



SUMMER CALENDAR HEATS UP

JULY GALLERY TALK FEATURES TWO GUEST ARTISTS

July's Gallery Talk features oil, acrylic and pastel artist, Alvaro Ibañez and also poet, Denise DeVries.

Ibañez was born in Bucaramanga, Santander, Columbia. He has worked as a designer and draftsman for more than 22 years, specializing in graphic arts, patent design, and trademark illustrations. His personal collection of his own original work contains over 500 pieces in media such as pastel, oils, water color, ink and even markers.

Ibañez's dream of building a retreat center for artists is slowly becoming reality through his persistence and hard work. Groundbreaking on the 45 acre center near a state park on the Chesapeake Bay began in late Spring of 1998.

Denise DeVries is a graduate of the University of Colorado and alumna of the Jenny McKean Moore Fund Writers Workshop at George Washington University and the Creative Writing Program at George Mason University.

Her poetry has appeared in literary journals and anthologies and has been presented in readings and on radio. Portions of her choral poems have been performed at George Mason as part of Poetry Theater and a seminar on Labor and the Arts, and her chapbook *Wheat* illustrated by Ibañez was published by Mica Press of Colorado. Her next book, *Losing Cleopatra*, also illustrated by Ibañez will be published by Sun on Earth Press this year.

DeVries and Ibañez met at a poetry reading in November of 1993 and were married in September of 1997.

Join us **Friday July 31, 7pm at the Colasanto Center.** Gallery Talks are open to all artists and the general public. Bring your artwork, poetry and something for potluck!

WEARABLE ART EXHIBIT

The DRA will showcase the talents of many local clothing and jewelry designers at the upcoming exhibit, *Wearable Art*. Unlike the many vendor-type craft fairs specializing in wearable art, this is a gallery exhibition of one-of-a-kind pieces that allows viewers to see the coat, necklace or scarf for what it really is...a painstakingly crafted work of art.

"There are some truly remarkable pieces in this show," says curator Linda Silk. "Local designer Barbara Brecher's dramatic cape of handmade felt, and a coat emblazoned with leaves are

stunning. I was immediately charmed by Liz and Chris Martinez's "wishbook" necklace, featuring a tiny copper book pendant that opens to reveal three little pages for wishes. And Terry Atkin's polymer clay jewelry is so sophisticated that you really are deceived into thinking you are looking at a polished stone."

From hand-painted silk evening pajamas and handmade leather sandals to fused glass jewelry and an exotic beads and copper shoulder bag, the *Wearable Art* exhibit showcases some of the best work by area designers and craftspersons. Several of the artists will be on hand, along with plenty of food and refreshments at the **Opening Night Reception on Friday, August 7.**

Linda still needs help with food for the reception, please call her to tell her what you can do to help (703-533-7689).

The DRA *Wearable Art Show* will run from Aug. 7 to Sept. 13. Contact Linda Silk, DRA Gallery Coordinator (703-533-7689).

BOTANICAL ALL-MEMBER SHOW AT RIVER FARM

The DRA in conjunction with the American Horticultural Society (AHS) will feature an exhibit of 2-D and 3-D artwork with a botanical theme (i.e., plants and plant life—flowers, fruit, vegetables, trees, landscape—is the primary focus) at the AHS Headquarters at River Farm.

"This show includes many fine pieces of exquisite work by Eleanor Baker, a talented local artist," report Kathryn Brown and Sue Dick, curators of the show.

The show runs from Aug. 3 - Sept. 18, with a **Meet the Artists Reception Friday, Aug. 21 from 7-9pm at River Farm.**

The known history of River Farm extends back to the 1600's; it was even owned by George Washington, who (among other things) was one of America's first gardeners and horticulturalists. The main building, where the exhibit will wind through from the parlor to the ballroom, is a historical house, and the 25 acres of grounds include stunning gardens, and rolling hills that slope down to the Potomac River.

(Directions: AHS at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, is an easy 10 minute drive south of Old Town down the GW Pkwy. Take the first left after the stone bridge (that lovely landmark overpass) and follow the signs to River Farm. Contact Sue Dick (DRA Co-Curator) at (703-922-6026). Also see the Call For Entries form included in this issue for more information.



