



Off-Beat Auction, Off and Running! Faux-Finishing Workshop Dates Set

According to Linda Silk, Gallery Coordinator, "Lots will be happening at the gallery in the next few months!" for the upcoming Faux-Finishing Workshops and subsequent Off-Beat Auction.

Here's the rundown of important events and dates, and the names and numbers of the event committee chairs.

September 6, 13, 20 (8am to noon) - Donate and deliver your unwanted wood furniture. Contact Ellyn Ferguson (703) 549-2660.

September 27 & 28 - Help prepare and prime donated furniture for use in faux-finishing workshops. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709.

October 25 - Faux-Finishing Workshop I,
November 1 - Faux-Finishing Workshop II.
These are two separate classes open to members and the public. Each class will be 6 hours long with a break for a brown-bag lunch. A registration fee will be charged. Instructors are Sarah Pearson and Charlotte Corcoran. To register, contact Linda Silk (703) 533-7689 or David Wase (703) 358-9449.

November 29 - Set up preview exhibit of Off-Beat Auction furniture. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709 or Kathryn Brown (703) 549-5227.

December 6 or 13 (tentative) - Off-Beat Auction and Gala. This is the big fund-raising event of the Del Ray Artisans! A festive reception, silent auction and highly entertaining live auction of the "finished" furniture. There will be an admission fee. Contact Martin Angebrannt (703) 683-3738.

Be a part of the party—volunteer to work on or chair a committee. The following committee chairs for this grand event would love to hear from you!

Auction Marketing Committee - Linda Silk (703) 533-7689. Publicity for faux-finishing workshops, preview exhibition and auction, production of Gala program, advertising solicitation for Gala program.

Silent Auction Committee - Martha Larson (703) 836-0413. Soliciting donations from local businesses, setting up display tables at Gala, creating signage for each item and bidding sheets.

Gala Reception Committee - Andrea LaRue (703) 836-9246. Food and drink contributions, decorating, post-reception cleanup.

Moving Committee - Martin Angebrannt (703) 683-3738. Transporting furniture, setting up furniture for Gala, stage crew during auction.

Furniture Repair Committee - David Talmage (703) 768-0709. Furniture mending, patching and priming wood surfaces prior to workshops; sealing and varnishing furniture after workshops.

Accounting and Admissions Committee - Bob Larson (703) 836-0413. Collecting admission at Gala, tracking auction bids and sales, collecting live and silent auction sales.

Location Committee - (need committee chair). Site security, setting up stage and auction seating, cleanup.

Event Day Committee - Trae Underwood (703) 548-3527. Coordinate day's events, keep all on schedule, direct traffic.

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR CHAIR-ITY

Donate your old and lightly used furniture to the Del Ray Artisans. We'll patch it and add gloss at our upcoming Faux-Finishing Workshops and sell it at our fabulous Off-Beat Auction. All in the name of chair-ity.

See above for furniture drop off points and dates. If you have a large piece of furniture you cannot drop off, please call Ellyn Ferguson (703) 549-2660 and we'll make arrangements for pick-up.

Please only give furniture needing minor repairs, no fully upholstered pieces. Upholstered chair seats are okay.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE A NEW HOME!

The Del Ray Artisans have entered into a partnership with the Mt. Vernon Community Recreation Center for new exhibit, workshop and meeting space at Colasanto Senior Center. Since the Senior program is moving into the new improved recreation facilities, center director, Mike Hubler, has offered DRA use of the Colasanto building at 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. We anticipate moving into the new space in mid-September.

Thanks to **Marlin Lord** for his tireless efforts in securing this fabulous new home! Thanks also to the great "movers and shakers" who helped pack up the old site into the garage for temporary storage: **Eleanor Baker, Kathryn Brown, Ellyn Ferguson, Bob Larson and Martha Larson, Marlin Lord and Robbie Nichols.**

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: WE NEED YOUR BRAIN IN OUR STORM

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 13, 7pm at St. Elmo's Coffee, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Please bring us your ideas as we continue working on a new "vision" for our organization.

Last meeting's brainstorm resulted in new ideas to grow our membership, increase involvement with current members, form new committees, make our presence known at Art on the Avenue, organize new workshops and the auction, raise more money.

We need your help!

Next meeting's agenda includes parties, shows, promotions, connecting with other organizations in the community...

Bring your fresh ideas!

Do you have an idea for a show? A party? Do you have connections with a community organization that we could hook up with to promote art in our community? Kids, seniors, businesses?

Get involved!

We still have a gaping need for a Grants Committee chair and a PR Committee chair. We've got experienced people to guide you and tremendous opportunity for money that could benefit our group. We just need your time and energy to put it all

together. This doesn't call for previous experience. If you're a believer in the importance of art in the community, or an artist who can benefit from the opportunity and exposure through Del Ray Artisans, answer this call to get involved in a meaningful way. Contact **Martha Larson** (703) 836-0413.

ART ON THE AVENUE

This year's Art on the Avenue multicultural art festival, will be held on Saturday, October 4th on Mt. Vernon Avenue between E. Bellefonte and E. Uhler Avenues.

