



DON'T MISS this BIG EVENT

If you missed the October membership pizza party, you missed a preview of things to come at our OffBeat Auction on Sat., December 4, from 7-11pm at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria. It's going to be one exciting event! Members are pitching in, momentum is building and creative imaginations are in overdrive while everyone works on their adopted furniture for our biggest bi-annual fundraiser yet.

The OffBeat Auction & Gala is not just a great party where you can hear the ultra-hip sounds of Jacques "Saxman" Johnson and his R&B band, pick up some funky furniture and eat holiday fare. It's a chance for YOU to give your time and talent to benefit our group. This fundraiser ensures that we can continue to provide community art outreach programs and a venue for the exposure and expression of our local artisan members. Please take note of the following events and contact one of our committee chairs to offer your help.

Donate for the SILENT AUCTION

Part of the funds from the Auction & Gala will come from the Silent Auction which will be happening as part of the evening's events. Any of your own art work or crafts would make a great donation. Services such as hairstyling, sewing, food or cooking, framing, designing or lessons in some skill would make great additions to the silent auction. Weekend getaways to your beach house or mountain retreat work too! Please contact Mart Larson at mslars@aol.com or 703-836-0413 to donate your silent auction items.

Silent Auction crew is still needed—table monitors and volunteers to help with the close of the auction. Contact Mart to add your name to the list.

Volunteer for "NIGHT OF" AUCTION

Slots are open for bartenders, food and beverage clean up crew and one more large cooler with ice delivered on-site. Any donations of home-baked goodies and appetizers, mini sandwiches or dips would be appreciated. Additionally, we need one more "day of" volunteer to help us decorate and set up (noon-4pm). Please contact Susan Slattery (devils@erols.com or 703-922-7290) if you can help.

Help put FINISHING TOUCHES on FURNITURE

We need you to help add the final artistic touches to pieces of furniture that require "just that little extra pizzazz." You don't need to be an expert. Bring your skills to the gallery for the week-night evenings of Nov. 4 and 9 (7-9pm). Please contact Sara Pearson (spears@aypf.org) to become part of the team.

Also this December...

**5th Annual
Del Ray Artisan**

Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale

**Saturday, Dec. 11, 10 - 4
at the Del Ray Artisan Center**

*Local artist booths selling jewelry,
paintings, pottery, ornaments, clothes
decorative items and more!*

*Artisans, contact Andrea LaRue 703-536-9246 or
Andrea_LaRue@daschle.senate.gov
if you would like to set up a booth at this event.*



The gallery will be open weekends from 9am-5pm for final furniture touch-up and polyurethaneing Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13. Please come and help your fellow artists! We'll train you to apply poly! If you can drag a brush across a piece of paper, then you can apply poly. Contact David Talmage (703-768-0709 or talmage@ricochet.net).

If you adopted furniture, please return your completed work(s) of art to the gallery no later than Sun., Nov. 7. "Completed" means that the work has enough coats of varnish or polyurethane to protect it during normal use. Any artist who returns unprotected furniture after November 7 will be handed a sponge brush and a cup of liquid poly on the spot.

Please include a description of the piece(s) with the following information for the auction catalog and for the auctioneer's reference: Name of Artist, Title, Description, Special care instructions: (e.g.) not dishwasher safe; indoor use only.

ALL work on furniture must be completed by the end of the day on Sat., Nov. 13 because Sun., Nov. 14 is clean up (and boy, does the gallery need it!) and set up for the Preview Exhibit. Contact Kathryn Brown (549-5227 or neonkanb@aol.com) to help with this big clean-up/set-up job.

PREVIEW Auction FURNITURE EXHIBIT

The preview exhibit for Live Auction items will take place on Sat., November 20 (10am-4pm), Sun., Nov. 21 (12-4pm) and Wednesday, December 1 (6-9pm) at the Colasanto Center. This evening coincides with the Del Ray Holiday Tree Lighting next to the Center. Come pick out the perfect piece of furniture and plan your bidding strategy for the big Live Auction.

**SEE CALENDAR ON PAGE 3 FOR ALL
OFFBEAT AUCTION & GALA IMPORTANT DATES!**



JOB WELL DONE!

Kudos to DRA member **Ellyn Ferguson** for the great job she did in organizing Art on the Avenue. Ellyn's calm direction and attention to detail got the job done so that the many thousands of festival goers could enjoy themselves. Thanks also to Rene Niver who facilitated the registration and participation of all the artists that day. We're proud to have you both in our ranks.

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 November is **Robert Delehanty**.

Upcoming Exhibits at Barnes & Noble:

- December: Katherine Rand & Elizabeth Featherstone Hoff
- January: Thalia Doukas
- February: Marlin Lord
- March: Eleanor Baker

FIELD TRIP TO GLASS SHOW AT THE RENWICK MUSEUM

After all the OffBeat Auction creativity, let's put away the spray painting for a while and celebrate the new year with an outing!

Interested members are invited to see the exhibit on glass at the Renwick museum on Sat., January 15, at 2pm. Mark your calendar now!

Glass! Glorious Glass! is an exhibit of works by 41 master artists that will run through January 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.

If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number on Jane DeWeerd's answering machine (&703-548-2612) and she'll call to confirm your slot after January 6. We will also try to arrange a carpool.

This is a great opportunity to include non-members, friends or your children.