ART CAMP WRAPS UP

During the second week in July 30 artists between the ages of 12 - 15 spent five days working together exploring Visionary Art, Camera Arts and Multi Cultural Rhythm and Dance under the leadership of Del Ray Artisans Peggy Kaufman and Britt Leckman. Martha Peterson, a teacher from Hammond Middle School directed the dancers.

The art students created three-dimensional self portraits after an inspirational field trip to the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore with Peggy. Creativity was flowing as the students discussed many types of art: tribal, spiritual, native, re-constructed and folk to name a few.

The young photographers tried their luck at capturing subjects in motion and were turned loose in the neighborhood to experiment with 35 mm cameras provided by Mike Hubler at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. Britt was up until the wee hours preparing contact sheets and press passes for the class. But the real work took place as everyone crowded in the dark room at the rec and worked for two straight afternoons to develop their best shots from 20 rolls of film!

On Friday afternoon the Art Campers and their parents were invited to a Show & Share Picnic which opened with an exciting performance by the Multi Cultural Dance class. The dancers performed conditioning exercises, jazz, hip hop and reggae numbers to the enthusiastic crowd.

"This was a group of very fast learners," commented Martha Peterson, "they accomplished a whole lot in just five days,"

Also featured at the picnic was an exhibit of the Visionary Art pieces and the just barely dry black and white photography. Parents were complimentary and the students enjoyed seeing one another's work.

Mart Larson served as camp coordinator. She reports, "We are most grateful to Mike Hubler at the Recreation Center for partnering with the Artisans to provide a first rate camp. The dance studio and dark room made it possible for us to offer a far more meaningful program than we could have offered on our own. Also we appreciate the way Alethea Camp and Bob Larson jumped in to put on the picnic. They did a great job. As we gave out certificates to the students we were met with one recurring question:

"Are you going to have camp next year?!"

NICHOLSON EXHIBITS IN FALLS CHURCH

Del Ray Artisan, David Nicholson, has installed an exhibit of his photography at The New Health Wellness Center in Falls Church, Va. The exhibit demonstrates how art can be integrated into a work or home environment to create peaceful areas where relaxation and contemplation are enhanced. Call the Wellness Center (703-534-1321) to schedule a viewing.

KAUFMAN, LEISTER, HEAVNER FEATURED IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRESS

Del Ray Artisan, Peggy Kaufman, was featured in "Garden Gallery" on page 111 of the *Country Garden* July 98 issue. A picture of her reflective mosaic garden ball accompanied the article.

Also, Del Ray Artisans Becky Heavner and Bryan Leister, illustrators, were featured in the "Hot Shots" section of the Summer 1998 edition of *Crystal City Magazine*.

The article described their diverse styles and the influences they've had on each other.

Bryan has shifted his illustrative style that he had previously created for *Business Week*, *Forbes*, *Time* and Mercedes-Benz. "He let realism fall away for surrealism."

Becky, who regularly works for the *Washington Post*, *InfoWorld*, *Oracle* and the National Institutes of Health creates work that "tends to lift off and glide around the page...books bigger than humans, oceans drift under sleeping maidens."

CENTER'S GARDEN IS LIVING ART

Creativity is simply spilling out our center and blooming in our own gorgeous garden! What a pleasure to drive down Mt. Vernon Ave. and catch a glimpse of the colors surrounding our center and sharing their inspiration with the community.

As our neighbors tend their yards, we've established our own connection to the neighborhood by creating a wonderful, living and learning work of art that celebrates nature.

Sign up to share in the project by watering. Or plan a related activity with the children. For instance, Terry Atkin recently held a nature/card making program!

Contact Jane DeWeerd to lend a hand (703-548-2612 or JdeWeerd@aol.com).

WANTED: YOUR DESIGN FOR NEW DRA CENTER BANNER

Let's dress up the outside of the Del Ray Artisans' Gallery with two large fabric banners—much like how the Del Ray Post Office has done! WANTED: Your design ideas for the banners. Submit sketches in color for 2 complimentary banners 3 ft x 8 ft vertical that would be executed using flag fabric. The selected designs will be reproduced by volunteer sewers from within our membership ranks, and should represent the essence of our arts organization. Submit your designs at the September General Meeting. Any members interested in participating in the sewing committee should contact Linda Silk (703-533-7689).



