



## IT'S OUR HUGE, BI-ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

*Below, find out how you can help with the Off-Beat Auction & Gala, and join us for the big party on Dec. 5!*

**Y**es! It's time for the Del Ray Artisans' huge bi-annual fundraiser, the Off-Beat Auction & Gala. But it's not just a great party for you to listen to the fabulous Irish Breakfast Band and pick up some funky furniture, it's also a chance for you to give your time and talent to benefit our group. This fundraiser ensures that we can continue to provide community art outreach programs and the exposure and expression of our artisan members.

Please take note of the following events connected with the Auction and contact one of our committee members to offer your help. Everything from a donated piece of your artwork, to a donated plate of brownies, to a donated hour of your time would be a great help.

### Donate Your Art or Services for the Silent Auction

Part of the funds from the Auction & Gala will come from the silent auction which will be happening as part of the evening's events.

Any of your artwork or crafts would make a great donation for the silent auction: paintings, textiles, jewelry, furniture, photography, sculpture, etc.

### OFF-BEAT AUCTION & GALA IMPORTANT DATES AND CONTACTS

**Nov. 21-22, 1pm-4pm** - Come by the center to help finish furniture for Auction. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709.

**Nov. 29, 11am - 5pm & Dec. 2-3, 6-9pm** - Preview Exhibit of Off-Beat Auction Furniture. Contact Kathryn Brown (703) 549-5227.

**Dec. 5, 7pm - 11pm** - Off-Beat Auction & Gala. The big fundraising event of the Del Ray Artisans! Held at the elegant Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., in Old Town Alexandria, a festive reception, silent auction and highly entertaining live auction of the "finished" furniture. Contact Trae Underwood (703) 548-3527.

**PR Committee - Linda Silk** (703) 533-7689. Publicity for preview exhibit and auction, production of Gala program.

**Fundraising Committee - Andrea LaRue** (703) 836-9246. Program ad sales, sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction donations, food/reception donations.

**Event Day Committee - Trae Underwood** (703) 548-3527. Set up/cleanup, coordinate volunteers for Auction & Gala.

**Furniture Committee - David Talmage** (703) 768-0709. Finishing furniture after workshops.

Also any donations from your business such as manicures, hairstyling, sewing, food or cooking, framing, designing or lessons would make great additions to the silent auction.

Or personal donations such as a weekend at your beach house or mountain cabin would work too!

Please contact Andrea LaRue (703) 836-9246 to donate your silent auction item.

### Finishing Touches

During the weekend of November 21-22, from 1pm to 4pm, the center will be a non-stop frenzy of sawdust and paint to finish all the donated furniture in time for the auction. Please drop by and lend a hand to paint, sand and finish.

We still have a great need for our artistic members to step forward and adopt a piece for the Auction, either by completing a piece that was already started in a workshop or by taking an untouched piece and painting, decorating and sealing it.

If you are finishing a piece of furniture for the auction, please write a creative description for the Auction program. For example: "Marilyn Table," a whimsical tribute to pop icons, complete with stiletto heels and a hidden music box.

Please send this description ASAP with your name and phone number to Linda Silk, 2804 Greenway Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042.

### Preview Auction Furniture Exhibit to Coincide with Del Ray Christmas Tree Lighting & New Rec Center Grand Open House

The preview exhibit for Auction items will take place on Dec. 2-3, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from 6-9pm at the Colasanto Center.

The Del Ray Christmas Tree Lighting, at Colasanto Park (next to the Center) is scheduled for the same Wednesday evening, Dec. 3 from 7-8pm.

And the new Mt. Vernon Recreation Center (also next door to the center) has planned its grand opening / open house for the same evening.

*Come to the center and join in a night of neighborhood holiday spirit and anticipation for the upcoming Auction & Gala.*

### Buy Your Tickets Now

Don't miss the party on Dec. 5! The reward for all our hard work—come join us for this festive holiday gala at Old Town Alexandria's elegant Lyceum, and pick up some one-of-a-kind artistic furnishings.

Call Andrea LaRue (703) 836-9246 for your tickets to this grand event and a pack to sell to family and friends.



### CHECK OUT DEL RAY ARTISANS ONLINE!

Sarah Pearson has created an awesome new web site just for us. It is totally impressive and reflects our group with style. Sarah worked on this site as part of a class project and it can temporarily be found at the project address: <http://www.keymind.com/class/spearson/default.htm>. Soon, we hope to move the site to a more convenient address and keep it up to date with all the latest DRA news.

We are also working to compile a list of member email addresses to add to our current membership list. We want to use this list to send you current member information. If you have access to email, send your email address to Trae Underwood, Communications Director, at: [TWood100@aol.com](mailto:TWood100@aol.com).

