

The Well Crafted Word

June 2000

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Sticks, Stones & Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage

Opens June 30th

Percussionist **Tom Teasley** will be appearing at the opening of *Sticks, Stones and Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage* at the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. in Alexandria on Friday, June 30th from 7PM to 10PM. Teasley, an accomplished composer and musician, plays a full range of traditional and electronic percussion instruments from around the world. He performs in symphonic orchestras and jazz groups, as well as in his own unique solo show where he mixes the sounds of indigenous instruments such as frame drums, shakers, kalimba, and Ashiko drums, with traditional jazz instruments like drumset and vibraphone, combining these with state-of-the-art electronic percussion. The event is free and open to the public.

Sticks, Stones and Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage, curated by Del Ray Artisans members **Larisa Sjoerds** and **Susan Slattery**, is an exhibition of art works based on the idea that humankind has been creating amulets for thousands of years in order to bring good luck or ward off evil by imparting mystical properties to everyday objects. In today's modern society, talismans still play an important part in our daily lives and appear in many unique and often highly personal guises. *Amulets* mixes equal parts of artistic expression with spiritualism, superstition, ceremonies, religious beliefs and even anthropology. Participating artists were asked to portray what inspires them, what they pray for and how, and what they consider to be their rituals and amulets. The curators also encouraged the artists to consider this a "playful" show that will examine the accessibility and diversity of amulets and talismans in everyday life. The exhibit runs through Sunday, July 23rd.

One of the anticipated highlights of *Amulets* will be a labyrinth constructed in the Del Ray Artisans gardens by artist **Sabrina Allinson**. Labyrinths are ancient spiritual tools used to enhance prayer and meditation through an integration of mind and body. When Allinson worked in a community with a labyrinth, 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 ever-present in today's world, a **RECYCLED / URBAN AMULET-MAKING WORKSHOP** will be held on Saturday, July 8th from 10AM to 12NOON at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. 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. There is a \$3.00 materials fee per person to participate in the workshop.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10AM to 4PM; Sundays, 12NOON to 4PM. *Amulets* will also be open Thursday evening, July 6th, 6PM to 9PM. The Del Ray Artisans' Gallery is located in the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

For more information about *Amulets*, please contact Susan Slattery at 703.922.7290 or Larisa Sjoerds at 202.483.2079.

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.

Del Ray Artisans at *Barnes & Noble*

Barnes & Noble at Potomac Yards, a known supporter of the arts, initiated its relationship with the Del Ray Artisans in December 1998. 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 exhibiting at the Potomac Yards *Barnes & Noble* contact the Community Resource Manager, Shanika Williams at 703.299.9473.

Upcoming *Barnes & Noble* shows of Del Ray Artisans

July: concurrent DRA Show *Sticks, Stones, and Bones*

August: Alice Kale, Watercolors

October: Paula Lantz, Collage and Watercolors

November: Carrie Beyer, Photography

Mothers Day and Other Ladies – Celebrating Women

Thank you to all of our member artists who participated in the creative and lively exhibition honoring women at *Barnes & Noble* at Potomac Yards in May! Displayed were works in watercolor, decoupage, clay, digital imagery, collage, photography, quilting, oil, acrylic, printmaking, mixed media, pins and book arts by Alice Kale, Beverly Hansen, Pat Hess, Deborah Orgel, Liz Martinez, Paula Lantz, Kathryn Brown, Elaine Thorp, Madeline Gallo, Becky Heavner, Mardy Bosch, Karen Schmitz, Robin Robinson, and Chris Haggerty. An opening was not held due to the fact that it would have been on the same night as our Student Show, so we certainly hope that everyone got a chance to visit the show!

Support the *DC AIDS Ride 2000*

DRA Board Member **David Talmage** will be riding his bicycle in the *DC AIDS Ride 2000*, a 330 mile, four-day trek from Raleigh, NC to Washington, DC beginning June 22nd. The beneficiaries of this year's ride are Food & Friends and the Whitman Walker Clinic. There will be about 3,000 riders participating and each rider must raise at least \$2,000 in contributions. If you would like to contribute to David's fund-raising effort, please call him at 703.768.0709 or download the contribution form and send it in with his name and rider number (#2372) on it. The form can be found at: www.aidsride.org/learn/donation.asp

In Memorium

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of DRA Member Helen Ottaway, who passed in May. Helen was an accomplished artist who lived and worked in Alexandria for many years. She will be missed.

Call for Entries

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

Art Teachers Needed

Teachers needed for art classes/workshops at the Manassas Ctr. for the Arts. Contact Trish Culbreth weekdays at 703.330.2787. See www.pwcweb.com/arts for more information.