DRA NEEDS YOU: VOLUNTEER FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

DRA Needs Barnes & Noble Show Curator

New to the calendar—Barnes & Noble has extended an invitation to DRA to showcase members' work at the new neighborhood store during the month of December! They have a large space in their café for photographs and paintings and are hoping to add more wall space in the future. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to exhibit beyond our gallery walls. We desperately need a volunteer to organize this exhibit. All interested parties should call either Mart Larson (703-836-0413) or Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738).

DRA Needs Patrick Ewing Project Coordinator

Last month an idea was presented at the DRA General Meeting to sponsor a one-day kids' art program featuring NBA star Patrick Ewing. Ewing is a weekend artist and co-author of a book on art for children which should hit the bookstores in Spring. This is one of those big group events DRA does so well. WANTED: Someone who will take this idea and run with it—get things started, contact Mr. Ewing and his publisher to discuss the feasibility, be the point person, etc. All interested parties should call Linda Silk (703-533-7689) for more information.

DRA Needs New Volunteer Coordinator

We have been very fortunate for the past year to have had two members, Andrea LaRue and Vivienne Lukacs, volunteer their time to organize other volunteers. Unfortunately, neither are able to continue doing so, and their absence will have an immediate effect on the week-to-week workings of DRA.

Everything we do as an organization is totally dependent on the voluntary participation of our members, and the more hands we have doing, the greater our achievements. Volunteers sit at the Artisans table at the Farmers Market each Saturday during the summer; volunteers sit at the gallery every Saturday and Sunday during an exhibition; volunteers contribute food for our receptions; volunteers curate and hang the exhibitions, volunteers teach the classes, clean the gallery, water the new flowerbeds and stamp the mailings.

If you enjoy people, have good organizational skills, and want to help shape the future of this arts organization, volunteer to be the Volunteer Coordinator. Call Mart Larson (703-836-0413) or Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738).

DRA Needs Art on Avenue Committee Chair

Art on the Avenue is fast approaching. October 3 is the community's biggest Arts festival and we need to set up a committee to coordinate DRA's involvement. Please call Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738) to volunteer.

PWA OFFICE OFFERS DISPLAY SPACE, DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

Lauren Adkins of the Potomac West Alliance is asking for Artisans to help the PWA office better reflect the "funky" image of the neighborhood.

Lauren explains, "We would love to offer our walls for artwork and would appreciate help changing the window display every month to inform people about the organization's activities. Since we've been in the office, I've been shocked by how many people stop to read the flyers in the window!"

Contact: Lauren Adkins (703-683-3100 or email: lauren.adkins@gte.net).

ALETHEA CAMP, NEW DRA PR DIRECTOR

A huge thanks to Alethea Camp who recently took over duties as Public Relations Director. She is already working hard promoting our group to the community and the press. She recently sent out press releases touting our upcoming Wearable Art show and the Botanical show. Great work Alethea!

CITY APPROVES 1-YEAR LEASE FOR DRA

For \$10 a year, plus what we spend to meet insurance requirements, the city has approved a one-year lease for the DRA at the Colasanto Center building.

According to Mart Larson, "Vola Lawson, City Manager, spoke in favor of the agreement saying that what we are doing is right in line with what the city wants to encourage. We provide a service to the community."

Both Councilwomen Lois Walker and Del Pepper spoke favorably about us. Walker praised DRA's ability to transform what appeared to be unusable spaces into real gems. And Pepper encouraged everyone to get down to the Center and see what a great job we do as a gallery.

JOB OPENING AT MT. VERNON REC CENTER

The Mt. Vernon Rec. Center is seeking an art instructor to take over the classes of Del Ray Artisan, Alice Cannon, who is moving out of the area. Salary range is \$11-15/hr. Contact Mike Hubler (703-838-4825).

GENERAL MEETING DATES CHANGED TO SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The regular date of the general meetings has been changed to the second Tuesday of every month (previously the second Thursday). The next General Membership Meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 11.



