

The Well Crafted Word

May 2000

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Sticks, Stones & Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage

Coming June 30th

Humankind has been creating amulets for thousands of years, imparting mystical properties to everyday objects in order to bring good luck or ward off evil. With Del Ray Artisans' upcoming exhibit, *Sticks, Stones & Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage*, curators Larisa Sjoerds and Susan Slattery will create an exciting, intriguing show with equal parts of spiritualism, superstition, ceremonies, religious beliefs, and even anthropology. However, it will also be a playful show that examines the role of amulets and talismans in our everyday lives. Participating artists are invited to portray what inspires them, what they pray for and how, and what they consider to be their rituals and amulets.

Artists submitting work may deliver their pieces to the DRA gallery space Saturday, June 24 between 10AM and 3PM. Please see the *Call for Entries* article inside this newsletter or contact devisu@erols.com, larisasjoerds@yahoo.com, call the DRA gallery 703.838.4827 or go to www.radiodelray.com/artisans for additional information.

Among the anticipated highlights of "Amulets" will be a labyrinth constructed in the DRA gardens by artist Sabrina Allinson. Labyrinths are ancient spiritual tools used to enhance prayer and meditation through an integration of mind and body. Last summer, Allinson had the opportunity to work in a community with a labyrinth and it became an integral part of her own meditation practice. Visitors to the Amulets exhibit will be encouraged to walk the labyrinth.

Reinforcing the role of amulets as being an accessible part of today's modern society, a *Recycled / Urban Amulet-making Workshop* will be held on Saturday, July 8 (time to be announced). Teacher and artist Thalia Doukas will lead students of any age or ability level in interpreting amulets on a personal and individual basis. Participants will create a durable token to wear, hang in a window or on a car rearview mirror for inspiration, protection, or good luck.

The exhibit opens Friday, June 30th (opening reception is from 7-10PM) and runs through Sunday, July 23, 2000.

Third Annual Student Art Show

presented by Del Ray Artisans

Visit the *Third Annual Student Art Show*, May 5 - May 21, 2000, at the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Exhibit hours: Saturdays, 10AM - 4PM; and Sundays, 12NOON - 4PM. *Opening reception is Friday, May 5, at 7PM*, with student artists and school personnel present. During the opening reception, the recipient of the inaugural award of the **Ted Eichers Memorial Scholarship** will be announced. Free to the public.

Del Ray Artisans will present the Third Annual Student Art Show, featuring art work by students of T.C. Williams High School, George Washington, Minnie Howard and Hammond Middle Schools during the month of May. This show is the result of a yearlong collaborative effort between the faculty of Alexandria's 6th through 12th grade art departments, their students, and the Del Ray Artisans. Outstanding student work will be selected by a panel of judges, led by curator Linda Silk, to receive awards in various media, including ceramics, collage, crafts, drawing and painting, graphics, and print making.

Silk, whose lifelong love of art and early memories of her small Pennsylvania town's annual Founders' Day student art show, was inspired 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. The hunt will involve young viewers in the art created by their contemporaries and encourage them to see and experience the pieces beyond their surface appearances.

For more information about the Third Annual Student Art Show, contact Linda Silk, curator at 703.533.7689. The Del Ray Artisans may be reached at 703.838.4827.

All-Member Show Wrap Up

Artists exhibiting in April's All-Member show sold over \$1,300 of their own art work, including five items over \$125 dollars. Many sales were "firsts" for our exhibiting artists.

The turnout for the opening was great and by collaborating and coordinating with the choreographer's collaboration we had a number of new people introduced to the Del Ray Artisans. Overall a very successful show.

Don't Miss This!

May 16th, 6:30PM, Alexandria Scholarship Fund Presentations, including DRA—*Ted Eichers' Memorial Art Scholarship*, TC Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria.

Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women

Del Ray Artisans are pleased to announce the *Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women*, April 28 – May 26 at the Potomac Yards *Barnes & Noble* Café, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria. Exhibit hours: Seven days a week, 9AM to 11PM. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

During May, we reflect on the wonder of spring, flowers, and love. It is also the month we honor our mothers. In *Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women*, the Del Ray Artisans reflect on the affect of spring in our lives and recognize the many seasons in the life of women in celebration of our mothers. We remember, as Susan Banks Tetterton, Community Relations Manager of Potomac Yards *Barnes & Noble* remarked, "our mothers were women and girls before they became our mothers."

Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women is a collection of art work in a variety of media reflecting women in all seasons and walks of life. Using fabric, watercolor, photography, and other media, over a dozen artists captured poignant moments in the life of women—the daughter through the eyes of her mother, the bride on her wedding day, 'Domestic Bliss'—all in honor of the essence and essential nature of the women in our lives. The Del Ray Artisans extend the invitation to share in this celebration of women, and recall significant moments in the life of their mothers during this exhibition of art work.

Barnes & Noble at Potomac Yards, a known supporter of the arts, initiated its relationship with the Del Ray Artisans in December 1998 with an exhibition celebrating the holidays. During the subsequent year and a half, *Barnes & Noble* has hosted monthly one-person shows of art produced by Del Ray Artisans members.

For more information about the *Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women Show* at *Barnes & Noble*, contact the Del Ray Artisans at 703.838.4827.

Kids and Kites

Kids and Kites is coming up at Alexandria's Earth Day celebration. We have 110 kites and want volunteers to assemble and help kids decorate kites with tempera paint and fly them. Volunteers are needed from 12NOON – 4PM on May 21 at Four Mile Run Park in Arlandria. For more information please contact Martin Angebrannt, 703.683.3738.

Call for Entries

(list of exhibits/ competitions for artists—brief descriptions)

May 15, 2000

Arts & Craft artists are invited on Sunday, June 4, 10AM-6PM, for the 8th annual Mount Pleasant Festival. Over 15,000 people visit to enjoy arts, music (10 live bands), crafts and food in a vibrant and diverse intown neighbourhood north of Adams Morgan. Exhibition space (10' x 10') is \$60 before May 15, \$75 after May 15. Artists are welcome to share a booth. Call for application 202.483.2079 or larisasjoerds@yahoo.com

May 15, 2000

Deadline for applications to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts for residencies. Entry fee. For information: Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Box VCCA, Sweet Briar, VA 24595; or call 804.946.7236.

June 1, 2000

Deadline for applications for Artists Residency Program in South India. For information: *Chitrani Ketan Residency and Art Gallery*, Laurens Postma/Tanera Bryden, 54 Grove Park, London SE5 8LE, UK; e-mail at chitrani.ketan@yahoo.com; or www.artgalry.com

June 15, 2000

Deadline for entries for the Howard Nemerov Sonnet Award. Entry fee. Information: *The Formalist*, 320 Hunter Dr., Evansville, IN 47711.

June 30, 2000

Deadline for entries to the *Warner Aspect First Novel Contest* (WAFNC). Information: WAFNC, Editorial Department, 1271 Ave of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

July 11, 2000

14th Annual *Young at Art* exhibit sponsored by the Alexandria Commission on Aging, Friends of the Torpedo Factory, the Goodwin House, Inc. and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Juried show open to all area artists 55+ years. Cash Prizes and ribbon awards. Submission date July 11, 2000. Entry fee is \$10 for first three pieces, \$5 for any additional entries. Exhibit dates: July 16–28, 10AM – 4PM, Campagna Ctr., 418 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The judge is Carol Lukitsch, a founding member of the Torpedo Factory's Fiber Workshop now on the faculty of NVCC's art department and currently teaches workshops on Creative Aging. For information or an entry packet, please call 703.549.1607.

October 1, 2000

Postage Stamp Design Competition. All entries must be standard postage stamp size. Can be single compositions, in a block format of four stamps, or in sheet form. All stamps will be exhibited to the public. Images should be suitable for viewing by children. All entries will be exhibited and there will be no returns. Deadline is Oct 1. A web list of artists participating, the exhibition and venues of will be posted on Oct. 30. An exhibition list will be sent. Artists statements are welcomed and will be used as space permits. Send entries to: Ground Zero Studios, A.H. Krieger, 1309 Irving St NW, Washington DC 20010 or www.tribalpop.com/postage or gkstudios@hotmail.com

Barnes & Noble, Potomac Yards

If you want to exhibit at the Potomac Yards *Barnes & Noble* bookstore please contact the Community Resource Mgr., 703.299.9473.

