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# Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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## ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY EXHIBITION TO OPEN 2/28/97

Entries to **ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY: SIDE BY SIDE ACROSS THE GENERATIONS** exhibition are due at the Artisan Center 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue on Monday afternoon February 17th between 4 and 7:00 pm. The show will be mounted the following week and ready for the Opening Reception, Friday evening February 28th from 7 - 10 PM.

This intergenerational show will feature the work of family members who influenced one another's development as artists. In some cases the artwork will span three generations.

The "ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY" exhibit will inaugurate our new digs. Several hardworking artisans have done a great job painting, cleaning and energizing the space. Thank you to **Ron Blank, Katherine Brown, Alice Cannon, Charlotte Corcoran, Jane Deweerd, Betsy Haller and her friend Ed, Tara Hardiman, Mart and Bob Larson, Marlin Lord and Helen Ottaway.** Our appreciation goes out to Arlandria Floors for their donation of floor tiles and to Sally and Gary Christian for donating the exhibition space.

We anticipate a warm reception for this exhibition. Come and enjoy art across the generations. For more information contact curator **Alice Cannon** at 683-3252.

**DON'T MISS  
DEL RAY ARTISANS NEXT  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH  
7 - 9 PM  
2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue**

## VALENTINES: CUPID'S HANDIWORK FOR SALE

Kudos to **Becky Heavner** for organizing a fun and productive evening of card making. By the end of the evening the floor of our new space was strewn with confetti hearts and the tables and window ledges were adorned with dozens of original, hand made Valentines. Participating were artisans **Martin Angebrannt, Terry Atkin, Christine Broussard and her sister Natalie, Kathryn Brown, Alice Cannon, Ellyn Ferguson, Lin Hall, Becky Heavner, Bob Larson, Bryan Leister, Marlin Lord, Helen Ottaway, Nora Partlow** along with her talented daughter and **David Talmage.**

## SPRING CARD MAKING PARTY MARCH 27TH, 7 PM

Spring is the concept behind the next card making party. We have had a lot of fun at the previous two parties. Our cards are on sale now at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and at The Candle Garden located on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

The concept behind these spirit raising parties is to come together and create! When you come to the spring card making party bring whatever materials you can share. Don't limit yourself to just paper. For our Valentine session **Ellyn** brought mismatched earrings and jewelry for a dimensional effect. **Terry** created preprinted inspirational sayings and computer generated images. **Helen** showed her dimensional folding trick and **Alice** created some delicate handiwork with needle and thread. Others used pressed herbs and iron on adhesive. At the first party **Marlin** cut up the bristles of an old brush to create the illusion of grass on his card. Come to the next party to learn and share new ideas. Remember that children must be monitored by their parent. Call **Becky** at 638-1544 if you have any questions. Just show up if you would like to attend.





## ARTISAN CENTER TAKES ON ART DECO LOOK

Be sure to attend the **Membership Meeting on Tuesday February 18th and check out our great new space at 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue.** This gallery offers three intimate rooms and ample light from several prominent windows. The focus of the **7 PM** meeting will be a discussion of the arts scene in Alexandria, fund raising and how we as an organization can become more self-sufficient financially. Members **Kathryn Brown** (Alexandria Arts Forum), **Lois Walker** (Alexandria City Council) and **Steve Shulman** (Alexandria Commission for the Arts) will be on hand to give us a broader perspective. This meeting is an outgrowth of our decision at the January meeting to reach out beyond our immediate Del Ray environs. This is an exciting time for our group. Be part of the process.

There are other good reasons to attend: Come if you're looking for exhibition space for your work (sites available), if you'd like to be involved in an upcoming exhibition, if you'd like to propose a project or class, if you'd be interested in acting as an "ambassador" for the Del Ray Artisans at your civic group, if you have fund raising ideas, if you'd like to be part of our outreach efforts at the Del Ray Farmers Market. Come and bring your friends.

