



DOG TAILS & TALISMANS: ARTISANS SET Y2K GALLERY EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Check out the calendar below that we're working on for 2000 for shows that feature fire, amulets, nightmares and trips into the woods. For an auspicious beginning to your millennium, join us at the Del Ray Artisan Gallery.

- Jan. - Dog Days of Del Ray - Y2K9 (Chad Brady 518-9921)
- Feb. - TBA
- Mar. - Springwater Fiber Workshop (Kathryn Brown 549-5227)
- Apr. - Spring All-Member Show & Modern Dance Collaboration, (See article, p. 2)
- May - 3rd Annual Student Art Show (Linda Silk 533-7689)
- Jun. - Southwestern Fine Art & Photography
- Jul. - Art Camp (Mart Larson 836-0413)
- Jul. - Sticks, Stones & Bones—Amulets for Everyday Use (Susan Slattery 922-7290)
- Aug. - Fire Show (David Talmage 768-0709)
- Sep. - Fall All-Member Show (Martin Angebrannt 683-3738)
- Oct. - In 2 the Woods—Wood Show (Linda Silk 533-7689)
- Nov. - Nightmare Folk Art Show (David Talmage 768-0709)
- Dec. - Multicultural Holiday Show (Renee Niver 721-1937)

ART ON THE AVENUE, Saturday, October 2

Art on the Avenue is a big day for Del Ray Artisans. Many artisans are selling their artwork at this fourth-annual, multi-cultural arts and crafts festival. Artisans will also be featured at the Art Demonstrations Booth at the following times:

- 10 - 10:45 Madeline Ramsey
Mosaic Techniques with Glass
- 11 - 11:45 Ky Easton
Banner Maker will share Letter Making Techniques
- 12 - 12:45 Bryan Leister
Plein-air painting
- 1 - 1:45 Marie Niernberger
Stenciling Techniques
- 2 - 2:45 Beverly Hansen
Creative Paper Finishes/Decoupage

Works-in-progress for the Offbeat Furniture Auction can be 'pre-viewed' and you can also purchase tickets to the Offbeat Auction at the DRA gallery 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue from 10am - 6pm. Admission to the gallery is free.

... Offbeat Furniture Auction ... & Gala Fundraiser

DRA is preparing for its gala fundraiser, Offbeat Auction, to be held on Saturday, December 4, from 7pm to 11pm at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria. Held bi-annually, Offbeat is a much anticipated event for both DRA members and area art lovers alike. The event includes both live and silent auctions, holiday refreshments and libations, and live music provided by local R & B favorite, Jacques "Saxman" Johnson and his band. Tickets are \$10.00 (\$15.00 at the door) and are available now by calling (703) 683-1969. Proceeds from Offbeat help fund such DRA community projects as a Children's Learning Garden, summer Art Camp scholarships and a full calendar of exhibits held throughout the year at the DRA gallery (see calendar at left).

To get ready for Offbeat, DRA collects, rehabs and "dresses up" pieces of furniture to be sold during the live auction portion of the gala. Member artists "adopt-a-piece" of furniture and let their imaginations run wild. The result is an exciting and diverse collection of functional art that makes for lively and competitive bidding. A sampling of current furniture projects underway are an Elvis coffetable; a hobo sleeper sofa, "... the perfect motif for your visiting relatives," says artist Linda Silk; a Roy Lichtenstein-inspired dining table and "Moon Dog," a chair featuring "... a ceramic dog who surveys the scene from atop his faux gemstone-encrusted, peach-colored perch," so says creator Sally Coler Fedrigault. These and many other works-in-progress can be 'pre-viewed' at the DRA gallery during Art on the Avenue, which takes place along Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria, on October 2 (10am-6pm). Admission to the gallery is free.