The exhibit is open 10-5:30 daily and photographs are permitted.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

MILLENNIUM "ART CAR" PROJECTS SOUGHT Calling all Art Cars... Create your own motorized, millennium conveyance for the 21st century! First Night Alexandria, the non-alcoholic, family-oriented, New Year's Eve celebration of the arts, is embarking on their sixth year as a city-wide celebration that is not to be missed. Great opportunities exist not only for performing artists, but for visual artists as well.

First Night would like to challenge area artists, arts groups and art students to create their own original "millennium art cars" that would be on display during the First Night festivities.

What IS an art car? If you want to see what "art cars" are all about, look at <http://www.artcars.com/> to see what some other artists have done. All vehicles will be displayed outdoors on December 31st, 1999 from 6 PM till midnight. In the case of inclement weather, the show will go on as planned!

Deadline for entries is December 1st, 1999. Submit a title and written description of your "millennium art car" to First Night by fax 703.924.4203 or by email firstnite@erols.com. For further information, call 703.836.1526.

ELLIPSE PHOTO 99. An Annual Regional Exhibition. Entries due October 27, 1999. Juror: Brooks Johnson, Curator of Photography, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA. Eligibility: This exhibition is open to all amateur and professional photographers working in any photographic medium who lives or work in Virginia, Maryland, or the District of Columbia. Awards: A total of \$1,500 in the form of three \$500 juror's Choice Awards. Entry Fee: For \$15, photographers may submit a maximum of three entries. For more information, call 703/228-7710.

October 31, 1999 Musi-Tale Books Inc is pleased to announce their first **BOOK ILLUSTRATORS CONTEST**. This contest is open to all artist and book illustrators. Special consideration will be given to novice contestants. A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winner. All entries must be postmarked by November 1, 1999. The decisions of the judges is final. To enter please send an entry fee of \$10 (a complete entry form and book kit will be returned) to: Musi-Tale Books Inc, Box 358, Malverne NY 11565

Nov 16, 1999 **CREATIVE VISION TELEVISION** Open call to all visual artists for TV showcase in the tri-state area. Contact: <http://www.erols.com/januszkb/>. Washington DC. and Metro Area: TV for the Arts Press Release Creative Visions Television's Second Call for Artists Creative Vision Television is having an open call to visual artists for TV documentary showcase. Prospectus and details are found at <http://www.erols.com/januszkb/> The deadline for open call is November 15. "My goal with Creative Vision", explains Barbara Januszkiewicz producer/ director, "is to foster community involvement, heighten art awareness, and educate on the creative process." For show times and listings see Creative Vision's web site at <http://www.erols.com/januszkb/>



Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

Oct. 30-31	Sat/Sun. 9am-5pm	Auction furniture touch up at Gallery
Nov. 4	Thurs. 7pm-9pm	Auction furniture finishing artistic touches
Nov. 6-7	Sat/Sun. 9am-5pm	Auction furniture touch up at Gallery
Nov. 7	Sun. 10am-4pm	Return all adopted pieces of Auction furniture to Gallery
Nov. 9	Tues. 7pm-9pm	Auction furniture finishing artistic touches
Nov. 9	Tues. 7pm-9pm	DRA General Meeting (second Tues. of each month)
Nov. 13	Sat. 9am-5pm	All work on Auction furniture at Gallery must be completed
Nov. 14	Sun. 9am-5pm	Clean up Gallery and set up Preview Auction Exhibit
Nov. 20	Sat. 10am-4pm	OffBeat Auction Preview
Nov. 21	Sun. 12pm-4pm	OffBeat Auction Preview
Nov. 28	Sun. 9am-5pm	Silent Auction items for OffBeat Auction & Gala due to Mart Larson (703-836-0413)
Dec. 1	Wed. 6pm	OffBeat Auction Preview (also Del Ray Holiday Tree-Lighting night, next to the center!)
Dec. 4	Sat. 7pm-11pm	OffBeat 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

2000 Exhibit Calendar!

January	Dog Days of Del Ray - Y2K9 (Contact: Chad Brady 518-9921)
February	TBA
March	Springwater Fiber Workshop (Contact: Kathryn Brown 549-5227)
April	Spring All-Member Show & Modern Dance Collaboration. (Contact: TBA)
May	3rd Annual Student Art Exhibit (Contact: Linda Silk 533-7689)
June	Southwestern Fine Art & Photography
July	Art Camp (Contact: Mart Larson 836-0413)
July	Sticks, Stones & Bones-Amulets for Everyday Use (Contact: Susan Slattery 922-7290, Larisa Sjoerds 202-893-2079)
August	Fire Show (Contact: David Talmage 768-0709)
September	Fall All-Member Exhibit (Contact: Martin Angebrannt 683-3738)
October	In 2 the Woods-Wood Exhibit (Contact: Linda Silk 533-7689)
November	Nightmare Folk Art Exhibit (Contact: David Talmage 768-0709)
December	Multicultural Holiday Exhibit (Contact: Renee Niver 721-1937)
December	6th Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show and Sale (Contact: TBA)





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



**Next General Membership Meeting:
 Tuesday, November 9**

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

ELECTED OFFICERS: President Martin Angebrannt 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 Downs Slattery 922-7290, Director Eleanor Baker 683-1252, Director Elyn 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.