



Faux Finishing Classes and Offbeat Auction Slated for Fall Calendar

Linda Silk, Gallery Coordinator, has slated an Offbeat Auction for this coming fall along with a series of classes for faux furniture finishing.

Those who remember our previous Offbeat Auction's success can recall the excitement of turning gallery space into busy workshops, offering top-notch instruction from community professionals, and the resulting auction of the workshops' fabulous projects.

The Auction is a huge project that raises funds and offers a great deal of opportunity to our community. We need your help!

Start scanning your basement, yard sales and flea markets for furniture and items to donate for the workshops to faux finish and auction. Any fixable items will do: tables, chairs, frames, lamps, shelves, desks, headboards/footboards, chest of drawers...

We also need volunteers to fix furniture and apply primer the items before classes begin.

To volunteer, donate items, or get workshop information, contact Linda Silk (703) 533-7689.

The Auction Committee, headed up by Linda, will hold it's first planning meeting Tuesday, July 7, at St. Elmo's Coffee Shop. Plans are afoot to make it a working dinner at a local restaurant.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: HELP SHAPE OUR NEW VISION

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 23, 6:30 at the Del Ray Artisans Center. It's a pot luck—so bring something great to share!

The meeting's focus is a new "vision" for our organization.

Among other ideas, we'll talk about:

Community outreach...events for children at the Farmer's Market...our involvement with the new Del Ray Recreation center that opens in July...a new home after our current space goes up for lease...organizational bylaws development...our new board of directors...new committee duties...filling up the calendar with upcoming exhibits...classes...Offbeat Auction...Art on the Avenue...and much more.

Please attend to help us shape new goals and bring us your ideas.

We also want to fill the remaining open Board of Directors' positions. So if you're interested in filling any of the still-open roles, attend the meeting to register your interest.

DEL RAY ARTISANS GET MAXIMUM GRANTS

We recently received notice that the Alexandria Commission for the Arts confirmed the maximum \$1,500 Operating Support Grant to the Del Ray Artisans for Fiscal Year 1997-98. The City Council met in May and confirmed the Commission's budget.

At the same time, we also got word that the Virginia Commission for the Arts awarded our second state grant of \$500.

Again, we owe huge thanks to Dave Nicholson for writing the successful grant proposal and to Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord for supplying the financial data.



BRAVE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the most recent General Membership Meeting on June 17, the following members were elected to the Board of Directors.

Martin Angebrannt-Co-Executive Director; **Terry Atkin**-Graphics Design Director; **Nick Bayus**-Community Involvement Director; **Kathryn Brown**-Assistant Treasurer & Selection Committee Chair; **Charlotte Corcoran**-Assistant Executive Director; **Ellyn Ferguson**-Director; **Kate Grumbacher**-Membership Director; **Martha Larson**-Co-Executive Director; **Andrea LaRue**-Volunteer Coordinator; **Mary Jo Long**-Secretary; **Marlin Lord**-Treasurer; **Linda Silk**-Gallery Coordinator; **Susan Downs Slattery**-Director; **David Talmage**-Director; and **Trae Underwood**-Communications Director.

Thanks to **Martin Angebrannt**, **Andrea LaRue** and **David Talmage** who also volunteered for the new Bylaws Committee that will soon begin work to create these necessary documents.

We appreciate all who lend their talent and time to the new Board. We still have five available Board positions open to anyone who's willing to pitch in. We especially still need a Grant Writer and a Public Relations Director.

As we pass the baton to our new Co-Executive Directors, **Martin Angebrannt** and **Martha Larson** we want to thank our past Executive Director, **Dave Nicholson** for his immense amount of work on behalf of Del Ray Artisans. Dave's service resulted in great gains for our group. He has done an excellent job representing DRA and his combination of intelligence and wit made him a powerful voice and effective advocate. We particularly appreciate the generous gift he made of his time.

Thanks Dave, your service is appreciated!



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

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(s) _____

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.



WATERWORKS EXHIBIT IS A THUNDERING SUCCESS

The Waterworks exhibit opened like the refreshing shower of inspiration we all needed during this sweltering season.

The opening reception had the feel of a Caribbean beach party as **Kate Grumbacher's** "Venus de Mermaid" beckoned us to jive with the "watersounds," compliments of **Linda Silk's** soundtrack created especially for the show.

Judy Ferris' ballerinas frolicked on a beach they created in our imagination with their performance of "The Passing Storm" and "Sea Creatures," and **Jean Weigand** led us through through the expanse of her life as she recited her poem "The Sea and Me."

The exhibit takes you from the luminous blue waters of **Eleanor Baker's** "Fishing Boat(s), Aruba," which were honored with Curator's Choice Award.