A Volunteer Opportunity for You Take a few tickets and sell them to your family, friends, co-workers, and don't forget to sell one to yourself. Contact Liz Martinez, Auction Ticket Chair, at (703) 683-1969 or catniphaze@hotmail.com

Offbeat Auction Gala Important Dates:

- Nov. 20, 21 Preview Exhibit of Offbeat Auction Furniture at Colasanto Center. (10am-4pm / Sat) (12am-4pm / Sun)
- Dec. 1 Preview Exhibit (6pm-9pm)
- Dec. 4 Offbeat Auction and Gala, our big fundraising event of the year to be held at the Lyceum. (7pm-11pm)

Offbeat Auction Committee Chairs

EVENT DAY - Susan Slattery 703.922.7290 and Larisa Sjoerds 202.483.2079. Set up/ clean up on site at auction and gala. Reception crew needed: bartenders, food "runners," clean up crew; sign up to donate reception food.

LIVE AUCTION / FURNITURE CREW - Martin Angebrannt 703.683.3738 Flex your muscles and help with delivery and set up of furniture on site, furniture logistics during the live auction.

FURNITURE - David Talmage 703.768.0709. Repair, refinish and prep furniture for the live auction. Adopt a piece of furniture and use your talents to transform it into a work of art. Seal and varnish furniture after workshops have completed their work.

PUBLICITY - Linda Silk 703.533.7689. Assist with PR for preview exhibit and auction, post or distribute flyers and posters, work on program production, solicit program advertising and sponsors.

SILENT AUCTION - Mart Larson 703.837.0413 Forms are now available for those who wish to solicit silent auction goods and services. Pick them up at the gallery or call Mart. Artists: look through your inventory and consider donating a piece that showcases your unique skills and can be displayed with your business card.

TICKETS - Liz Martinez 703.683.1969. Don't forget to buy your own tickets for this festive event! Pick up a pack of 10 to sell to friends, co-workers and family.



LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE (AT POTOMAC YARD)

Our local Barnes & Noble bookstore continues its exhibition of local artists. On the calendar for October is Kathryn A. Brown. Her *Frozen Neon* exhibit features large, colorful, up-close-and-personal photographic studies of neon, "Which has fascinated me all my life," explains Brown. "I have worked as a full time self-employed photographer for 16 years—this exhibit has grown out of a lifelong love of photography which started with my first camera when I was 10."

On the exhibit calendar for upcoming months at B&N:
November: Robert Delehanty
December: Katherine Rand and Elizabeth Featherstone Hoff
January: Thalia Doukas
February: Marlin Lord
March: Eleanor Baker

Kathryn Brown also recently had a photo accepted for the landscape exhibit at the Torpedo Factory. This was a highly competitive show—Congratulations Kathryn! If you learn of other members who have work in any exhibit, please send to the editor at Twood100@aol.com

OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH YOUR ARTWORK

The *Georgetown Crier* is looking for artwork to use on its covers in return for credit and artist info. Contact Lani at criermedia@aol.com.

BANNER DESIGN PROJECT FOR THE AVENUE

A joint project is under consideration between DRA and the Potomac West Business Association to design permanent replacement banners along Mt. Vernon Avenue to go up on the existing standards when the 250th celebration banners come down at the end of 1999. Contact Marlin Lord at (703)683-1112 or mglai@aol.com for further information.

Garden Notes:

This is the time to separate your iris if they need it. Our iris were fabulous this summer, if you have extras you want to donate, they'd be appreciated. Got extra mums? We want to move toward all-season color, so keep us in mind as you survey your perennials.

Many thanks to the intrepid volunteers who watered during the recent drought.

As you walk past any flowers that are done (except those with seeds that attract the birds) please deadhead them to get more blooms. Also if you're sure that's a weed that's sneaked in, please yank it out.

Anyone interested in putting in clusters of spring bulbs in vacant spaces in our beds this Oct., please sign up at the center or call me.

Fall is a great time for garden planning, so be thinking about what kind of expanded landscaping you'd like to see eventually. We will have an opportunity to review already proposed ideas and sketches also.