The Del Ray Artisans are coordinating all the art demonstrations for the day and will also feature a special "Del Ray Artisans block of booths" located in a prime spot for all members who purchase booth space. Members' booths will get special Del Ray Artisan logo balloons and can make arrangements for "booth relief" if needed.

If you plan to have a booth and would like to be located with the other members, contact **Martha Larson** (703) 836-0413.

See the inserted form to purchase booth space at Art on the Avenue. Note the price hike for space after August 31. Also note the discount for Del Ray Artisan members!

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) calls for entries for the 1997 Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition, October 30 - November 29. This year's juror is John A. Rasmussen, Ph.D.

The deadline for entry is August 15. For more information call GRACE at (703) 471-9242.

HELLO HELEN!

Friends of **Helen Ottaway** are encouraged to write her with news of the neighborhood and in general to keep in touch. Helen has just undergone surgery for abdominal cancer. She is upbeat and of course very surprised that this has happened since she is in every other way "hale and hardy." Write Helen at: 2724 Center Road, Chimaicum, Washington, 98325 or email her at machel@olympus.net.



Calling all Fine Artists,
Artisans, Craftspeople...

Showcase your work at the Second Annual

"art on the avenue"

Saturday, October 4th, 10AM to 6PM

Mt. Vernon Avenue between E. Bellefonte and E. Uhler Avenues

Last year's attendance was about 5,000 people.

With improved advertising this year, we expect over 10,000 people
from across Alexandria and the Washington Metropolitan Area to attend.

"art on the avenue" is a multi-cultural festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts in the Potomac West community in Alexandria, Virginia. It is a featured event being held in conjunction with Alexandria's city-wide "Art Safari".

We would like this year's festival to include 100 artists, artisans, crafts people and performing artists. Patrons will be able to meet with the artists and discuss their work, and several will be demonstrating their crafts. Potters, basket makers, stained glass artists, custom/art jewelry makers and a wildflower artist are a few of the artists that have committed to participate.

A sampling of culinary specialties will be for sale by many of the community's restaurants and other establishments along Mt. Vernon Avenue. Festival patrons can sample Indian, Thai, Nigerian, and American foods, along with the great American hot dog.

Those who tire of wandering can relax and enjoy local entertainers. The showcase of musical talent includes a gospel choir, a 17-piece swing band, an acapella group, R&B, bluegrass, Latin American and Irish music. There will be street entertainers and lots of children's activities, including a storyteller, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting and clowns.

Celebrate the Arts!

We hope you'll participate in this year's festival!

We're looking for 100 Quality
Fine Artists, Artisans and Craftspeople

"art on the avenue"

A Multicultural Arts Festival

Saturday, October 4, 1997

10AM to 6PM

Mt. Vernon Avenue (between E. Bellefonte & E. Uhler Avenues)

10' x 10' Booth space available: \$60 if paid by Aug. 31

(Booth: \$80 after August 31)

Art Students, Del Ray Artisans & Civic Assn.: \$10 discount

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Day () - - Evening () - -

Type of Art/Craft: _____

Please mail with your check made payable to : **"art on the avenue"**,
118 East Del Ray, Alexandria, VA 22301. FAX to **703-549-0758**.

email: artonave@aol.com

Questions? Call 703-567-4767

Note: The rain location is the brand new Mount Vernon Recreation Center at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue.
Each registered artist/craftsperson will receive 50 "art of the avenue" postcards to mail to their customers.
We may process registrations out of sequence to provide a balanced mix of arts and crafts.
Tables/display equipment can be rented from Mr. Dale Shaffer @ D&J Rentals @ 703-519-6161 on the Ave.



Become a Member Join Del Ray Artisans Now!

Name

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone(s)

Email

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Wednesday, August 13
7:00 pm
St. Elmo's Coffee Shop
2300 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Membership expires: 6/30/98

Ms. Mary Vivienne Lukacs
 700 South 20th Street
 Arlington, Virginia 22202

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.

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 (703) 549-2660; **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; **Marlin Lord**, Treasurer (703) 683-1112; **Linda Silk**, Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7689; **Susan Downs Slattery**, Director (703) 922-7290; **David Talmage**, Director (703) 768-0709; **Trae Underwood**, Communications Director (703) 548-3527.

Del Ray Artisans Calendar of Events

AUGUST 13	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ST. ELMO'S, 2300 MT. VERNON AVE.
AUGUST 31	DEADLINE TO MAIL IN DRA SURVEY
SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20	DONATE & DELIVER FURNITURE FOR FAUX-FINISHING WORKSHOPS
SEPTEMBER 27, 28	HELP PREP FURNITURE FOR FAUX FINISHING WORKSHOPS
OCTOBER 4	ART ON THE AVENUE
OCTOBER 25	FAUX-FINISHING WORKSHOP I
NOVEMBER 1	FAUX-FINISHING WORKSHOP II
NOVEMBER 29	SET UP PREVIEW EXHIBIT OF OFF-BEAT AUCTION FURNITURE
DECEMBER 6 OR 13 (??)	OFF-BEAT AUCTION AND GALA