

# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

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## ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY EXHIBITION OPENS!

The Opening Reception for: **ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY SIDE BY SIDE ACROSS THE GENERATIONS** became an intergenerational event as grandparents, parents and children came to enjoy the artwork and the terrific food. Over 100 people jammed into the gallery to view what has turned out to be an exhibition with a story. The program notes are fascinating. The artists' statements and photographs tell a story that transcends many generations.

Twenty two families are represented in this Mixed Media show which features a wide range of functional and fine art. It is fascinating to see how artistic sensibilities have been passed down over the years.

Congratulations to curator **Alice Cannon** and her committee **Helen Ottaway, Jane DeWeerd, Judy and Kate Grumbacher**. Thanks to **Tara Holl** for coordinating the food donations for the reception. See the exhibit Saturdays through March 29th.

## MEMBERSHIP TO MEET TUESDAY MARCH 18TH

Be an active member of Del Ray Artisans and get to know many new and long time members by attending our next Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, March 18th at 7 PM**. We will be planning for an exciting Spring Season. Learn about two exhibition opportunities from Gallery Coordinator **Linda Silk**: the **SPRING OPEN** (Member Show) and **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DEL RAY** (a sketch book outing culminating in an exhibit). Also we will be discussing volunteer opportunities and following up on suggestions made at last month's meeting by **continued on page 2**

## IF POTTERY IS YOUR PASSION

Plan now to attend the Opening Reception for the second annual **MUD WOMEN** Pottery Exhibition to be held **Friday evening April 4th from 7 - 10 PM** here at Del Ray Artisans Center, 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Potters extraordinaire **Fran Newquist, Jane Cullum and Helen Ottaway** will join forces to present a wide array of fine pottery. The exhibition will run from **11 AM to 5 PM Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 5th - 7th**. This show and sale only lasts a few days...so don't miss out!

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

Come down to the Artisan Center on Thursday night **March 27th at 7 PM** and join in the fun. **Becky Heavner** will be hosting another popular card making party. This time Spring is our theme. 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 The Candle Garden located on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

When you come to the spring card making party bring whatever materials you can share. Don't limit yourself to just paper. We have had a good time creating three dimensional effects, creating preprinted inspirational sayings and computer generated images, working with folding techniques, using needle and thread, the sewing machine and pressed herbs and iron on adhesive. Come to learn and share new ideas. Remember that children must be monitored by their parent. Call **Becky** at (703)638-1544 if you have any questions. Just show up if you would like to attend.





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**Steve Shulman**, City Council Member **Lois Walker**, **Kathryn Brown** and **Kathleen Baker**. These members of the arts community at large presented a wider vision of directions Del Ray Artisans can be pursuing to foster quality of living in our community as well as promoting our artisans' work. Many ideas surfaced that will hinge on available talent. Read on....

#### **DEL RAY ARTISANS ISO TALENT**

There are many ways you can support our efforts to build a strong community arts center. At the February membership meeting these openings were identified:

**Artisan Historian:** Create a timeline that documents the founding, art exhibitions, awards, moves, partnerships and progress of the Del Ray Artisans.

**Membership Chairperson and Committee Members:** Assemble and distribute new member welcome kits. Follow up on guest book names to send them membership information. Maintain and update member data base so that information on areas of expertise can be tapped and networking can be done better.

**Gallery Without Walls Coordinator:** Make contacts with sites that have stated a willingness to show Artisan artwork and create a schedule of rotating artists to exhibit. Expand the number of sites so that these satellite galleries create "perpetual" exhibit opportunities for our members.

**Graphic Design Committee Members:** Contribute design and layout ideas for Artisan postcards, flyers and other publicity. Coordinate with exhibition curators to meet mailing deadlines.

**THANK YOU TO:** **Jane DeWeerd** and **Kate Grumbacher** for volunteering to serve on the Membership Committee, **O. Dasent** for offering to design a web site for the Del Ray Artisans and **Linda Silk** for signing on as Gallery Coordinator.