Volunteerism — What's in it for me?

Probably most of us are familiar with the Ad Council campaign, "Just Give 5," which encourages us to contribute 5 hours a month or 5 days a year towards a philanthropic cause. The message is clear: volunteering doesn't mean you have to make a major sacrifice, a little bit is just as valuable. As you read this newsletter you will notice there are a lot of Del Ray Artisans' projects going on that need volunteers. All of these programs are worthwhile, they will provide exhibition opportunities for many artists, they will enhance the attractiveness of the community, and they will encourage everyone, amateur and professional, young and old, member and general public, to enjoy Art in its many forms. But, let's not fool ourselves into thinking that all the programs, shows and events that appear on the Del Ray Artisans' calendar will happen regardless of whether you get involved or not. They won't. The All Member Show scheduled for this past spring didn't because the participation needed from members to organize and mount a show didn't materialize in time. You get what you give.

This is a great organization. Speaking for myself, I get a LOT for my \$35 annual dues. I've made several new friends, learned some new techniques, and have had the opportunity to exhibit a few pieces. Because of my involvement with Del Ray Artisans I learned of Art on the Avenue and sold a lot of my work there. But besides paying my annual dues I've been active in the group. I had never curated a show before I joined Del Ray Artisans, now I've curated four and they've been fun; it's not hard and can be very creative. Plus, there's immense satisfaction to be gained from reading reviews of the shows in the papers, and getting thank you notes from exhibiting artists and gallery visitors. So if you are looking for a way to make your mark—curate a show!

Many times, members are more than willing to participate in tasks that need doing at the gallery, they are just waiting to be asked. Please don't wait to be asked—look over the list of activities in this newsletter and call the contact person listed and volunteer for something. It may be the best thing you do with your talent this year—it was for me!

Linda Silk
Gallery Coordinator
Del Ray Artisans

USE YOUR DRA MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR DISCOUNTS AT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES:

Claren Court Studio, Inc. 2420 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA (703) 358-9449.

On all framing. Appointments recommended, contact DRA member, David Wase for information and prices.

(Does your business offer discounts to DRA members? Contact Trac Underwood (703-548-3527) to add your business to this list.)



Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

- Jul. 31 Gallery Talk, hosted by Marlin Lord, 7pm (last Fri. of every month)
FEATURING ARTIST ALVARO IBAÑEZ AND POET DENISE DEVRIES
everyone encouraged to bring your artwork, poetry and something for pot-luck
- Aug. 3 - Sep. 18 **BOTANICAL ART SHOW** a exhibit of member's work on
display at the American Horticultural Society headquarters at River Farm
See call for entry form attached to this newsletter
- Aug. 11 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)
- Aug. 21 **BOTANICAL ART SHOW OPENING** 7pm, River Farm (see directions p. 1)
- 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. 28 Gallery Talk, 7pm (last Fri. of every month)
- Sept. 8 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)
BANNER DESIGN CONTEST JUDGING
- Sep. 18 - Oct. 11 **FOOD & ART** gallery exhibit taking artistic license in the culinary world
- Sept.. 25 Gallery Talk, 7pm (last Fri. of every month)
- Oct. 3 Art on the Avenue
- Oct. 6 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)
- Oct. 16 - Nov. 16 **FALL ALL-MEMBER SHOW** an all-member exhibit of new and
never before exhibited art in any medium
- Oct.. 30 Gallery Talk, 7pm (last Fri. of every month)
- Nov. 10 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)
- Nov. 22 - Dec. 13 **FRANK WEISS MASTER'S THESIS SHOW**
- Nov. 27 Gallery Talk, 7pm (last Fri. of every month)
- Dec **BARNES & NOBLE EXHIBIT**
- Dec. 5 **HOLIDAY SHOW**
- Dec. 8 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)



CALL FOR ENTRIES

DRA SHOWS

DRA Botanical Show at River Farm

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. See article, p.1 for details. See call for entries attached to this newsletter.

DRA Food and Art Show

Sept. 18- Oct. 11. A display of art including either representations of food or made from non-perishable foodstuffs (marzipan and the like) to be shown for the entire length of the show. Opening night will feature various foodstuffs presented in an artistic/whimsical manner. To sign up for either please contact Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738). A great chance for those of you who can put the mojo in a meal.