To beaches where **Julie Ann Miller's** Patron's Choice Award-winning sand sculptures personify all the artists' hard work.

Thanks again to **Mary Jo Long** who organized the fabulous spread, along with all artists and members who donated food and drinks.

Kate Grumbacher gets kudos for her exhibit catalogue and **Terry Atkin** for the exhibit's promotional postcard.

And thundering applause to **David Talmage** who curated this must-see show!

The exhibit runs until August 2 at the Del Ray Artisans Center, 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Gallery hours are Saturdays 9am to 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 7pm to 9pm.

ART ON THE AVENUE 1997 WANTS YOU!

Art on the Avenue is looking for a few good crafters and artisans again this year. The multicultural arts and crafts festival is planned for Saturday, October 4, from 10am to 6pm.

At this year's festival, patrons can watch artists demonstrate their craft, sample culinary specialties from community restaurants, enjoy local entertainers, and children can participate in a special community art project.

If you would like to participate as a project team member on the day of the festival, contact volunteer coordinator Marianne Kirkpatrick (703) 836-1235.

If you're interested in booth space for the festival, contact Tara Hardiman (703) 874-0328-day or (703) 684-3299-evening.

YARDART EXHIBIT FEATURES DEL RAY ARTIST

Del Ray Artisan, **Peggy Kaufman** is currently featured in the Target Gallery exhibit, "YARDART: art for outdoor spaces."

Peggy's flower boxes, bird bath and suspended globes made of broken pottery and found objects are all on display until July 13 at 105 N. Union Street in Alexandria.

JURIED ART EXHIBITION CALLS FOR ENTRIES

Cathedral Visions III, a regional juried art exhibition, is open to all artist 18 years and older in a number of states including Virginia.

Techniques and mediums may include: painting, drawing, printmaking, papermaking, sculpture, photography, fibers, textiles, ceramics, metal, glass, wood and mixed media.

Submissions must reflect the spiritual, the sacred and the holy. Artwork from diverse traditions, especially The World's Great Religions, is welcome.

Over \$2,000 in awards and purchase prizes will be given. Deadline for entry is July 30. For more information, contact Carol Srocznski (606) 431-2060.

GET FRAMED

Corporate Member, **David Wase** of Claren Court Studio, Inc., 2420 Wilson Boulevard in Arlington, is offering special prices for DRA members on all framing.

Appointments are recommended, so contact David at (703) 358-9449 for information and prices.

DIG IN WITH BOTH HANDS

Creative Clay Studios announces it's lineup of adult and children's classes. Summer adult workshops include: Raku, Marketing for Craftspeople, Glass Slumping and Glaze. Summer classes offer Beginning and Intermediate Wheel. Children can attend Summer workshops for Windchimes, Mugs, and a special Dragon Workshop.

Currently in planning stages for the Fall are: Glaze Chemistry, Brush Making, Studio Orientation, Marketing, Tile Decoration, Low-fire Decoration, Porcelain, and Portrait Sculpture.

Call (703) 750-9480 for details.

Del Ray Artisans Calendar of Events

- JULY 9** OFFBEAT AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, 7PM, ST. ELMO'S
JULY 23 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP "VISION" MEETING, 6:30PM,
DEL RAY ARTISANS CENTER
- THROUGH AUGUST 2** WATERWORKS EXHIBIT, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS,
AND TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS
- OCTOBER 4** ART ON THE AVENUE
OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY??
FALL FAUX FINISHING CLASSES
WINTER OFFBEAT AUCTION



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

MEMBERSHIP "VISION" MEETING:

Wed, July 23

6:30, pot luck

At Del Ray Artisans Center

2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue

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 exhibits, lectures, and instructional classes in the community. DEL RAY ARTISANS is funded, managed and operated by ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION.

Positions are still open on the Board of Directors. We welcome anyone with a will to work with others and who can drive a project to completion.

Board of Directors

Martin Angebrannt, Co-Executive Director (703) 683-3738

Terry Atkin, Graphics Design Director

Nick Bayus, Community Involvement Director (703) 549-9323

Kathryn Brown, Assistant Treasurer & Selection Committee Chair (703) 549-5227

Charlotte Corcoran, Assistant Executive Director (703) 548-1521

Ellyn Ferguson, Director

Kate Grumbacher, Membership Director (703) 845-0660,

Martha Larson, Co-Executive Director (703) 836-0413

Andrea LaRue, Volunteer Coordinator (703) 836-9246

Mary Jo Long, Secretary (703) 549-1085

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Linda Silk, Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7689

Susan Downs Slattery, Director (703) 922-7290

David Talmage, Director (703) 768-0709

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