If you are interested in learning more about ways you can help, attend the March 18th meeting.

#### **"SKETCHBOOK" VENTURE**

**"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DEL RAY"** (OR SUBSTITUTE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD). This upcoming show will be open to all members. Pack up your paintbox, your pencils, your sculpy, or your camera and hit the street on one given weekend, capturing the sights and atmosphere of your community. Travel alone or with friends. Don't worry about expensive framing, etc. ...enter doodles in a sketchbook if you want!!

**The Weekend to Capture: April 26 & 27** To hook up with fellow artists meet at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub between 10 and 10:30 AM on Saturday the 26th.

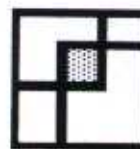
**Exhibition Dates: May 24 - June 15** (Opening Reception will be May 23) The gallery hours will be all day Saturdays and Sundays, evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Deadline for Submission of Artwork:** **Thursday May 8th, 7-9 PM** at the Center 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue and **Saturday, May 10th 10 AM - 4 PM.**

For more information call **Linda Silk** at 703-533-7689 by May 1 if you plan to exhibit!

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**CANDIDATES NIGHT TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA**

On Thursday, April 10, 1997, the Alexandria Arts Forum will be sponsoring a Candidates Night at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center from 7 - 9 PM. All Alexandria City Council and Mayoral Candidates have been invited to discuss the future of the arts and cultural heritage in Alexandria. The Forum will be held from 7 - 8:30 PM and a reception will follow.

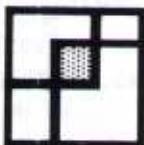
Robert Aubrey Davis, host of *Around Town* on WETA-TV 26 and FM 91 radio will serve as the moderator.

The Alexandria Arts Forum represents the arts organizations, artists and individuals active in the City of Alexandria. Please refer any question to Pam McConnell at 703-548-1837.

**Welcome New Members...**

- O. Dasent
- Mary DeMinter
- Jane DeWeerd
- Leslie Graham
- Judy Grumbacher
- Janae Haaland
- Mimi Harris
- Melissa Horton
- Mary Ann Kirkpatrick
- Mary Vivienne Lukacs
- Timothy Nojaim
- Anne Raskin
- Joan Rhodes
- Claudia Smigrod
- Trae Underwood
- Lois Walker
- Dahlia Woods

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



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

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

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

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

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

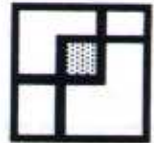
I am interested in volunteering.  Yes  No

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





## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

### ARLANDRIA WOMEN'S CLINIC SEEKS DESIGN

**Dave Nicholson** reports that the Arlandria Women's Clinic is seeking artistic help in designing a logo for their new facility. Artists interested in donating a design should contact **Dave** at (703) 836-2975 for more information.

### WORK WITH YOUTH - ENVIRONMENTAL ART

Kathleen Baker announces that there is interest in continuing the painting of trash containers along Mt. Vernon Avenue as a beautification project and as a way to pair artisans and George Washington Middle School students in a creative endeavor. Last summer **Nick Bayus, Kathryn Brown** and **Nancee Roberts** guided several budding artists in the initial project. For more information contact Kathleen at 703-683-0258.

### BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE ARTISANS

We are looking for members who will serve as a liaison between their local civic group and the Del Ray Artisans. The idea is to promote Del Ray Artisan events and look for ways to collaborate. **David Talmage** has just become our liaison to the Hollin Hills Citizens group. He has been asked to do a slide presentation featuring works from our exhibitions and artists and to discuss the mission of Del Ray Artisans. Hollin Hills has also offered artisans an opportunity to participate in a Fair they will be sponsoring later this year. This is just the kind of outreach we believe will make important links between the Artisans and the greater

Metro area. If you decide to become an ambassador in your community group please contact **Mart Larson** at 703-836-0413.