Fall All-Member Show

Oct. 16 - Nov. 16. An all-member exhibit of new and never before exhibited art in any medium. Contact Linda Silk, DRA Gallery Coordinator (703-533-7689) for more details and curator information.

Barnes & Noble Exhibit

December. Contact Linda Silk, DRA Gallery Coordinator (703-533-7689) for more details and curator information.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES:
OTHER LOCAL / NATIONAL /
INTERNATIONAL SHOWS**

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.

Sugarloaf Mountain Works Juried Fine Art & Craft Festivals

Wanted: top quality artisans for Fall 1998 shows. Still a few spaces left at some shows. Call 800-210-9900.

**Greater Reston Arts Center
(GRACE) Annual Juried Fine
Arts Exhibition**

Oct. 22-Nov. 14, entry deadline Aug. 14. For more information call GRACE (703-471-9242).

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).

CALL FOR ENTRIES



BOTANICAL ART SHOW



OPEN TO ALL CURRENT DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERS

The AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (AHS) invites the Del Ray Artisans to exhibit 2-D and 3-D artwork with a BOTANICAL THEME (i.e.: plants and plant life - flowers, fruit, vegetables, trees, landscape - must be the primary focus) at their Headquarters at RIVER FARM.

Any number of works, in the theme and framed or otherwise ready to exhibit, will be accepted, space allowing (space is ample).

SUBMITTAL

SATURDAY 7-25-98 10AM - 12PM AT THE COLASANTO CENTER
SUNDAY 7-26-98 12PM - 2PM AT THE COLASANTO CENTER
MONDAY 7-27-98 9AM - 5PM AT AHS AT RIVER FARM

EXHIBITION

AUGUST 3, 1998 - SEPTEMBER 18, 1998 9AM - 5PM M - F
(AND SUCH WEEKEND DAYS AS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OTHER EVENTS)

MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION





FRIDAY 8-21-98 7PM - 9PM AT AHS AT RIVER FARM

ARTWORK PICK UP

SATURDAY 9-19-98 2PM - 3PM AT AHS AT RIVER FARM
MONDAY 9-21-98 9AM - 5PM AT AHS AT RIVER FARM

AHS at RIVER FARM, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, is an easy 10 minute drive south of Old Town down the GW Pkwy. Take the first left after the stone bridge (that lovely landmark overpass) and follow the signs to RIVER FARM.

The COLASANTO CENTER is at 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue; 838-4827.

-  There will be no gallery sitting requirements, but please plan to attend and contribute food to the RECEPTION.
-  Artworks may be for sale, and AHS takes a 35% commission.
-  Artists' business cards / brochures for hand out at RIVER FARM are welcome.
-  Artists are responsible for their own insurance.

CONTACT: SUSAN DICK (DRA CO-CURATOR) AT (703) 922-6026



Del Ray Artisans
 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue
 Alexandria, Virginia 22301
 703-838-4827

GALLERY TALK
Friday
July 31, 7pm

GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday
August 11, 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.

Board of Directors: President & Director: **Mart Larson** (703-836-0413); Executive Director & Director: **Martin Angebrannt** (703-683-3738); Vice President & Director: **Charlotte Corcoran** (703-548-1521); Secretary & Director: **Eleanor Baker** (703-683-1252); Treasurer & Director: **Marlin Lord** (703-683-1112); Assistant Treasurer & Director: **Kathryn Brown** (703-549-5227); Public Relations Director: **Alethea Camp**; Graphics Design Director: **Terry Atkin**; Director: **Eilyn Ferguson** (703-549-2660); Director: **Susan Downs Slattery** (703-922-7290); Membership Director: **Kate Grumbacher** (703-683-4224); Gallery Coordinator: **Linda Silk** (703-533-7689); Communications Director: **Trae Underwood** (703-548-3527); Director: **Vivienne Lukacs** (703-979-8996); Director: **David Talmage** (703-768-0709).



**Become a Member, Join Del Ray Artisans
 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.