



THE Well-Crafted Word

News from the Del Ray Artisans

March 1999

NOW SHOWING AT THE DRA GALLERY:

artWORDS: THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR IMAGINATION— A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ARTISTS AND POETS

Join the Del Ray Artisans in celebrating the written word in its latest exhibit, artWORDS.

You can look at life from both sides in this collaborative show where local poets and artists come together to share different ways the world is perceived, then turned into both written and visual works of art

artWORDS partners photography, sculpture, painting, collage or other visual pieces with poems that share a connected theme, color image, vision or emotion.

Come see local artist Renee Niver take her collage to dazzling new dimensions as she creates an actual life-sized diorama of textures, sound, wind and water to illustrate the images she encounters from two poems by local poet, Trae Underwood. Blue glass beads hang suspended over "porch rails" and vines with "words for leaves" to evoke rain on a summer porch.

Some artists take text and literally "work" it into their pieces. Ky Easton displays her unique "banners" that incorporate felt, sequins, bamboo... with her original haiku poems sewn right into them. And artists Elizabeth Featherstone Hoff works poetry right into the depths of her collage.

Both published and novice poets from at least three different local poetry workshops around the area are featured in this creative venue.

The artWORDS exhibit shows from March 12 through April 3 on Saturdays 10am to 4pm and Sundays 12noon to 4pm. **A delightful Opening Night Reception takes place on Friday evening, March 12 at 7pm featuring a lively poetry reading and also musical performances by the poets and artists participating in the exhibit.** For more information about artWORDS call 703-548-3527.

COMING UP AT THE DRA GALLERY:

"LUNGO IL MEDITERRANEO" (ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN)

This is a multi-media invitational showing of visual arts inspired by journeys in Mediterranean lands and waters. Featuring artists: Kathryn Brown, James Evans, Frederick Holl, Tara Holl, Marlin Lord, Mirella Monte Belshe, Marian Van Landingham.

Exhibit Dates: April 10 to May 2, 1999, Exhibit Times: Saturdays, 10am to 4pm; Sundays, 12noon to 4pm, **Opening Reception: SUNDAY, April 11, from 2pm to 7pm.**

Kathryn Brown, a local commercial photographer, will show black and white photographs of Italy's style through details of antique and contemporary buildings and sites.

James Evans owns and operates his own business that features Baroque ornamental carving and oil painting. He trained overseas in England and Italy and will exhibit carvings and paintings.

Frederick Holl is a self taught painter and has extensive training in the field of architecture. His business currently specializes in highend residential enhancements. He will exhibit large acrylic paintings.

Tara Holl owns and operates T.S.H. studios which creates multi-media commissioned work such as stained and sculptural glass work and painted wall murals. She also teaches general art to adults and children. Tara will exhibit paintings and environmental portraits from Greece and Italy.

Marlin Lord, a local architect, will exhibit detailed watercolors of Tuscany and Rome, Italy including landscapes, statues and buildings.

Mirella Monte Belshe does 3-D bronze sculpture in the style of Greek and Roman antique sculpture and Marian Van Landingham has been making trips to the Mediterranean for many years in search of artistic images. Both Mirella and Marian have studios in the Torpedo Factory.



STILL WATER

The place was missing fishermen—
They would come later—
But entrances alighted
Gravel ground down,
The car doors slammed.

Cases of cardboard
And empty bottles
Were stacked against the wall.

Inside they ate and talked
And looked up at
A starlit sky,
The silhouettes stayed fast
At their berths.

Still water quietly
Lapped at the hulls;
Music passed through
The bar's open door.

I was looking for Bruce;
That's Bruce Hornsby.
He had been eighteen
For twelve years.
Still the music played.

*Ed Muniz
No Compensation:
64 American Poems*

Please join us!