### OPERA AMERICANA INVITES ARTISAN DISPLAY

Contact **Marlin Lord** at (703) 683-1112 to have slides of your artwork included in a continuous slide show that will be set up for opera goers during intermission at Opera Americana's latest production at George Washington Middle School April 25th and 26th.

### MEMBER NEWS ON THE AVENUE

This month marks the 30th Anniversary of **Grace Hill's** Sew & Style Shop being in business on Mt. Vernon Avenue. When you stop in for sewing supplies ask to see **Mrs. Hill's** paintings which are also on hand. Over the years **Grace** has collected many issues of "Artists Magazine" which she is willing to recycle into the hands of other artists. If you would like a few issues, just drop by. Her shop is located at 1906 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Congratulations, **Grace** on your 30 years of service on the Avenue.

Where's **Marlin**? You may have noticed that **Marlin Lord** has moved out of his office space across from St. Elmo's. Not to worry, he has moved into new digs at 2016 Mt. Vernon Avenue along with members **Bob Larson** and **Robbie Nichols**. The architects' office is on the second floor with a great view of the firehouse tower on Windsor and Mt. Vernon Avenue.



# Call For Entries



**Show:** The Spring Open


**Concept:** All member exhibition in a free-form style—any subject, any medium. Show your stuff! There is the potential for additional gallery “showcases” along the avenue to accommodate overflow, so members needn’t limit themselves to one piece.

**Exhibition**


**Dates:** April 19 - May 11 (Opening Reception will be April 18)  
The gallery hours will be all day Saturdays and Sundays, evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Deadline for  
Submission**

**of Artwork:** March 27, between 4 - 10 pm  
Bring your art and stay for the card-making party!



Call Linda Silk at 703/533-7689 by March 17 if you plan to exhibit!

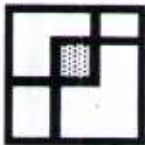




## DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 8, 15, 22, 29	EXHIBITION HOURS: ARTISTS IN THE FAMILY 11 AM - 4 PM
MAR 18	MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7 PM ARTISAN CENTER
MAR 27	SUBMIT ARTWORK SPRING OPEN EXHIBIT 4- 7 PM
	SPRING CARD MAKING PARTY 7 - 10
APR 4	MUD WOMEN OPENING RECEPTION 7 - 10 PM
APR 5 - 7	MUD WOMEN EXHIBITION 11 AM - 5 PM
APR 18	OPENING RECEPTION: SPRING OPEN EXHIBIT 7 - 10 PM
APR 19 - MAY 11	SPRING OPEN EXHIBITION WEEKEND DAYS & T, TH EVES
APR 26	A DAY IN THE LIFE SKETCH WEEKEND, MEET ST. ELMO'S 10AM
MAY 23	A DAY IN THE LIFE SKETCHBOOK EXHIBITION OPENING 7 PM
MAY 24 - JUN 15	A DAY IN THE LIFE EXHIBITION

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

### **OPENING RECEPTION**

**"MUD WOMEN"**

**FRI. APRIL 4TH 7 -10 PM**

**ARTISAN CENTER**

**2213 Mt. Vernon Ave.**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

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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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#### **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.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Nick Bayus**, Director Community Involvement , (703)-549-9323  
**Kathryn Brown**, Ass't Treas. & Selection Committee Chair, (703) 549-5227  
**Charlotte Corcoran**, Assistant Executive Director, (703) 548-1521  
**Ellyn Ferguson**, Director, (703) 549-2660  
**Martha Larson**, Secretary & Communications Director, (703) 836-0413  
**Robert Larson**, Director, (703) 836-0413  
**Marlin Lord**, Treasurer (703) 683-1112  
**David Nicholson**, Executive Director & Public Relations (703) 836-2975  
**Helen Ottaway**, Director (703) 549-6947  
**Les Perkins**, Director Marketing & Graphics (703) 836-7731  
**Dara Schumaier**, Director Mailing List , (703) 836-7731  
**Linda Silk**, Gallery Coordinator, (703)-533-7689  
**Susan Downs Slattery**, Director (703)922-7290