

ARTISANS PLAN SPRING/SUMMER COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECTS

This spring and summer DRA offer a Student Art Show, the Learning Garden and a week-long Art Camp

The Learning Garden is a joint project between the DRA and the Virginia Cooperative Extension which sponsors both the Master Gardener Program and Power Up, an after school 4-H program at George Washington Middle School.

The DRA committee plans to landscape the area around the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center to enhance the space as a contribution to the community, and to provide students with gardening and art experiences. Some committee ideas include Artisan-developed furnishings, such as colorful benches and creative pavers (made with the students) and sculpture.

The committee has prepared draft plans and hopes to develop a shallow fountain area with seating.

Help is also needed to prepare raised beds for the initial garden and the students' vegetable and flower beds. Soil samples have been prepared and it's anticipated that we need to enrich some or all the areas to be planted.

Cathy Clark, an Americorp volunteer for the Power Up program, reports that the students are ready to get their hands dirty. They'll not only get gardening experience, but will also participate in arts and crafts based on the garden--poetry, photography, paper maché, painting, building... Cathy would like to have DRA assistance with these projects. The students and DRA members will exhibit their artwork after the growing season.

All ideas are welcome for this exciting endeavor. Contact Jane DeWeerd (703-548-2612) and sign up to help this community project bloom.

A Star is Born: Student Art Show Opens June 5

An exhibit featuring area secondary school art students opens June 5 and runs to June 28. This show has already started a buzz in local art classes and word has it our gallery will be packed with the best of local student artwork. Art teachers have informed us of their school's competitions that will determine who's award-winning art will hang in this display of young, up-and-coming talent.

Summer Art Camp

Also in the works for the coming summer is a week-long Art Camp to enable up to 45 young people, ages 12-18, to learn about photography, art using found materials and multicultural dance. In addition to the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, the program will use the dance studio, dark room and computer laboratory at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The Art Camp will include opportunities for disadvantaged students. Contact Mart Larson (703-836-0413) to get involved.

rites of Spring All-Member Exhibit, CANCELLED

Spring Clean Gallery May 2 and May 9

Due to a last-minute curator conflict, the spring show originally scheduled to open May 1, is cancelled. Unfortunately, we were not able to locate a volunteer who could take over on such short notice. To take advantage of the gallery down time we've scheduled some much-needed spring cleaning at the center on the weekends of May 2 and May 9. Join us!



Del Ray Artisan Spotlight: Alice Cannon

(Alice recently curated the Creativity Has No Age exhibit featuring her students from the senior citizens' art class and jewelry making class that she teaches at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center.)

Alice taught art for the first time in two large group homes for children in Jamaica; she was 18 years old. "I can't remember a time when I wasn't drawing and making things."

Majoring in literature at Bennington College, she continued to study drawing and painting and went on to get an M.Ed. and became a teacher. When she had children she did art projects with them and their friends and volunteered doing supplementary art activities with kindergartners.

She took one of the very first polymer clay workshops at the Torpedo Factory with Kathleen Dunstin about 12 years ago and began exploring jewelry making soon after. This led to her ongoing study of metal grafting.

Jewelry making is what brought her into DRA and led to her friendship with Helen Ottoway, who asked her to take over teaching the art class for the Alexandria Dept. of Rec. seniors program when Helen moved to Washington state.

"I was was delighted and challenged. I knew I could teach children, but I had never taught adults. I discovered it's exhilarating to work with adult students. The seniors in this class are engaged and excited about learning, and have such rich life experiences—they are an inspiration.

"Because the class wanted to work in watercolor, I started taking classes to learn how to use the medium myself. Now we are learning together and I'm delighted.

"Working with the seniors has redirected my attention back to painting again and has confirmed my belief that everyone who wants can learn to draw and that this skill realized greatly enriches our daily life through illuminated seeing."