**Opening Reception
featuring:
a lively poetry reading
and musical performance**

Friday, March 12 at 7pm

Exhibit dates: March 12 - April 3
Saturdays 10am to 4pm
Sundays noon to 4pm

artWORDS
the language of your imagination
a collaboration between artists and poets

sponsored by the Del Ray Artisans



"NOVAM" INVITES DEL RAY ARTISANS TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION
IMAGINE is the signature fundraising event of **Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM)**. With the help of more than 100 volunteers, **IMAGINE** brings the entire metropolitan area together in a caring response to the AIDS crisis. **IMAGINE '99** will be held on April 17, 1999 chaired by George Baden.

IMAGINE consists of two parts. On April 17, **NOVAM** volunteer hosts will sponsor dinner parties in their homes, and invite their friends to attend and to make a contribution to **NOVAM**. Later that evening, participants will gather with guests and volunteer hosts from other dinner parties at the Torpedo Factory Art Center for dessert, champagne, dancing, and a Silent Auction. All expenses for **IMAGINE '99** are contributed or are underwritten by sponsors.

About the Silent Auction: **NOVAM** volunteers collect treasures from near and far for the Silent Auction, which is attended by more than 1,000 guests. Items are placed on display in two large tents behind the Torpedo Factory, and each is listed in the Silent Auction Guide distributed to all participants. Auction items include not only artworks, but antiques, collectibles, decorative items, gift certificates and much more! Last year's Silent Auction raised more than \$20,000 to assist **NOVAM** programs.

About NOVAM: **Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry** was founded in 1987 and works to prevent the spread of HIV through targeted prevention education reaching 30,000 young people each year. **NOVAM** also offers direct services to people living with HIV/AIDS, including Transportation Services furnishing 1,000 rides to medical appointments and other vital services each month; Children's Services Programs providing child care, parental respite and mentoring; and Emergency Financial Assistance providing housing, utilities, medical needs, and other critical services.

NOVAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions to **NOVAM**, including contributions of items for the Silent Auction, are tax-deductible by law.

How You Can Help: If you would like to contribute an item for the **IMAGINE** Silent Auction, please contact Del Ray Artisan, Liz Martinez at (703-683-1969) or catnip-haze@hotmail.com. For information on hosting an **IMAGINE** dinner party, attending the event, assisting as a volunteer, or for more information on **NOVAM**, please contact David Bender, **NOVAM's** Deputy Director, at (703-739-2437) ext. 14.

BE MOVED! A KINETIC EXTRAVAGANZA OF TALENT!

Over 160 people jammed into the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center to enjoy the dances of Mary Jo Smet, Janet Stormes and Jane Franklin. Our artists Carrie Beyer, Marlin Lord, Renee Niver and David Martin whose artwork accompanied the dances spoke briefly before each piece. It was an evening of poetry, grace, humor and style. We are most grateful to those who collaborated to make *Be Moved!* such a terrific success.

There were many volunteers who came forward to make this show possible. Martin Angebrandt and Mart Larson worked as co-curators to assemble the artwork. They offer their appreciation to Jennifer Marsh and Bob Larson who helped hang the show. The reception hosted an enormous crowd thanks to the assistance of Alethea Camp, Jane DeWeerd, Trae Underwood and Deborah Peterson and all the generous souls who contributed the delicious food. The hard corps clean up crew included Kathryn Brown, Alethea Camp, Ellyn Ferguson, Bob Larson and Marlin Lord.

It takes a lot of commitment to put a show together, and this was a particularly technically complicated one due to the two locations and the arrangements for the dancers. The result of this collaboration is that the Del Ray Artisans have

gained a much wider circle of friends and supporters who attended from the dance community.

Kudos also go out to Rodney Bates and his team at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center for all their assistance in coordinating this event. Great job everyone!

WELCOME SPRING AT OPEN STUDIOS

DRA members and friends are invited to an Open Studio on Sunday, March 21, from 1pm to 5pm at the Columbia Pike Artist Studios. An exhibition of New Works by Studio members will be on display in the Gallery and most of the 30 artists will be at work in their studios. Columbia Pike Artist Studios is located at 932 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, over the Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse. For more information, call (703-486-9368) or (703-549-1896).

