



*Del Ray Artisans*

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## **ANNUAL FALL ALL-MEMBER EXHIBIT**

*October 16 – November 15*

*at the Colasanto Center*

The Annual Del Ray Artisan Fall All-Member show will feature new and never-before exhibited art in all mediums. Join us at the **Opening Reception on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7pm at the Colasanto Center.**

DRA all-member exhibits showcase area artists and craftspeople at their best. This show gives a chance for local artisans to premier their newest work and always proves a fine place to discover the latest in the local art scene. It's an especially valuable resource if you are looking for items to add to (or start) your collection.

Find everything from sculpture to jewelry, fine furniture to photography.

**The show runs from Oct. 16 - Nov. 15 at the Colasanto Center.**

Artisans: See entry form attached to this newsletter for information on how to participate in this show. Contact Eleanor Baker (703-683-1252).

**CORRECTION:** In the last newsletter the date for the October General Membership Meeting was printed incorrectly. The correct date is October 13 (second Tuesday of each month). See you there!

### **RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW REC CENTER DIRECTOR, SANDRA WHITMORE**

DRA invites you to a joint reception with the Arts Commission and the Arts Forum to welcome Sandra Whitmore, the new Director of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Join us **Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7pm at the Colasanto Center.** Light food and refreshments will be served.

### **WATERCOLOR CLASSES WITH ELEANOR BAKER**

Join DRA resident watercolorist, Eleanor Baker for a session of beginner and intermediate watercolor classes at 6:30pm on Monday evenings. A limited number of spaces are still available, call Jane DeWeerd (703-548-2612) to sign up.

### **SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE ON "THE BUSINESS OF ART"**

DRA presents a special guest lecture by Nannette Clapman Blinichikoff on **"The Business of Art" on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 4pm at the Colasanto Center.**

The lecture will include business strategies and tips for marketing yourself and your art—without compromising your integrity!

Ms. Blinichikoff, a sculptor, has been lecturing on the Business of Art since 1984. She has been successful in exhibiting her own sculpture since 1979. She has published 2 books on the subject: *Promoting Fine Art: Washington, DC and Northern VA*, and a similar book for Baltimore and MD. The books include her complete guide to preparation and marketing, as well as listings of galleries and art centers. Books will be available for purchase at the lecture.

Join us for this informative hour-and-a-half program followed by a light reception. The fee is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members. Please make reservations with Kathryn Brown at (703-549-5227).



### **ART THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT AT THE DRA FOOD AND ART SHOW**

DRA hosted a this fabulous opening with Mayor Donnally and Councilmember Speck and State Delegate VanLandingham. Congratulations to Martin Angebrannt and the artists who contributed not only their art but their food for the Food and Art Opening Reception.

The Gallery was elegant in candlelight and linen tablecloths which set the stage for a delicious array of culinary delights. The hard job was keeping everyone away from the food until we could vote on our favorites.

Brett Steen won the food competition with Lobster ala Brett (lobster, wrapped in filo dough served in individually dressed plates) and will be going to Evening Star with his \$50 gift certificate.

The artwork also created its own excitement and shows a wide range of responses to the food challenge. Artwork as diverse as the "When Carrots Were King" quilt and a spaghetti rose share the walls with expertly painted cafe scenes and luscious photographs.

Several pieces were created especially for the Food and Art show. Check out Tara Holl's whimsical place setting and Liz Martinez' smoky hot pepper wreath. Great job artisans!

Stop by and check out this show, it runs until Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Colasanto Center.

### **DRA BANNER CONTEST EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 13 GENERAL MEETING**

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 October General Meeting.** Contact Linda Silk (703-533-7689).

### **PART-TIME ART TEACHING POSITION OPEN AT CHARLES BARRETT ELEMENTARY**

Charles Barrett Elementary school (on Martha Custis near Glebe Rd.) is looking for someone to lead 4th and 5th grade students in a two-hour, after-school art class one day a week. Art teaching experience and multi-media experience a plus for this available paid position. Call Rita Yarow (703-548-2464).

### **LET'S GO FLY A KITE AT ALEXANDRIA 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

The Alexandria 250th commission has asked the Del Ray Artisans to help develop some activities for Alexandria's upcoming 250th anniversary. One of the suggestions that we came up with was "Kids and Kites."

We are investigating the purchase of 100-125 kites to be decorated by Alexandria children with the assistance of Del Ray Artisan members.

We would like to coordinate the kite decoration with a day when the kids can also fly their new kites. We might even partner with a kite flying group.