## CABARET ON THE AVENUE

Over 60 people packed into St. Elmo's Coffee Pub to hear **Rita Longhofer**, Roger Warren and **Steve Crossett's** play reading of the original musical *The Costume Shop* January 18th. **Patsieann Misiti** passed out programs and made sure that everyone contributed to the donations jar. Thanks to **Rita** and **Steve** for a terrific night of musical theatre.

## MUD WOMEN RETURN

The Artisans are proud to announce a return of the "Mud Women": potters **Fran Newquist**, **Jane Cullum** and **Helen Ottaway**. Their pottery will be featured April 4th - April 7th at the Del Ray Artisan Center, 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Mark your calendar now to attend the Opening Reception Friday, April 4th from 7 - 10 PM. The Center will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 11 AM - 5 PM. If pottery is your passion, this is the show/sale for you! For more information call **Helen** at 549-6947.

## EXHIBITION VENUES

Visited the Arlington Central Library lately? The library has installed an arts curator who quarterly reviews work and establishes displays there. **Dave Nicholson** has been accepted to show a selection of his works from March 4 - 28th. Be sure to stop by to see his work and check out the space. The library is located on North Quincy Street, about two blocks from Ballston Mall. If you are interested in submitting for the next show cycle, call **Dave** at 836-2675 for information.

The date has been changed for the Spring Thaw Festival and Sale at Landmark Mall. The Alexandria Jaycees which is sponsoring the event have announced that it will take place Saturday and Sunday May 10th and 11th. The festival will feature arts and crafts vendors, antique vendors, musical entertainment, food and games. The entry fee is \$100. Call Sue Ciminelli for more information at 719-6140.

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**GRANT PROCESS UPDATE**

January 16th proved to be a busy evening for the Artisans. While **Becky Heavner** was throwing open the doors of our new space to lead another of her excellent card making parties, fearless members of the board **Kathryn Brown, Marlin Lord** and **Dave Nicholson** were venturing to the Lee Center. They went before the Visual Arts Panel of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts for the first interview regarding this year's grant application. Goodnews follows that interview. We have been invited to appear before the entire Commission on March 18th for our follow-up interview. Anyone interested in the grant process is welcome to attend. Call **Dave Nicholson** at 836-2975 for details.

**Welcome New Members...**

- Eleanor Baker**
- Tania Blagrove**
- Connie Fleres**
- Lih Hall**
- Betsy Haller**
- Diane Horner**
- Begona Lathbry**
- Andrea LaRue**
- Robert Nichols**
- Linda Silk**

**Do your part to help us thrive:  
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



**Become a Member  
Join Del Ray Artisans Now!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering.  Yes  No

I can be a liaison for Del Ray Artisans at my local civic group.  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**





## DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 17	SUBMIT ARTWORK FOR ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY SHOW 4 - 7 PM ARTISAN CENTER
FEB 18	MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7 PM ARTISAN CENTER
FEB 28	OPENING RECEPTION: ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY: SIDE BY SIDE ACROSS THE GENERATIONS, 7 - 10 PM
FEB 28 - MAR 29	EXHIBITION HOURS FOR ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY SATURDAYS FROM 10 AM - 3 PM
MAR 27	SPRING CARD MAKING PARTY 7 PM
APR 4	MUD WOMEN OPENING RECEPTION 7 - 10 PM
APR 5 - 7	MUD WOMEN EXHIBITION 11 AM - 5 PM



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

## **OPENING RECEPTION**

### **ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY**

**FRI. FEB. 28TH 7 -10 PM**

**ARTISAN CENTER**

**NEW SITE ....**

**2213 Mt. Vernon Ave.**

**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.

### **An Open Invitation...**

Several positions are open on the Board of Directors and we welcome anyone who has a willingness to work with others and can drive a project to completion. Areas of need: Membership, Children's Programming, Curating, Grant Writing....

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

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