



On Exhibit at the Del Ray Artisan Gallery

Second Annual Student Art Show

The Del Ray Artisans are pleased to announce the Second Annual Student Art Show, May 14 through May 29, 1999, at the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Exhibit hours: Saturdays, 10am to 4pm; and Sundays, 12noon to 4pm. **Opening reception is Friday, May 14, at 7pm**, with student artists and school personnel present.

Del Ray Artisans presents the Second Annual Student Art Show, featuring art work by students of T.C. Williams High School, George Washington, Minnie Howard and Hammond Middle Schools.

This show is the result of a year-long collaborative effort between the faculty of Alexandria's sixth through twelfth grade art departments, their students and the Del Ray Artisans. Outstanding student work will be selected by a panel of judges to receive awards in various media, including ceramics, collage, crafts, drawing and painting, graphics and print making.

Curator, Linda Silk, says her lifelong love of art and early memories of her small Pennsylvania town's annual Founders' Day student art show, inspired her to create this opportunity for Alexandria's young artists in 1998.

One of the unique features of this particular exhibit is the "Artful Scavenger Hunt" that visitors can participate in when they visit the gallery.

For information about the Second Annual Student Art Show, contact curator Linda Silk (703-533-7689).

ART CAMP '99 IS COMING THIS SUMMER

Open to young people ages 9-15. The camp will run from July 12 - 16 and offer three sessions. **ART CONSTRUCTION:** taught by Peggy Kaufman. An opportunity to learn how to use a variety of tools and gain experience creating art work using a wide selection of materials. **CAMERA ARTS:** Students will shoot photos in their own neighborhoods under the able instruction of Britt Leckman. Dark room instruction included. **MULTICULTURAL RHYTHM & DANCE:** Students will learn dances from around the world by master teacher Martha Peterson. Classes will use the new dance studio at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The Camp will culminate with a Show and Share Picnic, Exhibit and Dance Performance. Pick up a brochure at the Center or call Mart Larson for more information (703-836-0413). Registration should be mailed before June 30th.

Coming soon:

Mixt Nerve: A Mixed Media Show with Lots of Nerve

It takes a lot of nerve to mount an art exhibit that includes a Barbie box mounted on hot pink legs, a voodoo cabinet and a scroll that exposes the corruption of the Sadhu (Hindi holy men) of India. Stir in some extraordinarily beautiful canvases created with paint, paper, sand and even trash (known in the parlance as "found objects") and you have the essence of the steely vision of curator Deirdre Saunders' energetic show.

Saunders set out to refute the narrow categorization of the Art League School in Alexandria, Virginia as a realist school when she invited 21 of her abstract and mixed media students to submit works for Mixt Nerve. Saunders feels that this group of works "... reflects the thoughtfulness, experimentation and creativity that is evident in all the best art schools throughout the country."

Other highlights of the show include a sensual and colorful work by Beverly Heinle entitled "Flower," a wall-size, diptych portrait by Marjorie Powell and the color-saturated canvases of Ellyn Weiss, Mary Ott and Dorothy Ellis.

An intriguing cabinet, by DRA member Larisa Sjoerds, entitled "Eyes of Compassion" reveals both the beauty and the darker side of Indian culture. "My Mama Made me Wear this Dress," a "border" painting by DRA member Susan Slattery, is a humorous look at a young girl growing up out west at the turn of the century.

"Mixt Nerve: A Mixed Media Show with Lots of Nerve" is an exhibition of works by the students of curator and artist Deirdre Saunder. **The opening reception is Friday, June 4, from 7pm to 9pm**, featuring live music by Jacques "Saxman" Johnson;

Exhibit dates are June 4 through June 26, 1999, at the Nicholas Colasanto Center. Exhibit hours: Saturdays, 10am to 4pm; and Sundays, 12 noon to 4pm.

For more information about Mixt Nerve contact curator Susan Slattery (703-922-7290).



SIGN UP FOR CLASSES!

Register now. Sarah Pearson has once again agreed to share her faux-finishing expertise by teaching a series of four, one-day classes scheduled for **July 17 and 18 (beginners) and July 31 and August 1 (advanced students)**. Plans are underway to offer additional painting technique classes at a later date. Watch for more information about these courses in upcoming newsletters. For more information or to register for classes, please contact Ellyn Ferguson (703-549-2660).

OFFBEAT AUCTION IS READY TO ROLL

A tentative date of **Saturday, December 4th (7:00 - 11 p.m.)** has been set, but is subject to change based on the availability of the Lyceum on that evening. We are waiting to hear back from the Lyceum's special events coordinator as to whether that date is open. The auction committees are determined and will be chaired by the following DRA members:

Classes: Ellyn Ferguson, Kathryn Brown.

Day of the event: Susan Slattery, Larisa Sjoerds.

Furniture: David Talmage.

Publicity: Linda Silk.

Silent Auction: Mart Larson.

Tickets: Liz Martinez.

Watch your newsletter for upcoming information on the auction as we get rolling. There are lots of opportunities for you to join in the fun of putting together this fundraiser. If you would like to join one of the committees, please contact the appropriate chairperson.

Garden News:



Thank you to the hearty gardeners who have gotten our garden off to a great start! Jane DeWeerd has spirited together some helpful sources for donated plants and has done a great job coordinating our beautiful garden over the last year. Jane is out of town indefinitely so we are all picking up the watering can in her stead. If you can volunteer to water the garden for a one-week stint (May--August) please call **Mart Larson (703-836-0413)** and she will pencil you in on the master schedule. If you have plants to donate attend the party **May 11th** and we'll set a planting date. Should be another fun growing season. Our goal is to look healthy and strong by the **June 5th** garden tour.