We hope to host this high-flying event on the grounds of the Masonic Temple in the spring, perhaps April or May in conjunction with a parade or some other event.

Please contact Martin Angebrannt (703 683-3738) to help with this project.

### **DRA HELPS DONATE NEW COMPUTER TO REC CENTER COMPUTER LAB**

When renovation of the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center was completed it was outfitted with space for a nifty new Computer Lab. Funds for computers, however, were not included in the budget.

DRA member, Pat Miller of the American Political Network donated some older model computers to get the lab off to a good start, but the lab was still short three computers.

Marlin Lord, DRA treasurer, suggested that the Del Ray Artisans join forces with the Del Ray Citizens Association and the Potomac West Business Association to buy a new computer for the lab.

"We feel that this is a small amount to pay," explained Marlin, "Considering the contribution that former Rec Center director Mike Hubler makes to our community and the benefit that the youth and senior citizens at the Rec will gain."

Lloyd Martin of the PWBA and Regina Oliver of the DRCA recently visited the busy computer lab and were delighted to see the new computer in action. Nice teamwork.

Helen Ottoway, long time friend and DRA member who moved to Washington State, recently learned that her cancer is in remission. In a note to Artisans, Helen says:

*My cancer is in remission and I am very grateful for all the cards and letters from all my Artisan friends. They helped keep my spirits up which helped me get well!*

*Thanks, Helen*

*P.S. I have curly hair!*



## Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3 Art on the Avenue
- Oct. 8 Reception to Welcome new Rec Center Director Sandra Whitmore, 7pm
- Oct. 13 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, \*\*\*RESCHEDULED as Business in Art lecture on Nov. 8, (see below)\*\*\*
- Nov. 8 Special Guest Lecture "The Business of Art" by Nannette Clapman Blinichikoff, 4pm
- 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 MARKET & SHOW** Local artisan booths are perfect for holiday shopping!
- Dec. 8 General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)

### Other Events in the Area

Oct. 4  
Chili Pepper Festival at Discovery Day, Noon to 4pm, at the American Horticultural Society headquarters at George Washington's RIVER FARM, (7931 E. Boulevard Dr., Alex., 4 miles south of Old Town, just off the GW Pkwy, call 703-768-5700 and press 2 for specific directions). Food, fun, festivities. Pepper display gardens, activities for the kids, tastings and demonstrations. \$3 parking - Activities free. Rain or Shine ([www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)).

Oct. 21 - Nov. 22  
"The Three from Prague...Three Czech Contemporary Painters" Exhibit at the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Open Wed. - Sun. 12-5pm Opening reception, Oct. 22. 6-8pm

Oct. 24  
Tour Alexandria's Public Art with Alexandria Arts Forum. Price: \$7.50. Call Alex. Commission for Arts (703-838-6348) for reservation information.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

#### DRA SHOWS

**Fall All-Member Show, Oct. 16 - Nov. 16.** An all-member exhibit of new and never before exhibited art in any medium. See Entry Form attached to this newsletter. Contact Eleanor Baker (703-683-1252).

**Barnes & Noble Exhibit, December,** Contact Susan Buchan (703-684-9595) for details.

#### OTHER LOCAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL SHOWS

**Annandale Days Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 31** in the parking lot of Main Street USA, 7131 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. Craft spaces are available for \$40. This year's fall festival will have a wide range of live entertainment, from costume contest show to local bands. The main focus of this event is children's and family activities such as clowns, pony rides, pumpkin painting and great prizes for the costume contest. If interested in participating or need additional information (N4) please call Ron Kuley or Jill Saupp and (703 941-2238). Spaces are filling quickly.

**Fiberart International '99, Sept. 9 - Oct. 30, 1999.** The 16th in a series of biennial exhibits to be installed in two prestigious institutions in Pittsburgh: The Society of Contemporary Crafts and The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh develops, supports and promotes fiber arts by providing a forum to exchange ideas and sponsoring without profit fiber art exhibitions. Slides deadline is Feb. 12, 1999. Contact Millie Barnes ([millieb@prodigy.net](mailto:millieb@prodigy.net)) or Sally Yunis (412-363-0204).



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## FALL ALL-MEMBER SHOW OPENS Friday, Oct. 16

@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** (703-806-0413); 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: **Ellyn Ferguson** (703-549-2660); Director: **Susan Downs Slattery** (703-922-7290); Membership Director: **Kate Grumbacher** (703-683-4224); Gallery Coordinator: **Linda Silk** (703-633-7689); 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.