



## CREATIVITY HAS NO AGE

*First gallery exhibit for 1998 features Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Senior Citizens Art Students*

**R**icking off 1998, the center's first show of the year, "Creativity Has No Age," is scheduled to run from February 20 to March 15. The opening reception is Friday, February 20, at 7pm.

The exhibit features the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Senior Citizens Art Students.

Del Ray Artisan member, Alice Cannon, teaches the senior class at the rec center and will be curating this show.

The show will display samples of work from the the class of 12 or so seniors including drawing, water color, broken tile collage, book binding and more.

Cannon also teaches the jewelry making class at the rec center and hopes to display work from that class as well. She's in hopes of securing some artwork from Helen Ottoway, the senior classes' previous teacher, and Del Ray Artisan member who moved last year to Washington state.

Please call Sue Kulesher (703-684-7688) to offer food donations for the reception.

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### MARDI GRAS MASK-MAKING PARTY

Unmask the artist in you at the Mardi Gras Mask Making Party on Friday, February 13, 7pm at the center.

Come enjoy some Zydeco tunes and munch on Carnival King Cake! Bring a treat to eat that fits into the festivities (colors: purple, green and gold) and dress in your most artistic revelry!

Mask making supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own trinkets to make your mask special. Contact Sarah Pearson (703-690-0260).

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### FAT TUESDAY AT THE BIRCHMERE

Join the fun with the Del Ray Artisan merry-makers at the Birchmere on Fat Tuesday (February 24) for the stompin' Zydeco music of Geno Delafosse. Call Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738) for more Fat Tuesday party-going details.

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### TAKE A LITTLE PIECE OF MY HEART

You can find DRA hand-crafted Valentines and other special cards on sale now at St. Elmo's coffee shop. Thanks to the creativity and hard work from those who turned out for the last card-making party, these unique, one-of-a kind cards not only provide a popular fund-raiser for DRA, but they also make a special gift for anyone who is dear to your heart.

Thanks to Martin Angebrannt, Kathryn Brown, Sally Coler (new member), Kate Grumbacher, Becky Heavner, Bryan Leister, Marlin Lord, Jennifer Marsh and Linda Silk.

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### HEAVNER / LEISTER GALLERY SHOW

DRA members Becky Heavner and Bryan Leister are currently showing their illustrations at The 929 Gallery, 929 S. Charles St., Baltimore MD, (410-659-0929). The show runs from February 5 to March 29. Promotional postcards are available at St. Elmo's.

View portfolios of their work online at <http://members.aol.com/leisheav/becky.html> and also at [www.bryanleister.com](http://www.bryanleister.com).





## THIS GALLERY'S FOR YOU

DRA will make gallery space available for Frank Weiss to exhibit his master's thesis show. His work will hang in the center's gallery for three weeks from November 15 through the end of the year.

DRA welcomes artists who have need for gallery or studio space. If you'd like to arrange a show of your work or that of another artist, contact DRA Gallery Coordinator, Linda Silk (703-533-7689).

### **Del Ray Artisan Spotlight: Eleanor Baker**

*In this Del Ray Artisan Spotlight, we celebrate the center's first "artist in residence," Eleanor Baker. We are happy that Eleanor will be using the center for studio space for her painting. Eleanor is an active DRA member and has had wonderful success at our gallery shows and sales. Last summer she garnered a "curator's choice" award for her two watercolors in the DRA Waterworks show.*

*Eleanor works for the Federal government as a management analyst at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. She has been drawing and painting since childhood.*

*She took many drawing and art history classes in college and has always enjoyed painting. She worked in oils, and acrylics in earlier years while she taught school and raised three children. About four years ago, she took some watercolor classes at the Art League and decided she was ready for that challenge. She has also taken several workshops with well known watercolorists such as Janet Walsh.*

*Her subjects are primarily flowers available in her garden, but she is interested in a wide variety of subjects and takes her camera and sketchbook along on vacations.*