DCAC

Visual artists for solo shows at *Bedrock Billiards* in Adams Morgan. Exhibitions will last for 1–2 months and begin with a reception/fundraiser held in the middle of the month. Interested parties should e-mail DCAC at info@dcartscenter.org.



Art Camp 2000

Sign up for the Del Ray Artisans' Art Camp for youths ages 9 - 15. Art Camp runs from 9:30AM - 4:30PM, July 24 - 28. Campers can sign up for the *Art Assortment* which will feature four classes: *Glass Mosaic* / teacher: Madeline Ramsey, *Eclectic Mixed Media Workshop* / teacher: Robin Robinson, *Beads 'N String Workshop* / teachers: Liz Martinez & Barbara Robinson, and *Fun with Paper and Felt* / teacher: Barbara Brecher. Completing Camp Day will be *Fun With Clay* led by Jim Luby at the Mt. Vernon Rec. Ctr. Jim will teach fundamentals of different pottery techniques. There will be an exhibit of the Campers' art work on Friday, July 28. Cost: Art Assortment: \$150; Pottery: \$75, or sign up for the whole day: \$200. To register call Mart Larson at 703.836.0413.

First Thursday on the Avenue

"First Thursday" will take place on the first Thursday of each month starting in June on the 1st. Participating businesses will remain open until 9PM on these Thursdays and provide organized events. Some area businesses already participating are: *Ann MeMe's*, *St. Elmo's*, *Potomac West Interiors and Antique Gallery*, *Gabriel Custom Framing*, *Arlandria Floors*, *Aston Hardware*, *Executive Hardware*, *Pat's Place*, and *Royce Flowers*.

The Del Ray Artisans Gallery will be open on Thursday, June 1, from 7PM - 9PM.

Special Thanks!

A special thank you to Vice Mayor Bill Euille who renewed his DRA membership at the corporate level and included a significant additional donation.

Thanks also to Greg N. Spann, owner of ASAP Printing, 2805 Mount Vernon Avenue, who renewed his DRA corporate membership.



Become a Member, Join Del Ray Artisans
(or renew your membership)



Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

I am an artist (medium): _____

I am a supporter of the arts

Is this a membership renewal? Yes No

I am interested in volunteering. Yes No

I can liaison for Del Ray Artisans at a local civic group. Yes No

Membership Categories for One (1) Year: Individual: \$35,

Household: \$50, Corporate: \$100, Student/Senior/Disadvantaged: \$10

Please make check payable to *Del Ray Artisans*.

Mail check and membership form to *Del Ray Artisans*,

Attn: Membership, 2210 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301.

Call for Entries

Sticks, Stones and Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage

Curators Susan Slattery and Larisa Sjoerds invite interested artists to submit up to three original art pieces (entry fee is \$15.00 / \$10.00 DRA members) on Saturday, June 24th at the Del Ray Artisans' gallery space (Nicholas Colosanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria) to be considered for acceptance. All 2-D and 3-D media will be considered. Selection will be based upon originality, quality and execution of subject matter, and the amount of exhibition space available. The show opens on Friday, June 30th and will run through Sunday, July 23rd.

The curators ask artists to consider the following: "Humankind has been creating amulets for thousands of years, imparting mystical properties to everyday objects in order to bring good luck or to ward off evil. We are looking to create an exciting, intriguing show with equal parts of spiritualism, superstition, ceremonies, religious beliefs, and even anthropology. We are also seeking the playful and the curious. What inspires you? What do you pray for and how? What are your rituals and what do you consider your amulets?"

Deliver art work to the DRA gallery space on June 24th between 10AM and 3PM. All work must be ready for display (properly framed and ready to hang) and must be for sale.