Online Gallery

www.findmeanartist.com offers an online gallery without fees or commissions. Instructions can be found on home page. Contact: Donna Howe dhowe@findmeanartist.com or 1-877-WE FIND ART.

June 1, 2000

Annual Arts for the Parks Competition. \$100,000 in total cash awards. First Prize—\$50,000. Competition is open to all. Art work limited to original 2-D painted or drawn media, excludes photographic and computer-generated art works. All art must feature a qualifying national park area within its subject matter. For entry packet, send 2 first-class postage stamps plus a self-addressed mailing label only (please, NO SASE!) to: *Arts for the Parks*, Box 608, Jackson Hole WY 83001 or www.artsfortheparks.com

June 1, 2000

Poetry Prize. Prize \$1,000 + publication. Contact: Greg Kosmicki, *Backwaters Press*, Backwaters Prize, 3502 N 52nd St, Omaha NE 68104

June 3, 2000

National Juried Exhibition, July 8–July 12. All media except film, video, jewelry, or crafts. Open to all US artists 18 years+. Cash prizes. Entry fee. For a prospectus send an SASE to: Nexus Gallery, 345 E. 12 St, New York NY 10003 or 212.982.4712 or www.nexusgallery.com

June 24, 2000

Sticks, Stones and Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage
Submit up to 3 original art pieces. Entry fee: \$15 / \$10 DRA members) Del Ray Artisans' gallery space (Nicholas Colosanto Ctr., 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria). All 2-D and 3-D media will be considered. Selection based upon originality, quality, execution, and available exhibition space. Show Fri., June 30th through Sun., July 23rd.

June 30, 2000

Photography 2000. Slide deadline June 30. Show Oct. 20–Nov. 26. Juror Stephen Perloff, Editor, *The Photo Review*. 2D, 3D work utilizing any photographic technique including digital, computer-assist, photo collage, mixed media if photography is major element. No commission, awards include solo show. \$25/3 slides, \$5 each additional. Prospectus (required), download at: www.stagegallery.org, or send #10 (business-sized) SASE to: PHO, The Stage Gallery, 238 Frankel Blvd, Merrick NY 11566-4732 or 516.623.3504.

July 17, 2000

Annual Hoyt National Art Show. Oct. 1–Nov. 4. Open to US residents 18+. Original works, all media. Not to exceed 48" in any direction or 150lbs. Juried by slides; up to 3 per artist. Nearly \$3,000 in cash prizes prior years. Entry fee. Prospectus send an SASE to: Kimberly B. Koller-Jones, Hoyt Institute, 124 E Leasure Av Suite A, New Castle PA 16101 or 724.652.2882

July 11, 2000

14th Annual *Young at Art* exhibit. Juried show open to all area artists 55+ years. Cash Prizes/Ribbon awards. Entry fee \$10 for first 3 pieces, \$5 for any additional entries. Exhibit dates: July 16–28, 10AM – 4PM, Campagna Ctr., 418 S. Wash. 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, call 703.549.1607.

July 31, 2000

For entries to *Glimmer Train Press* for its Summer Very Short Fiction Award. Entry fee. Awards. For more information, contact: *Glimmer Train Press, Inc.*, 710 SW Madison, #504, Portland, OR 97205-2900; or call (503) 221-0836; or www.glimmertrain.com

DRA Elections, June 13

Get Involved!

Are you interested in on the Del Ray Artisans' Board? Contact Martin Angebrannt at 703.683.3738 or 2angebrannt@home.com.

Following is the list of DRA offices that will be considered for election at the June 13th General Membership meeting:

President & Director (Nominee: Martin Angebrannt) Chairs membership meetings, 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. Monitors opportunities for grants and upcoming events. Coordinates grant proposals. Coordinates with other Officers, Directors, and delegates duties.

Vice President & Director (Nominee: open) Assists the President in the performance of their duties. Acts in place of the President when delegated to do so or in their absence at meetings.

Secretary & Director (Nominee: open) Record official meeting minutes, maintains 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. Pick up and sort mail. Monitor/document/sort receipts, copy, etc. for deposit and monitor/document accounts payable and sort receipts. Distribute membership applications. 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 13 Nominees: Susan Slattery, David Talmage, Andrea LaRue, Charlotte Corcoran, Vivienne Lukacs, Terry Atkin, Linda Silk, Alethea Taylor Camp, Kate Grumbacher, Eleanor Baker, Brian Leister, Liz Martinez, Renee Niver, Larisa Sjoerds). Various responsibilities, can include— Volunteer Coordinator, Graphics Coordinator, Gallery Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Membership Coordinator. Aid in preparing mailings, hosting events, landscaping, gallery maintenance, and assist with show logistics. Locate outside speakers or instructors for special events. 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.

