



# THE Well-Crafted Word

news from the del ray artisans

april 1997

## SPRING OPEN...AND HOW!

Congratulations to Linda Silk and her committee for curating a great show. The Opening Reception was packed with enthusiastic visitors who came early and lingered late. At last count 7 pieces of artwork had sold! Linda wishes to thank Kathryn Brown, Alice Cannon, Jim Cornwell, Bob Larson and David Talmage for their help in setting the show. Terry Atkin teamed up with Les Perkins to produce the jazzy invitations and Kate Grumbacher and Dara Schumaier made sure all the mailing labels were ready. Mart Larson thanks members of the reception committee Terry Atkin, Eleanor Baker and Brett Steen, Mardy Bosch, Alice Cannon, Charlotte Corcoran, Sue Debevec, Elyn Ferguson, Kate Grumbacher, Mary Jo Long and Helen Ottaway for providing a delicious and attractive spread of good food. Special thanks to Sue Debevec and Terry Atkin for providing flowers.

## MUD WOMEN

Many thanks to the ever innovative Mud Women Jane Cullum, Fran Newquist and Helen Ottaway for filling the Artisan Center with their beautiful pottery April 4-7th. Sales went swimmingly and the reception was fun. We are most grateful to the potters for donating a portion of their sales to the Del Ray Artisans treasury.

Hope everyone got a chance to see the interview in the Alexandria Gazette Packet which not only plugged our exhibit but profiled Helen Ottaway who is moving to Washington state this month. We are most fortunate to have had Helen serving in our midst. Her combination of good humor, talent and willingness to collaborate have made her a great asset to the Del Ray Artisans.

## "DAY IN THE LIFE" SKETCH WEEKEND 4/26 & 4/27

Pack up your paintbox, your pencils, your sculpy, or your camera and hit the street over the weekend. Your goal: capture the sights and atmosphere of your community. Travel alone or with friends. Our next exhibition will feature the results of "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DEL RAY" (OR SUBSTITUTE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD). Don't worry about expensive framing, etc. ...enter doodles in a sketchbook if you want!! This opportunity is open to all Del Ray Artisan Members.

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

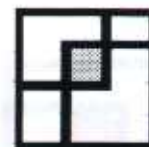
Opening Reception will be May 23rd.

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!

## MEMBERSHIP TO MEET TUESDAY 4/29

Plan to be at the Center next Tuesday to get caught up on current and future events. On the agenda will be discussion/info gathering for the development of a Del Ray Artisan Website. O. Dasent has agreed to manage the undertaking but he needs input from all of us. Also, learn more about how you can get involved in launching the the Day In The Life Sketch Book exhibit planned for May. Bring your ideas and your friends and find out what's happening in your arts organization. 7 PM Tuesday, April 29th, 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue.



## SPRING CARD MAKING PARTY FRUITFUL

Congratulations to Becky Heavner for orchestrating a busy night of card making at the Center last month. She and husband Bryan Leister worked with a full house of creative artisans to generate dozens of seasonal cards. Thank you to Kathryn Brown, Alice and Maia Cannon, Ellyn Ferguson, Judy and Kate Grumbacher, Vivienne Lukacs and Linda Lukacs-Greer, Lin Hall, Marlin Lord, Helen Ottaway, Linda Silk and David Talmage for crafting such a beautiful assortment of cards. They are on sale at the Artisan Center and at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub.

## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Robert Nichols who won an award in the Exhibit Program from the 20th International Conference on Making Cities Livable in Santa Fe, New Mexico this month. Robert's project was entitled "The Accessible City of Washington, D.C."

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, in mid-April, we are moving to a Farm on The Olympic Peninsula. We will miss the Del Ray Artisans very much.

I've been a member of a lot of different art groups and the Artisans are unique. First of all, we don't fight. People cooperate and volunteer cheerfully. We have fun: great openings, great work parties, even the meetings are fun. The Artisans group is open to ideas and not hung up on rules and traditions. It's not snobbish: beginners and professional show their work together. And the non-artists in the group are a wonderful addition.

We've offered a big boost for the Avenue and the neighborhood, too. We've helped owners make their vacant spaces look "lived in" and promptly had our gallery rented out from

under us in four different spaces!  
And besides, we have great shows.

I will look forward to receiving "The Well-Crafted Word" because I will keep up my membership when I live 3,000 miles away. And just maybe, we'll start a Del Ray Artisans West.

With fond regards,  
Helen Ottaway

Editors note: Helen's new address is 2724 Center Road, Chimacum, WA 98325.

## "Welcome New Members...

**Maria Adams**  
**Mardy Bosch**  
**Katherine and Slade Elkins**  
**Linda Anne Greer**  
**Velma Grier**  
**Kate Grumbacher**  
**Marion MacLean**  
**Roserella Pensler**  
**Shirley Sagawa**  
**Elaine Thorp**  
**Mark Turner**

"And thanks for your support..."

We are indebted to our supporters in the community. Thank you to Chuck at Minute Man Press in Crystal City for donating the printing costs for the Artists in the Family Show. Special thanks go to Sally and Gary Christian for the generous use of our beautiful gallery space at 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

*The Well-Crafted Word is funded in part by grants from the Virginia Commission of the Arts and the Alexandria Arts Commission.*

# Attention Artists:

Take an  
**Artistic Field Trip to Del Ray**  
(or your neighborhood!)

**on Saturday, April 26 &  
Sunday, April 27**

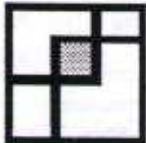


Sketch it...paint it...photograph it...or however  
your creativity flows. Just doodle it!

An exhibition will be mounted in May of your weekend on the streets!



**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

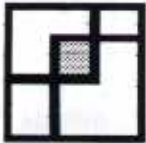
I can be a liaison for Del Ray Artisans at my local civic group.  Yes  No

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

THROUGH MAY 11	SPRING OPEN EXHIBITION SAT: 10 AM - 4 PM, SUN: 12 PM - 4 PM, TUES. & THURS. 7 - 9 PM
APR 26 & 27	A DAY IN THE LIFE SKETCH WEEKEND, MEET ST. ELMO'S 10AM
APR 29	DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7 PM
MAY 8	SUBMIT ARTWORK FOR "DAY IN THE LIFE" EXHIBIT 7 - 9 PM
MAY 10	SUBMIT ARTWORK FOR "DAY IN THE LIFE" 10 AM - 4 PM
MAY 23	A DAY IN THE LIFE SKETCHBOOK EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION 7 - 10 PM
MAY 24 - JUN 15	A DAY IN THE LIFE EXHIBITION SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND TUES & THURS. EVENINGS



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

### "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DEL RAY" SKETCH WEEKEND SAT. & SUN. April 26th & 27th

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.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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