JOIN THE FUN AT MONTHLY GALLERY TALKS

On the last Friday of each month, DRA has launched an informal Gallery Talk series for artists to bring along some of their own work to talk about and view others' work as well. It's a casual pot-luck evening coordinated by a different volunteer member each month. Would you like to host a Gallery Talk? Call Mart Larson (703-836-0413).

Mart coordinated the first of these evenings on March 27. She reports "About 20 people enjoyed a hearty potluck meal, It was fun to talk about our artwork and learn some tricks of the trade from one another." Everything from jewelry making, weaving, monoprint, watercolor, wood lathe techniques, sculpture and photography was discussed. "It was a great evening!"

Next Gallery Talk is set for Friday night May 29. Be there!

CARD MAKING PARTY

Come lend your creative talent. Hand-made cards are a traditional fund-raiser for our group. Please join us on Friday, May 15, 7pm, at the Colasanto Center. Bring materials (e.g., magazines, cool paper, wrapping paper, rubber stamps and ink pads, paints, brushes, fabric, scissors, glue, etc.) Contact Kathryn Brown (703) 549-5227.

DEL RAY, A STATE OF MIND: NEW DRA T-SHIRTS ON THE WAY

At the April 9 General Membership Meeting, the prize went to Bryan Leister for his clever design for the new DRA t-shirt. The caption reads: "Del Ray, A State of Mind" and features an original Leister illustration of a cool, urbane guy reclining next to a cup of coffee and browsing the newspaper.

Plans are in the works to have the shirts available for the opening of the Del Ray Farmer's Market on May 16.



DEL RAY FARMER'S MARKET OPENS MAY 16

Sign up to sell t-shirts at the DRA booth. Call Andrea LaRue (703-836-9246).

ART OF SCIENCE, SCIENCE OF ART

Physics teacher and exhibit curator, Judy Grumbacher, says she can see physics in anything and we believe her after viewing the wide array of two and three-dimensional artwork in this show. Besides painting, photography, and drawing, there were intricate fabric designs, meticulous weaving, computer graphics and sculpture on display.

The special feature of this exhibit was a homemade geodesic dome! The dome was a collaborative effort fashioned from individually created dome panels made by DRA members, the Senior Citizen Art Class at the Mt. Vernon Rec Center and students drawn from Beverly Hills Co-op. Pre School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The panels displayed paintings, collage, design work, lighting and other whimsical approaches. Great job Judy!

MEETING OF THE MINDS

Del Ray Artisans sponsored a Round Table Discussion with an impressive panel of guests on March 25th. A good crowd of DRA members posed questions to Lois Walker, City Council Member; Paul Frank from the Alexandria Art Forum, Janet Barnett from the Department of Recreation, Steve Shulman from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and Donna Bergheim from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Ideas were flying and DRA received many kudos for its work in Del Ray. Marlin Lord did a wonderful job assembling and inviting the distinguished panel. Our thanks also go out to Martin Angebrannt for providing background information about DRA and to Alethea Camp for acting as our Facilitator.

ART ON THE AVENUE COMMITTEE NEEDED

This year's Art on the Avenue arts and crafts festival that takes place in Del Ray on Mt. Vernon Avenue, is planned for Saturday, October 3.

Last year's festival included artists demonstrating their crafts, sample culinary specialties from community restaurants, local entertainers, and children's community art projects. DRA participated with a special DRA booth area, by coordinating the demonstration booth, and hosting a DRA table with T-shirts and hand-made cards.

This year DRA would like to come up with even bigger and better ways to participate, get children involved and get the word out about our community-based arts organization. Got a great idea? To help form a committee contact Mart Larson (703-836-0413).

ALEXANDRIA 250TH BIRTHDAY PLANS IN THE WORKS

DRA has a great opportunity to have first pick on any number of events/activities planned for the City's 250th Celebration set for 1999. DRA member Tara Hardiman is our liaison to the 250th committee and offers this heads up:

DRA can participate in a special festival at the George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. We can create our own concept: kite making and flying? Ideas for interactive art events? We can have a role in sponsoring poster or t-shirt design contests. We can create our own local celebration in honor of the 250th. Tara suggests DRA create a float for one of the planned parades!