3rd Annual Student Art Show Once Again a Success

The 3rd Annual Student Art Show, on view at the Nicholas Colosanto Center during the month of May, was a triumphant success! More than 270 pieces of art created by area middle school and high school students were on display, lining the walls from floor to ceiling—some even hanging from the ceiling! During the Opening Night Reception, curator Linda Silk, who established the annual exhibit in 1998, thanked the students for sharing their creative talents with the community and encouraged everyone to help them pursue their artistic ambitions. She also thanked Del Ray Artisans' members Barbara Brecher, Steve Crossett, Robin Robinson, and Brenda Townsend for serving as judges. More than 30 ribbons were awarded to the participating student artists.

One of the notables in attendance at the opening on May 5th, was Fran Redmon, member of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Redmon was very complimentary of the show and expressed appreciation for the contributions that Del Ray Artisans has been making to the community. Curator Silk had the distinct honor of being able to introduce Dan Krahn as the first recipient of the Del Ray Artisans - *Ted Eicher Memorial Art Scholarship*. Dan is a senior at T.C Williams High School and will enter the Foundation Arts Program at Virginia Commonwealth University this fall. The official scholarship awards program was held on May 16th at T.C. Williams High School, where Linda Silk, representing the Del Ray Artisans, presented Dan with the scholarship before an audience of his peers.

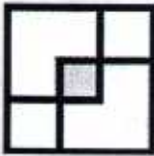
Special Thanks!

Patti Miller, an active supporter of Del Ray Artisans and art in our community, has joined DRA as a corporate member under the name of her real estate venture, **Primary Properties**. Stop by and see her on Del Ray Avenue right next door to St. Elmo's. She is hanging local artists' works on her walls now! Thank you, Patti!

Art work on exhibit at **Primary Properties**:
Currently: Kathryn Brown, *Frozen Neon* photography series
Next: Robert Delehanty

The Garden Committee (and our plants) extend thanks to **Richard Lukacs** for installing a new hose bib for the garden.

Kudos to **Randy Allen** and DRA Member **Steve Crossett** for their willingness and attention to detail in keeping Del Ray Artisans' Web pages looking fresh, hip, and up-to-date. Bookmark www.radiodelray.com for the latest happenings in our community and great music, along with our own pages www.radiodelray.com/artisans/.



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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, June 13, 7PM
 at DRA Gallery Space
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

June 13 Meeting Agenda
 -Presentation of Budget
 -Vote on Board of Directors and Officers
 -Board Meeting



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 collectible T-Shirt, or
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 a tote bag!

DRA Calendar

- June** Opening: *Layers Constructed Joe Dailey with Chris Tucker Haggerty*, Sunday, June 4, 12NOON – 5PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
First Thursday on the Avenue, A Sneak Preview of Layers Constructed Joe Dailey with Chris Tucker Haggerty, June 1, Del Ray Artisans Center, 6-9PM
Layers Constructed Joe Dailey with Chris Tucker Haggerty, June 3-18, DRA Ctr., contacts: Joe Dailey Jo53e@hotmail.com; Chris Tucker Haggerty khaggert@ixnetcom.com
 General Meeting / Board Meeting, June 13, 7PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
June 16, Deadline for July Newsletter articles, 5PM
 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, Sticks, Stones & Bones—Amulets for Everyday Use, July 6, Del Ray Artisans Center, 6-9PM
RECYCLED / URBAN AMULET-MAKING WORKSHOP, July 8, conducted by Thalia Doukas, 10AM - 12NOON, Del Ray Artisans Center
July 21, Deadline for August Newsletter articles, 5PM
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 7-10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
First Thursday on the Avenue, Fire Show, August 3, Del Ray Artisans Center, 6-9PM
Fire Show, August 5-September 3, contact David Talmage 703.768.0709
August 17, Deadline for September Newsletter articles, 5PM
- 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

Elected Officers: President Martin Angebrannt 703.683.3738, Treasurer Marlin Lord 703.683.1112, Asst. Treasurer Kathryn Brown 703.549.5227, Secretary Vivienne Lukacs 703.979.8996. **Elected Board Members:** (in no particular order) PR Chairperson and Director Alethea Taylor Camp 703.519.9358, Graphics Design Chairperson and Director Terry Atkin, Gallery Coordinator and Director Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, Mail List Coordinator and Director Bryan Leister 703.683.1544, Director Linda Silk 703.533.7689, Director Kate Grumbacher 703.683.4224, Director Andrea LaRue 703.836.9246, Director Susan Downs Slattery 703.922.7290, Director Eleanor Baker 703.683.1252, Director Ellyn Ferguson 703.533.7689, Director Renee Niver 703.721.1937, Director Larisa Sjoerds 202.483.2079, Director Mart Larson 703.836.0413, Director David Talmage 703.768.0709.

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