LOOK! READ! ENJOY! DRA STARTS LIBRARY

Have you noticed the extensive collection of art books in the back room at the Center? They're ours through the generous donation of Ruby De Groot. If you wish to borrow a book, fill out the appropriate card in the card-file box, and tuck one of the "due" cards in the envelope at the back of the book as a reminder to yourself. The books are currently cataloged by title, author and subject.

EVERYONE WELCOME AT MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The DRA Board of Directors has now established a monthly meeting to follow each general membership meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend.

In an effort to separate the "business" from the "pleasure" at monthly meetings, the board has reserved the first hour, from 7pm to 8pm, of each general membership meeting for the most general topics: to share info, brainstorm new projects, sign up for upcoming events, meet new members, plan parties, etc.

Then, from 8pm to 9pm, the agenda turns to the business of DRA: budget, insurance, bylaws, site maintenance, etc. All are welcome to stay for this portion of the meeting if they wish.

Hopefully this will offer members the choice to attend general meetings and share in the fun for an hour without having to devote a huge amount of the evening to the "less fun" business.

DRA ELECTIONS: JUNE 8, GEN'L MEETING

We are holding elections for a new board of directors at the June 8 General Membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. We also want to encourage members to participate in DRA by becoming a board member, see the masthead on the back of this newsletter for positions that will be elected.

REC CENTER NEEDS PAINTING INSTRUCTOR

The Mt. Vernon Rec. Center is in need of an instructor for the Senior painting class. For more information, call Mart Larson (703-836-0413).



Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

Tues. 7pm-9pm	Mar 9	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues of each month)
Fri. 7pm	Mar 12	artWORDS Opening reception and Poetry Reading An exhibit of collaborations between local artists and poets Opening features a lively poetry reading and musical performance
Sats. 10am-4pm Suns. 12noon-4pm	Mar 12-Apr 3	artWORDS An exhibit of collaborations between local artists and poets Curators: <i>Trae Underwood (703-548-3527) and Judy Grumbacher (703-461-0731)</i>
	Apr	Easter Card-Making Party (date TBA)
Sats. 10am-4pm Suns. 12noon-4pm	Apr 10-May 2	Lungo II Mediterraneo (Along the Mediterranean) A multi-media invitational show of visual arts inspired by journeys in Mediterranean lands and waters. Curator: <i>Tara Holl (301-570-5173)</i>
Sun. 2pm-7pm	Apr 11	Lungo II Mediterraneo Opening Reception
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Apr 13	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Tues. 7pm-9pm	May 11	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Fri. 7pm	May 14	Student Art Show Opening Reception
Sats. 10am-4pm Suns. 12noon-4pm	May 14-May 29	Student Art Show Curator: <i>Linda Silk 703-533-7689</i>
	June	Father's Day/Summer Card-Making Party (date TBA)
Fri. 7pm	Jun 4	Abstract Show Opening Reception
	Jun 4-Jun 27	Abstract Show Curator: <i>Susan Slattery (h 703-922-7290) or (w 703-549-5543).</i>
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Jun 8	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Tues. 7pm-9pm	July 13	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
	Jul 12-Jul 16	Children's Art Camp
Sats.	Jul - Dec	All-day workshops on a variety of techniques to be held most every Saturday from mid summer until Off-Beat Auction in December
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Aug 10	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Sep 14	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Oct 12	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Nov 9	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Sat., Sun. & Wed.	Nov 20-21, Dec 1	Off-Beat Auction Preview
Sat.	Dec 4	Off-Beat Auction & Gala
Tues. 7pm-9pm	Dec 7	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Sat.	Dec 11	Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale



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artWORDS OPENING RECEPTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 7PM
 Featuring lively poetry reading
 & musical performance

@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 Angebrandt** (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** (703-533-7689); Communications Director: **Trae Underwood** (703-548-3527); Director: **Andrea LaRue** (703-836-9246); **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 An artist (medium _____) A supporter of the arts

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 along with this application to:
 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, Attn: Membership.