner** (coordinator), **Bryan Leister** (helpmate), **Marlin Lord**, **Kathryn Brown**, **Bob Larson**, **Jane DeWeerd** and her friends **Velma** and **Marian**, **Gordon Johnston** and **Karen Helbrecht** and their friends from the Irish Breakfast Band **Jan** and **Sarah**, **Karen Hoben**, **Helen Ottaway**, **Ellyn Ferguson**, **Teri Deutsch** and the clean up crew **Patsieann Misiti** and **Mart Larson**.

## SHOWING OUR STUFF

The Board recently voted to acquire a fade-dissolve unit to work in conjunction with slide projectors provided by the **Larson's** and **Marlin Lord**. As soon as the reconstruction dust settles, literally, we will run a slide show every evening showing works of our members and views from previous shows on a backlit screen in the bay window at the new space. Call **Marlin** at 549-5227 to contribute slides. Keep your eyes open for this "Show".

## OCTOBER 9TH DATE OF NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

You're invited Wednesday, October 9th to our first membership meeting at the new space. Should be particularly nice since we can all kick back with a coffee and dessert from our new neighbors in the coffee pub as we plan for our upcoming Fall Exhibition. This Member Show will provide an opportunity for all interested member artists to show work. The new space has even better visibility, so we expect greater foot traffic and attention. Also on the agenda will be finalizing plans for our calendar over the next six to nine months. Fulfilling our mission as a community-based arts organization challenges us to develop new ways to bring art to young and old alike. Get your creative caps on an come on down.

## WE'VE MOVED!!

Sunday, September 15th saw what to some is getting to be a familiar sight. The Del Ray Artisans gypsy caravan moving down Mt. Vernon Avenue. Member, **Scott Mitchell**, has offered to let the Del Ray Artisans occupy part of the space at 2306 Mt. Vernon Avenue which also houses St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. A group of stout hearted volunteers participated in moving our "stuff". Thanks to **Kathryn Brown** and **Marlin Lord** who did some of the "delicate" work the previous day and to : **Ron** (the Van Man) **Blank**, **Wally** (the Plasterer) **Hock**, **Patsieann** ( Put on the Music) **Misiti**, **Ellyn** (What Are Those Fumes From?) **Ferguson**, **Charlotte** (Let me Smell The Paint Stripper Again) **Corcoran**, **Bob** (The Mechanic) **Larson**, **Sue** (Gimme the Damn Ammonia Cleaner) **Dick**, **Dave** (Where Are We Anyway) **Nicholson**, **Mart** (The Sweeper) **Larson**, **Teri** (Are You Sure This is the Way Cinderella Started?) **Deutsch** and **Becky Heavner** and **Bryan Leister** (aka The Dynamic Duo). Not to be overlooked in our excitement at gaining new space; a very big thank you to **Dennis Reeder** who has provided not one but two locations for the Artisans to use over the past year-plus. Thanks A Whole Bunch **Dennis** from All of Us.

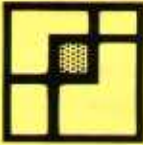


## HOW WE'RE FUNDED

Goodquestion! The Del Ray Artisans operates on a razor-thin budget with funds coming from the sale of T-shirts, membership dues and grants we've obtained from both the Alexandria Arts Commission and the Virginia Commission of the Arts. This is a call to members to help in these areas: Volunteer to sell T-shirts at the Farmers' Market, serve as curator for and upcoming show, jump in to support the next grant application effort, serve on the Board and as **Helen Ottaway's** favorite T-shirt says, "Quit work. Make Art!" We need you!

## NEWSFLASH

For the Fall, we've ordered a limited number of long-sleeve Del Ray Artisan T-shirts. They are sure to go fast, so get your orders in now. Come and see us at the Farmer's Market to check them out.



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## FALL MEETING

7 PM WED. OCT. 9TH

## ARTISAN CENTER

(St. Elmo's Building)

2306 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Alexandria, Virginia

Mr. David Nicholson  
Ms. Jodi Nicholson  
Nicholson Photography  
818 W. Timber Branch Pky.  
Alexandria, VA 22302

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.

### An Open Invitation...

Several positions are open on the Board of Directors and we welcome anyone who can spare a few additional hours each month to fill one of these very important functions. If you have a willingness to work with others and can drive a project to completion we want you! There are always old hands to lend support and share thoughts with. Areas of need: Membership, Children's Programming, Curating, Grant Writing....

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