Thanks,
Jane DeWeerd (703)548-2612

"CHOREOGRAPHER'S COLLABORATION PROJECT" MODERN DANCE GROUP PERFORMS AT MT. VERNON REC CENTER

The Choreographer's Collaboration Project modern dance group (led by Mary Jo Smet and Janet Stormes) that collaborated with DRA last February 1999 on our *Be Moved* spring show is performing at the Mt. Vernon Rec Center on Oct. 22 at 7pm.

The Oct. 22 performance is not a collaboration with Del Ray, but their Spring '00 concert *will be a collaboration with DRA*. The Oct. 22 concert is a good time for DRA artists to check out the dance group in anticipation of the spring concert, where they may decide to create artworks to relate to the pieces. Contact Melanie Tung melanie.tung@uspto.gov or (703)305-3105 for more information.

2000 CELEBRATION FIELD TRIP

After a busy fall and the Offbeat Auction we deserve a treat. Let's celebrate the new millennium with a field trip in January!

Glass! Glorious Glass! an exhibit of works by 41 master artists opens at the Renwick Gallery on Sept. 24, running through Jan. 30. It promises to "push the boundaries of glass as an art form" and includes five works by famed innovator Dale Chihuly. The pieces on display demonstrate all kinds of techniques and one work is a silhouette of a glass dress with enamel decoration on the bodice and etching on the pleated skirt.

The Renwick us a special docent-led group tour. Contact Jane DeWeerd (703)548-2612 if you are interested.

DRA RECEIVES GRANTS, RENEWS LEASE

An operational grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 was awarded to DRA from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. A grant in the amount of \$675.00 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts was awarded to DRA to support this year's Art Camp. The Alexandria 250th Commission sent DRA a check for \$400.00 in support of the Kids & Kites event at Alexandria's Earth Day. Thanks to all who worked on this year's grants!

The City of Alexandria has renewed our lease for the Colasanto center for another three years (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002) at a minimum rate.

DESPERATE SECRETARY TOSSES WORD PROCESSOR OUT WINDOW

Vivienne Lukacs, our one-woman recruitment dynamo and DRA board secretary, is in dire need of a good PC to be donated for her to use for DRA business. The PC needs to be Internet-friendly and not creak and groan when you turn it on. If anyone has such a creature, please contact Vivienne at (703)979-8996. It would be an added "plus" if you could set up the PC for her.

DON'T LOSE YOUR NEWS!

At the September membership meeting, the vote was passed to drop any member from the mailing list after dues are past due for more than one year. So if you keep meaning to write that membership renewal check—do it now before your newsletter stops arriving in your mailbox! See membership form on back.



CALLS FOR ENTRY

Jan 28, 2000 **JURIED INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ON ANIMALS IN ART** Mar 18 - Apr 14, 2000. All media. Cash awards. One entry chosen to appear on a magazine cover. Entry fee. For a prospectus and an entry send an SASE to: Sue Laubiere, Exhibition, Veterinary Medicine Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge LA 70803 OR 225-346-3172

SHORT FICTION PRIZE DEADLINE: October 1. \$500 award given for a single short story. Submit a short story of no more than 10,000 words with a S10. Entry fee. Call Lee Martin at 940/565-2755 for complete guidelines or visit www.englunt.edu/alr.

October 31, 1999 **INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE SHOWCASE**. The Art Crowd is hosting a juried competition for its internationally distributed magazine. Open to all artists working in all media. Newsstand sales and direct mail reaching 40,000 top art buyers, galleries, museums, and art reps. All artists selected to appear in the January 2000 issue of the magazine will receive a free full-color, full-page display including contact information and bio. Up to 5 slides/photos \$25. Deadline 11/1/99. For a prospectus send an SASE to: Art Crowd, 331 W 57th St #465, New York NY 10019 or ArtCrowd@aol.com.