Contact Cheryl Anne Powalisz (703-838-6348). The 250th committee has open meetings: April 22nd at St. Clements Church 7pm.

REC CENTER NEEDS NEW LOGO

Mike Hubler needs a logo for the Mt. Vernon Rec. Center. To volunteer your services, please call Mike at the rec center (703-838-4825).



CALL FOR ENTRIES

"Young at Art" Senior Art Exhibit. The 12th annual Young at Art show is a juried art exhibit for seniors 55+ held from Jul. 12-25, 1998 at the Campaigna Center in Alexandria. Sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory and the Commission on Aging, the show is open to metro area artists and includes all mediums. The entry fee is \$10 for 3 entries plus \$5 for each additional entry. For entry forms and more info, call 703-549-1607.

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.

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).

Overview in Polymer, exploring new ideas and techniques in polymer clay. Juried by Kathleen Dustin and Kathleen Amt, ceramists; long-time artists and innovators with polymer clay. Exhibit: Nov. 27, 1998 - Jan. 3, 1999. Open to all artists. All work must be for sale. Submission fee: \$25 for 3 slides. Deadline: Sept. 1, 1998. For prospectus, send SASE to Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alex, VA 22314, or call 703-549-6877; fax 703-683-5786.

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).

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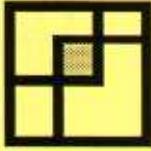


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(703) 548-3527,
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Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

- May 2 Spring Clean gallery, 8am
- May 3 **SPRINGBoard** leadership workshop 3: Keys to Fundraising Success
Alexandria Commission for the Arts, call 703-838-6348 for registration info
- May 9 Spring Clean gallery, 8am
- May 14 **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm (2nd Thurs. of every month)
- May 15 **Card Party**, 7pm
- May 16 **Del Ray Farmer's Market Opens**, 8am- noon (Each Saturday through fall)
Sign up to sell t-shirts at the DRA booth
- May 29 **Gallery Talk**, hosted by Kathryn Brown, 7pm, (last Fri. of every month)
everyone encouraged to bring your artwork and something for pot-luck
- Jun. 5 - Jun. 28 **STUDENT ART SHOW** exhibit of area secondary school art students
- Jun. 11 **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm (2nd Thurs. of every month)
- Jun. 26 **Gallery Talk**, hosted by Vivienne Lukaks, 7pm, (last Fri. of every month)
everyone encouraged to bring your artwork and something for pot-luck
- Jun. 12-14 **Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival**
Contact Lidian Shark 703-549-8300 for booth space; applicants
after Mar. 2 go on wait list
- Jul. 9 **General Membership Meeting** 7pm (2nd Thurs. of every month)
- Jul. 30 **Gallery Talk**, hosted by Marlin Lord, 7pm, (last Fri. of every month)
everyone encouraged to bring your artwork and something for pot-luck
- Aug. 7- Sep. 13 **WEARABLE ART** a juried exhibit of one-of-a-kind hand made
clothing, leather goods and jewelry by fabric artists, clothing designers,
weavers, and other functional artists
- Aug. 3 - Sep. 18 **BOTANICAL ART SHOW** a juried exhibit of member's work on
display at the American Horticultural Society headquarters at River Farm
- Sep. 18 - Oct. 11 **FOOD & ART** gallery exhibit taking artistic license in the culinary world
- Oct. 3 **Art on the Avenue**
- Oct. 16 - Nov. 16 **FALL ALL-MEMBER SHOW** an all-member exhibit of new and
never before exhibited art in any medium
- Nov. 22 - Dec. 13 **Frank Weiss** master's thesis show
- Dec. 5 **HOLIDAY SHOW**



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

**Next General Membership Meeting,
 Thursday, May 14, 7pm .**

@DRA Gallery Space, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave

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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