DRA MEMBERS EXHIBIT AT BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

During the month of June, DRA member Susan Slattery will be exhibiting her paintings in the cafe area of the Potomac Yard's Barnes & Noble store. The store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Susan Tetterton, Barnes & Noble's Community Relations Manager, is seeking additional artists for upcoming exhibits in the store. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact her (703-299-9124).

DRA GALLERY & GARDEN FEATURED ON GARDEN TOUR

Del Ray House & Garden Tour, Sat. June 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Del Ray Tree Planting Fund. Highlights: 15 homes and gardens including the Del Ray Artisans Center and special tours of the demonstration gardens at Simpson Park. Refreshments at the Fire Station on Windsor Avenue.

Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 day of tour. Advance tickets by mail or beginning May 15 at the Candle Garden, 2104 Mt. Vernon Ave. and the Ramsey House, 221 King St.

Or write out your Name, address and phone # and send a check payable to the Del Ray Citizens Assoc. to the "Del Ray House and Garden Tour, c/o DRCA P.O. Box 2233, Alex. VA 22301. You must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your ticket. For further info call 703-549-7365.

DONATE YOUR ART TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S CENTER

A Silent and Live Auction held by the Library of Congress Child Care Association (Little Scholars), a non-profit group, will benefit the child development center's tuition assistance fund which provides assistance to low-income families (targeted to low-income Library staff, but not exclusively) who attend the center.

The auction will be held at the Library of Congress, Madison Building on Thursday, July 29th, all day for Silent Auction (from lunch through reception) and early evening for the Live Auction (combined with Silent).

The event includes a reception and will feature displays of the items or descriptions/pictures of the items if it is not feasible to display (too large or a gift certificate of some sort).

Contact Amy Plaster (703-683-0779 or 202-225-4401).



GET INVOLVED! DRA ELECTIONS, JUNE 8

Are you interested in one of the listed positions? Contact Martin Angebrannt (703-683-3738); or Ellyn Ferguson (703-549-2660) and let them know!

Following is the list of DRA offices that will be considered for election at the June 8 General Membership meeting:

PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR (Nominee: open) Chairs membership meetings and prepares agenda. Directs communications, including calls and correspondence, to appropriate member. Communicates with the City of Alexandria concerning leases and other issues. Signs official documents. Represents the DRA at city functions and grant hearings. Attends openings and all membership and Board meetings. Acts as spokesperson for the DRA. Monitors opportunities for grants and upcoming events. Coordinates grant proposals. Coordinate with other Officers and Directors and delegation of duties.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Nominee: Martin Angebrannt) Assists the President and/or Vice President in the performance of their duties. Acts in place of the President and/or Vice President when delegated to do so or in their absence at meetings. Chairs Board of Director Meetings and prepares agenda.

VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR (Nominee: open) Assists the President and/or Executive Director in the performance of their duties. Acts in place of the President and/or Executive Director when delegated to do so or in their absence at meetings.

SECRETARY & DIRECTOR (Nominee: open) Record official meeting minutes and maintain records of official minutes and non-financial records, such as incorporation papers.

TREASURER & ASST. TREASURER & DIRECTORS (Nominees: Marlin Lord & Kathryn Brown) Maintain financial

records of the Corporation. Coordinate/monitor official records of the Corporation. Maintain bank accounts Pay accounts payable and identify basis for grants and accounting/and examine with regard to proposed budgets for shows Monitor accounts receivable such as grants, etc. Pick up and sort mail Monitor/document/sort receipts, copy, etc. for deposit and monitor/document accounts payable and sort receipts. Distribute membership applications to Volunteer Coordinator, President/Membership Committee. Prepare Treasurer's report. Maintain Ted Eicher Art Scholarship Fund accounts. Negotiate lease and property use. Accommodate key distribution. Prepare/certify Treasurer's reports for grants/including budgets. Serve as Registered Agent for Corporation. File Corporate papers and Annual Report. Prepare Annual report to IRS. Monitor activity relating to 501.c.3 status. Coordinate/check/monitor special fund raising purchases. Arrange/pay tilling for Learning Garden, and other events and activities. Coordinate with Attorney on tax issues.

DIRECTORS (Can elect up to 20 -- the 12 Nominees: Matt Larson, Susan Slattery, Ellyn Ferguson, David Talmage, Andrea LaRue, Charlotte Corcoran, Vivienne Lukacs, Terry Arkin, Linda Silk, Alethea Camp, Kate Grumbacher, Eleanor Baker). Various responsibilities, can include volunteer to coordinate committee--Volunteer Coordinator, Graphics Coordinator, Gallery Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Membership Coordinator,

Aid other Directors and Curators in preparing mailings, hosting events, landscaping, maintenance of the gallery and with show logistics. Locating outside speakers or instructors for special events, including talks. Help with the OffBeat Auction. Communicate with other galleries. Develop grant proposals. Help at the Farmer's Market. Solicit membership for ideas and services. Sit the gallery and/or provide access to the gallery.

Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

Tues. 7pm-9pm	May 11	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Fri. 7pm	May 14	Second Annual Student Art Show Opening Reception
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Fri. 7pm	Jun 4	Mixt Nerve Opening Reception
	Jun 4-Jun 26	Mixt Nerve Curator: Susan Slattery (703-922-7290).
Sat. 10am-4pm	Jun 5	Del Ray House & Garden Tour. For info call 703-549-7365.
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
Sat. & Sun.	Jul 17 - 18.	Faux-Finishing classes (beginners)
Sat. & Sun.	Jul 31 - Aug 1	Faux-Finishing classes (advanced)
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 14	DRA General Meeting followed by Board Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Sat.	Dec 11	Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale



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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 7PM
 (Board of directors' meeting to follow)

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

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 LeRue** (703-836-9246); 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 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.