USA SONGWRITING CONTEST DEADLINE: to be announced. Offers up to \$22,000 in prizes. If you would like to be informed of the upcoming USA Songwriting Competition 2000, please e-mail info@songwriting.net or call the 24 hour contest line at: 781/397-0256 or send a SASE to: USA Songwriting Competition 2000, Box 15711, Boston, MA 02215, USA. You may also contact the website at: www.songwriting.net.

Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

Oct. 9	Sat. 10am-2:30pm	Decoupage on Furniture class (Register below!)
Oct. 10	Sun. 10am-2:30pm	Decoupage on Furniture class (Register below!)
Oct. 12	Tues. 7pm-9pm	Pizza Party!! Everyone welcome!
Nov. 9	Tues. 7pm-9pm	DRA General Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Nov. 20	Sat. 10am-4pm	Off-Beat Auction Preview
Nov. 21	Sun. 12pm-4pm	Off-Beat Auction Preview
Dec. 1	Wed. 6pm	Off-Beat Auction Preview (also Del Ray Holiday Tree-Lighting night, next to the center!)
Dec. 4	Sat. 7pm-11pm	Off-Beat Auction & Gala our big fund-raising event of the year to be held at the Lyceum
Dec. 14	Tues. 7pm-9pm	DRA General Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Dec. 11	Sat.	Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Professional Stenciling

One Day Courses
 Sat. Aug. 21: 9 am - 3:30 pm
 Sun. Aug. 22: 9 am - 1:30 pm
 Tuition fee \$40 DRA members;
 \$50 for non

Glass Mosaic

One Day Courses
 Sat. Sept. 11: 9 am - 2 pm
 Sunday, Sept. 12: 10:00 - 5 pm
 Tuition fee \$40 DRA members;
 \$50 for non

Decoupage on Furniture

One Day Courses:
 Saturday, Oct 9; 10 am-2:30 pm
 Sunday, Oct 10; 10 am- 2:30
 Tuition fee \$40 DRA members;
 \$50 for non

REGISTRATION FOR:

(Please indicate classes you wish to register for ✓)

-August 21- Stenciling - - - -

-August 22- Stenciling - - - -

-September-11- Glass-Mosaic

-September-12- Glass-Mosaic

October 9, Decoupage

October 10, Decoupage

PAYMENT:

I would like to purchase tickets to the Off-Beat Auction.
 Included with my registration is the payment for _____ tickets.
 (Advance ticket price for non-workshop attendees is \$10. Workshop attendee ticket is \$5.)

Check (payable to Del Ray Artisans) enclosed is the amount of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Evening Phone _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Del Ray Artisans, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. No registration available on day of workshops.

WORKSHOP LOCATION: Del Ray Artisans Gallery, Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eilyn Ferguson (703)549-2660 or Kathryn Brown (703)549-5227.



Del Ray Artisans
 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue
 Alexandria, Virginia 22301
 703-838-4827
<http://www.radiodelray.com/artisans>

**SEE INSERT
 ORDER FORM for
 OFFBEAT AUCTION
 TICKETS**

DRA PIZZA PARTY

MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

ELECTED OFFICERS: President Martin Angebranntdt 683-3738, Treasurer Marlin Lord 683-1112, Asst. Treasurer Kathryn Brown 549-5227, Secretary Vivienne Lukacs 979-8996, **ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:** Public Relations Director Alethea Camp 519-9358, Graphic Design Director Terry Atkins, Gallery Coordinator/Director Linda Silk 533-7689, Director Kate Grumbacher 683-4224, Director Andrea LaRue 836-9246, Director Susan Down Slattery 922-7290, Director Eleanor Baker 683-1252, Director Ellyn Ferguson 533-7689, Director Renee Niver 721-1937, Director Larisa Sjoerds, Director Mart Larson 836-0413, Membership Director Bryan Leister 683-1544.

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.



**Become a Member, Join Del Ray Artisans
 or Renew Your Membership**

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(s) _____ Email (if you wish to be added to the DRA email list) _____

I am An artist (medium _____) A supporter of the arts

I am interested in volunteering 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.