



The Well Crafted Word

July 2000

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Fire in Art Show

August 5 to September 2, 2000
Opening August 5, 7PM-10PM



The metaphor of Fire is profound, whether applied to the Fire of Enthusiasm, the Fire of Eevotion, the Fire of Intelligence, the Fire of Creativity, the Fire that glows, the Fire that warms, the Fire that cleanses, or to the Fire that makes one see beyond. Through such analogies one begins to get to the core of the hidden source of creativity. Anybody who has sat by a campfire and watched it for a long time has seen something extraordinary. Inside the leaping flames there is an invisible color, but looking closely we see a golden flame, or reds, oranges, and blues. Human beings have harnessed the power of Fire for use in industry where it may be seen as bright white, and in some cases, green. This show is for artists who have used Fire in their artwork, or have been inspired by Fire as a metaphor, or as a tool to create. In the hottest month of the year, we hope to celebrate the **FIRE** of artist creativity in our *Fire in Art Show*. For more information, please contact Sarah Pearson at spearson@aypf.org or 703.535.5522. Deadline for submissions is 12NOON, July 29, 2000 at the Del Ray Artisans' Center on Mount Vernon Avenue.

3rd Annual Art Camp Mixed Media Exhibition

The Del Ray Artisans is proud to present its Third Annual Art Camp Mixed Media Exhibition July 28th and 29th. The exhibit will feature works created by emerging artists 9 - 15 years old. On display will be jewelry, glass mosaic pieces, pottery, and collage art crafted with handmade paper and felt.

"The camp is unique in its approach," explains camp coordinator, Mart Larson. "Campers are immersed in an assortment of creative challenges: Glass Mosaic, Mixed Media Workshop, Beads 'n' Strings, Paper and Felt Making, and Pottery. By the end of the week each individual will have made connections, found new solutions and broadened their artistic skills way beyond their comfort zones." See the results of their adventure! Meet the artists and their teachers.

Friday, July 28th, 5PM - 7PM

Saturday, July 29th, 10AM - 12NOON

Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

Sticks, Stones & Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage

June 30th - July 23rd

Sticks, Stones and Bones: Amulets for Everyday Usage, curated by Del Ray Artisans members Larisa Sjoerds and Susan Slattery, is an exhibition of art work 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.

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 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

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

RECYCLED / URBAN AMULET-MAKING WORKSHOP

Reinforcing the role of amulets as being ever-present in today's world, the 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.

Calling Artists and Craftspeople

Spaces will be available for a crafts fair every Saturday starting on July 8th in the yard near the intersection of Mount Vernon and Del Ray Avenues (near 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue). The fair will run in conjunction with the Del Ray Farmers' Market from 8AM to 12NOON. The cost per space is \$5 per day. Each crafter must bring their own set-up and will have approximately 10 feet by 10 feet of space to use. There should be enough room for about 30 craftspeople. For more information please call Pat Miller at 703.683.2570 and leave a message.

Workshop Opportunity

Special for Non-Profits

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is sponsoring a free workshop to help members of museum boards and other non-profits better fulfill their responsibilities. There will be sessions on fostering strong working relationships, public accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities including fund raising. The workshop will be held in Richmond on Friday, September 8. For more information contact Mart Larson 703/836.0413.

Del Ray Artisans at Barnes & Noble

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

August: Alice Kale, Watercolors

October: Paula Lantz, Collage and Watercolors

November: Carrie Beyer, Photography

Buy the new DRA
collectible T-Shirt, or
pick-up our latest
a tote bag



Call for Entries

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

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.

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. For information or an entry packet, call 703.549.1607.

July 17, 2000

International Photography Exhibition at eklektikos gallery, 406 7th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20004. \$500 cash award and a solo exhibit. Show runs from August 11 - September 6, 2000. Entry fee \$20 for 3 slides. 50% commission on all works sold. For information call 202.783.8444 or e-mail eklektikos@starpower.net

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 30, 2000

Science Fiction. An exhibition of art work by women that is inspired by science and/or contains scientific elements or references. All media. Juried. Entry fee. Prospectus send an SASE to: Woman Made Gallery, 1900 S Prairie Ave., Chicago IL 60616 OR 312.328.0038 OR 312.328.1108(FAX) OR www.womanmade.org OR gallery@womanmade.org

August 1, 2000

Looking for Love Stories. For a year starting this Wednesday, couples who have surmounted differences of race, religion, age, ethnic, or economic background are invited to offer their love stories on the Web. Contact: www.pbs.org/lovestories

August 5, 2000

"It's Too Damn Hot!" All media juried show at Touchstone Gallery, 406 7th Street, NW, Wash., DC 20004. Entry fee \$25 for 3 entries—hand-delivered art works. 40% commission on all pieces sold. Show runs from August 9 - September 2, 2000. For information call 202.347.2787