*These subjects result in paintings of intense color, such as the brilliant yellow and red tulip watercolor on display at this past October's Essential Del Ray Artisan exhibit. And the luminous caribbean blues of her "Fishing Boats, Aruba" seen in the Waterworks show.*

*When she retires from federal service in the next few years, she plans to paint full time.*

*You can see Eleanor's work and her works-in-progress at the Colasanto Center where she works on Saturday afternoons. Call in advance.*

## RIVER FARM CRAFT SHOW

River Farm has an annual flower show/plant sale/craft show April 24 and 25. It draws a LOT of business. Note: "crafts," not framed art. For information on getting a table, call Sue Dick (703-922-6026).

## HEY TELEPHONE MAN!

We need help hooking up a phone at the center. Marlin Lord purchased a wall phone and some wire, and he says, "With a committee of 20, we might have enough!" Call Marlin (703-683-1112).

## REC CENTER NEEDS NEW LOGO

Mike Hubler is looking for help to design a logo for the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center.

If you'd like to volunteer your services, please call Mike at the rec center (703-838-4825).

## DONATE YOUR ART SUPPLIES

DRA needs donations of any art supplies to keep in permanent stock at the center.

Throughout the year we host community classes or fund-raising "making" events like the Valentine card party and the recent furniture workshops, and usually incur the expense of the supplies.

If you have items to donate (paper, scissors, ribbon, glue, paint, brushes, tools, etc.), contact Sarah Pearson (703-690-0260).

## AUCTION FUNDRAISER, FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Again, great thanks to all who worked to make this a most successful fundraiser.

The money raised will keep art alive in our community with art outreach programs and the exposure and expression of our artisan members.





**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**DRA Wearable Art Show.**

Submission: 1 or 2 pieces. Jewelry, clothing, accessories. Exhibit Date: July-August. Interested artists should call Linda Silk (703-533-7689) for more information. Needed: mannequins, dress forms, plaster body parts.

**American Horticultural Society**

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

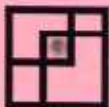
by Apr. 1, 1998. Contact Serena Sage, PO Box 526, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (804-977-0618) or JANE4Peace@aol.com.

**Arts in Embassies Program**

Artists can loan works for 2-3 years to embassies worldwide. Dept. of State handles: 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).



**Become a Member, Join Del Ray Artisans Now!  
or Renew Your Membership!**

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 for 1 year:

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.





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

**NEXT GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MTG.  
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7pm**

**CREATIVITY HAS NO AGE  
Senior Art Exhibit  
Reception: Friday, Feb. 20, 7pm**

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.

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**Del Ray Artisans' Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 12 **February General Membership Meeting**
- Feb. 13 **Mardi Gras Mask Making Party**
- Feb. 20 **CREATIVITY HAS NO AGE:**  
- Mar. 15 **Mt. Vernon Rec Center Senior Citizen Art Students**
- Feb. 24 **Fat Tuesday Celebration at the Birchmere**
- Mar. 6 **Art & Science** demonstrating the artistic inspiration of science  
- Apr. 19
- May 1 - 31 **Rites of Spring** an all-member exhibit of new and never before exhibited art in any medium
- Jun. 5 **Student Art Show** an exhibit of area secondary school art students  
- Jun. 28
- Aug. 7 **Wearable Art** a juried exhibit of one-of-a-kind hand made clothing, leather goods  
- Sep. 13 and jewelry by fabric artists, clothing designers, weavers, and other functional artists
- Aug. 3 **Botanical Art Show** a juried exhibit of member's work on display at the  
- Sep. 18 American Horticultural Society headquarters at River Farm
- Sep. 18 **Food & Art** taking artistic license in the culinary world  
- Oct. 11
- October **Art on the Avenue**
- Oct. 16 **Fall All-Member Show** an all-member exhibit of new and never before  
- Nov. 15 exhibited art in any medium
- Dec. 5 **Holiday Show**