Layers Constructed

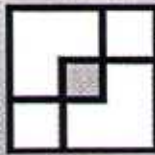
Joe Dailey's Masters Thesis Exhibit with Chris Tucker Haggerty

The June exhibit at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery will be a combination of Joe Dailey's Master thesis work and ongoing art work by Marymount University Fine and Applied Arts professor Chris Tucker Haggerty.

Joe Dailey holds a BA from Virginia Wesleyan College, and is pursuing a masters through Virginia Commonwealth University in Interdisciplinary Studies. Dailey's work in paper, acrylic, plaster, and clay is about constructing layers with different media to create visual forms which tell a story.

Chris Tucker Haggerty holds a BS in studio art from Skidmore College and a MFA in design from George Washington University. She began working on "Visual Verse," which combines her images with her own poetry, while she was living in London.

Exhibition will be June 3-18, Saturdays 10AM - 4PM and Sundays 12NOON - 5PM. The opening reception is Sunday, June 4, 12NOON - 5PM. Contact Joe Dailey for further information at Jo53e@hotmail.com or 202.882.0958.



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Thanks to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the City of Alexandria

Next General Member Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 7PM
at DRA Gallery Space
Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

May 9 Meeting Agenda
-Scheduling for 2001
-Nominations for Officers
-Board Meeting



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Membership expires: 6/30/2000
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Ms. Mary "Vivienne" Lukacs and fami
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DRA Calendar

- May** *Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women Show*, by Del Ray Artisans, April 28–May 26, 9AM–11PM, Monday–Sunday, Barnes & Noble Potomac Yards
Opening: *3rd Annual Student Art Show*, May 5, 7–10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
3rd Annual Student Art Exhibit, May 6–21, contact Linda Silk 703.533.7689
General Meeting / Board Meeting, May 9, 7PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
Alexandria Scholarship Fund Presentations, May 16, 6:30PM including DRA–*Ted Eichers' Memorial Art Scholarship*, TC Williams High School
- June** Opening: *Layers Constructed Joe Dailey with Chris Tucker Haggerty*, Sunday, June 4, 12NOON – 5PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
Layers Constructed Joe Dailey with Chris Tucker Haggerty, June 3–18, DRA Ctr., contacts: Joe Dailey Jo53e@hotmail.com; Chris Tucker Haggerty khaggert@icnet.com
General Meeting / Board Meeting, June 13, 7PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
Opening: *Sticks, Stones & Bones—Amulets for Everyday Use*, June 30, 7–10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center, Percussionist Tom Teasley performing
- July** *Sticks, Stones & Bones—Amulets for Everyday Use*, June 30–July 23, Del Ray Artisans Center, contact Susan Slattery 703.922.7290 or Larisa Sjoerds 202.483.2079
First Thursday on the Avenue, July 6, Del Ray Artisans Center, 7–9PM
Recycled / Urban Amulet-making Workshop, July 8, conducted by Thalia Doukas, Time TBA, Del Ray Artisans Center
Art Camp, July 24–28, contact Mart Larson 703.836.0413
Art Camp Exhibit, July 29, 10AM–4PM, DRA Center, contact Mart Larson 703.836.0413
- August** Opening: *Fire Show*, August 5, Time TBA, Del Ray Artisans Center
Fire Show, August 5–September 3, contact David Talmage 703.768.0709
- September** *Fall All-Member Exhibit*, September 8–September 24, DRA Center, *Curator needed*, contact Gallery Coordinator Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@hotmail.com
- October** Opening: *in 2 the woods—Wood Exhibit*, October 6, 7–10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
in 2 the woods—Wood Exhibit, October 6–22, contact Linda Silk 703.533.7689
Opening: *Nightmare Folk Art, Halloween Night Reception, Tuesday, October 31*, 7–10PM, DRA Center, contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@msn.com
- November** *Nightmare Folk Art*, November 4–November 26, contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@hotmail.com
- December** *6th Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show and Sale*, December 2, contact TBA
Multi-Cultural Holiday Exhibit, December 8–31, contact Renee Niver 703.721.1937

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