### IDEAS FOR NEW CENTER SPACE

We are still brainstorming for new ways to use the great gallery space we now inhabit at the Colasanto Center. We want to keep this space hopping! Would you like to hang a private show of your work or of someone you know? Smaller unjuried shows of 1 or more artists are welcome in our new space. Just call Linda Silk, our Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7689, and propose your idea.

### RIGHT ON TARGET

Target stores donated \$1,000 to the Arts Resource Foundation earmarked for Art on the Avenue. We thank them for their support of the arts and for helping make this year's Art on the Avenue a great success.

### NEW DUES

At the last DRA general membership meeting we passed a new dues structure for DRA membership. The structure includes a new category for seniors, students and the disadvantaged to become members at the discounted cost of only \$10. All other categories remain the same: Individual - \$35, Household - \$50, Corporate - \$100.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

The DRA is invited to hang a members-only exhibit at the American Horticultural Society's historic headquarters, "River Farm." Aug. 3 - Sept. 18, 1998. Contact Linda Silk, DRA Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7684.

**ACT! Artists for Consciousness Transformation** in Charlottesville, VA is organizing a statewide "Peaceworks" exhibition for 1998. Submissions due by Apr. 1, 1998. Contact Serena Sage, PO Box 526, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (804) 977-0618 or [JANE4Peace@aol.com](mailto:JANE4Peace@aol.com).

**Gallery West, Emerging Artists Exhibition.** Jan. 4 - Feb. 3, 1998. All-Media Juried Show. Fee \$10 for 3 entries. Cash Prizes. Delivery 12/27 & 12/28. Emerging artists defined as those who have been accepted into fewer than 6 juried shows in past year. Send SASE for prospectus to Gallery West, 205 S. Union St., Alexandria, VA 22314, Lorraine Oerth (703) 739-1349.

**Mill River Gallery, First Annual Spring Regional Juried Show: the American Landscape,** Mar. 10-Apr. 5, 1998. Deadline Jan. 30. All media. Send SASE for prospectus to Mill River Gallery, First Annual Spring Regional Juried-The American Landscape, Historic Oella Mill, 840 Oella Ave., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

**Arts in Embassies Program.** Artists can loan works for 2-3 years to embassies worldwide. Dept. of State handles:

Del Ray Artisans

## Holiday Craft Sale

Saturday, December 13th, 10am to 4pm

There is no entry fee, but we are asking crafters to donate 10% of their sales to the Del Ray Artisans. This will be an advertised sale. We are looking for crafters and people who love crafts to help staff the center. We would also love having some bake sale tables! Anyone interested in having a table at the sale or wishes to volunteer to help or has questions please call Terry Atkin at 202-226-6113 or e-mail [Terry.Atkin@mail.house.gov](mailto:Terry.Atkin@mail.house.gov).

Note from Terry:

I am now working two jobs and could really use some help doing this!



costs of pickup, packaging, shipping, return insurance.  
Send resume/slide sheet of works available: Marry Hollis Hughes, Art in Embassies Program, US Dept. of State, A/Art, Room B 258, Washington, DC, (202) 647-5723.

**Portrait as ICON.** Juried by Terrie Sultan, Curator at the Corcoran Gallery, Washington, DC. May 3 - Jun. 7, 1998. All artist, all media, work must be for sale. Submit 3 slides by Feb. 15, 1998. For prospectus, send SASE to Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 549-6877.

### IN MEMORY

We were saddened to hear of the death of our friend Ted Eichers who passed away suddenly on October 24. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family. He will be greatly missed in our group. Donations can be made in his memory to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.



## 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:

Individual - \$35, Household - \$50, Corporate - \$100, Student/Senior/Disadvantaged - \$10

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  
[www.keymind.com/class/spearson/default.htm](http://www.keymind.com/class/spearson/default.htm)



**OFF-BEAT AUCTION & GALA**

**Dec. 5, 7pm - 11pm**  
**The Lyceum**  
**201 S. Washington St.**  
**Old Town Alexandria**

**NEXT GEN'L MEMBERSHIP MTG.**

**Dec. 11, 7pm**  
**Colasanto Center**

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE**

**Dec. 13, 10am - 4pm**  
**Colasanto Center**

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 Angebrandt**, 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) 862-3142; **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.

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**DEL RAY ARTISANS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**NOV. 21-22 FINISH FURNITURE FOR OFF-BEAT AUCTION**

**NOV. 29 & DEC. 2-3 PREVIEW EXHIBIT OF OFF-BEAT AUCTION FURNITURE**

**DEC. 5 OFF-BEAT AUCTION & GALA**

**DEC. 11 DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DEC. 13 HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE**

**JAN. 15 JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**JAN. - FEB. SENIOR ART SHOW**