



THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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hARvesT EXHIBITION EXTENDED

Great news: Due to popular demand, the **hARvesT Fall Member Show** has been extended through Saturday, Dec. 7th. Attendance has been steady and we have received many compliments on our beautiful new gallery space. Congratulations to curators **Tara Hardiman** and **Sue Dick** for all the hard work they did to create this multi media exhibit which features 26 talented Del Ray Artisans. Even though the heavens opened and produced a cloud burst on the night of our opening reception, spirits were not dampened and there was a good turn out. **Charlotte Corcoran** saved the day by having a handy dandy cork screw in her glove compartment. **Tara Hardiman** did a grand job of hosting the reception and she sends her thanks to the dozens of members who donated a wonderful array of food for the event. Kudos to **Marlin Lord** for creating a mini theatre in the lobby complete with great slides and music. Several pieces of artwork have sold too. So the news is good from our new site.

1997 KICK OFF MEETING JAN. 8TH

Andrea LaRue has graciously agreed to host our January Membership Meeting. She lives just around the corner from the gallery at 100 East Del Ray Avenue. Come January 8th at 7 PM and make plans for our new site. We have invited a speaker and fundraising expert to meet with us. Come with your energy and ideas. See you there.

HOLIDAY SALE SET FOR DEC. 7

It's time to get in the holiday spirit. The Del Ray Artisans Center will open its doors to shoppers who are looking for beautiful handmade gift items on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am to 4 pm. The sale will be held in conjunction with the Farmers Market Holiday Craft Fair which will run from 9 am - 1 pm. Be sure to invite family and friends to enjoy this great opportunity to find beautiful and affordable gifts. Artisans will meet at the Center Friday evening December 6th to set up and decorate between 6 - 8 pm. If you would like to bring in a few seasonal decorations and help set up, feel free to come down and lend a hand. Another way to help would be to bring in breakfast breads, cookies etc. to be served on Saturday. Several people have volunteered to bring in food, but we can always use more. We expect a good crowd. For further information, contact **Helen Ottaway** 549-6947 or **Tara Hardiman** 684-3297.

HOLIDAY GATHERING

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 13th. We have set this night aside for a party. We have all worked hard to keep the Del Ray Artisans alive and well in the past year. Now it's time to celebrate. Bring along some food to share and some music. Holiday party: 7 - 10 on Friday night the 13th. See you there.

ST. ELMOS SITE LEASED

Yes, it's true. We will only be able to stay at our new site through January 1st. **Scott Mitchell**, our benefactor has signed an agreement to let the space which means we must move on. **Scott** has plans to use one of the bay windows to spotlight community events and issues. So we foresee being able to display artwork there and publicize our events. The wheels are turning and we have a good lead on another ripe Mt. Vernon Avenue site. Watch this space for further developments or come to the party and hear the latest.

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