August 21, 2000

Contemporary Children's Book Illustrations Oct. 23 - Nov. 25, 2000. Open to all artists. Three part show will feature published children's book art for sale, unpublished children's book illustration competition, informational book exhibit, and professional seminar for beginning illustrators. Juried. Awards to winners in professional and unpublished categories. Insurance, NO COMMISSION on sales (3% on credit cards). Jury fees \$20. Must have entry form. Prospectus send an SASE to: P Patrick, Mill River Gallery, The Historic Oella Mill, 840 Oella Av, Ellicott MD 21043 OR patrickpaint@home.com

September 16, 2000

Up in Flames. Open to wood fired pots. Juried from up to 4 slides. Merit and purchase awards. Entry fee. Prospectus send a business size SASE to: Green Tara Gallery, 118 E Main St Suite A, Carrboro NC 27510 OR www.greentaragallery.com

January 8, 2001

National Competition, Open to all Artists Using Photographic Processes as their Media. Juried. Exhibition dates are March 13 through April 14, 2001. \$1500 in cash awards and \$1,000 in purchases. Entry fee. Prospectus send an SASE to: Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Ave G, Lubbock TX 79401 OR 806.767.2686 OR 806.767.0732(FAX)

Welcome New Members and New Board Members at July Pizza Night

Make plans to come down to the gallery Tuesday night, July 11th at 7PM. There will be plenty of pizza and good company. Also it will be a chance to recognize new members and welcome our three new Board members: **Theresa Esterlund, Barbara Robinson, and Beth Wrightson.** All are welcome. Bring a friend.

"CHALK OUT"

Vodou "Chalk Out" Activity to be held on *First Thursday*, July 6th. In need of a bit of luck or love? Or maybe you just need to ward off some evil?! Join us while we chalk vodou symbols on the pavement in front of the Del Ray Artisans Gallery from 6PM-9PM for Del Ray Artisans' **First Thursday** event in conjunction with the *Amulets* exhibit.

First Thursday on the Avenue

"First Thursday" will take place on the first Thursday of each month. 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, July 6, from 6PM - 9PM.



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.

Desperately Seeking Curator!



I am the Fall Member Show (September 7 - September 24) ISO an enthusiastic "pull-it-together" Del Ray Artisans member. First-timers encouraged to apply. If you are interested in curating this or any other show please contact Liz Martinez at 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@hotmail.com.

Attention Curators!

All exhibit curators are asked to submit their written information electronically to the following persons at least one month in advance of their show's opening reception:

Publicity Director	Alethea Taylor Camp ataylorcamp@compuserve.com
Newsletter Editor	Susan Slattery devisu@erols.com
Gallery Coordinator	Liz Martinez catniphaze@hotmail.com

Newsletter Articles!

The deadline for submission of newsletter articles is 5PM the third Friday of every month. **The August newsletter deadline is 5pm July 21.** Please submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery, Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com. **Any articles that are incomplete, missing information, or submitted after the deadline may not make it to publication.**

Did You Know...

—that Del Ray Artisans was started by a group of Del Ray neighbors who'd met each other while walking their dogs?

—that the logo for Del Ray Artisans was inspired by the tile design on a bathroom floor?





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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, July 11, 7PM
 at DRA Gallery Space
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

July 11 Meeting Agenda
 -Welcome New Board Members
 -Pizza Feast

DRA Calendar

- 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*, Vodou "CHALK OUT," 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 27, 5PM–7PM and July 28, 10AM–12NOON, 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 7–September 24, DRA Center, **Curator needed**, contact Gallery Coordinator Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@hotmail.com
- September 22, Deadline for October Newsletter articles, 5PM**
- 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, capniphaze@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, Vice-President Renee Niver 703.721.1937, Treasurer Marlin Lord 703.683.1112, Asst. Treasurer Kathryn Brown 703.549.5227, Secretary Linda Silk 703.533.7689. **Elected Board Members:** (in no particular order) PR Chairperson/Director Alethea Taylor Camp 703.519.9358, Graphics Chairperson/Director Terry Atkin, Gallery Coordinator/Director Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, Mail List Coordinator/Director Bryan Leister 703.683.1544, Director Susan Downs Slattery 703.922.7290, Director Vivienne Lukacs 703.979.8996, Director Eleanor Baker 703.683.1252, Director Larisa Sjoerds 202.483.2079, Director Mart Larson 703.836.0413, Director David Talmage 703.768.0709, Director Barbara Robinson 703.683.6951, Director Beth Wrightson 703.683.0222, Director Theresa Esterlund 703.379.2533.

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