

The Well Crafted Word

September 2000

www.radiodelray.com/artisans

Our Garden is Growing *Thanks to many helping hands...*

Over the past year the DRA garden has benefited from many caring individuals and local businesses. In the spring of 2000 a group of DRA members met and decided to develop the basic overall plan visualized by **Bob Larson** and **Susan Buchan**. The garden committee met several times during the spring and made the decision to move forward by maintaining the existing garden. Taking the advice of landscaping experts at the **Merrifield Garden Center** the committee planted shrubs and perennials along the gallery's foundation. A Virginiana Magnolia or Sweet Bay Magnolia was planted to the right of the building.

Ornamental grasses were planted to camouflage electrical equipment. A decision was made not to over commit ourselves or plant a garden that would be difficult to maintain and afford. Each season we hope that our garden will improve and grow and change. Future plans include a sculpture or water fountain in the front of the gallery, new signage and walkways to entice visitors to explore our garden.

Merrifield Garden Centers in Merrifield and Chantilly gave 25% discount for the plants. Many thanks to **George Chadwick** of the Alexandria Commission of the Arts who contacted manager **Ken Kihenjo** of **Home Depot**. Home Depot contributed mulch, topsoil, potting soil, garden benches, and soaker hoses. **Richard Lukas** contributed his plumbing skills to install an exterior faucet. **Mildred Waltman**, a long-time Del Ray resident, donated plants. Thanks to the following members who have helped make decisions, donate, design, weed and maintain the DRA garden: **Bob Larson, Mart Larson, Jane Deweerd, Becky Heavner, Jean Leyman, Bryan Leister, Jordan Wright, Marlin Lord, Kathryn Brown, Ellen Ferguson, Linda Silk, Velma Grier, Liz Martinez, Margaret Wohler, Vivienne Lukacs, Trac Underwood, Peggy Kaufmann, David Talmage, Sue Kulesher, Ellen Thompson, and Debbie Peterson**. If you have helped and we have neglected to thank you, THANK YOU!

If you want to become more involved with the garden, please e-mail Becky Heavner, becky@beckyheavner.com or call 703.683.1544. If you can contribute building skills, please contact us because a trellis and a trash partition are a part of our future plans. Also if you have a truck or SUV and are willing to contribute time to pick up mulch for us, let us know. The committee meets only a few times per year preferring to spend time in the garden rather than in committee meetings. But if you are a very organized person who doesn't like to garden but who can help investigate possible grants, or help keep our meetings running smoothly, feel free to get involved.

Mark Your Calendars

Next garden clean-up date: Saturday, September 9th, 8AM-12NOON. Come prepared to weed and mulch. Bring gloves, clippers, and weeding tools. The raindate is September 16th, 8AM-12NOON.

Del Ray Artisans Fall 2000 All-Member Show

The Del Ray Artisans are pleased to announce their Fall 2000 All-Member Show, September 8 through September 24, at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Gallery telephone number: 703.838.4827. Opening Artists Reception is Friday evening, September 8 from 7:00PM to 10:00PM. Gallery hours: Saturdays 10AM to 4PM; Sundays, 12NOON to 4PM. There will be a preview of the show on September 7 from 6PM to 9PM during First Thursday on the Avenue. All visitors are welcome.

The exhibition will include recent works by Del Ray Artisans members in a variety of media, including wood, paint, and photography.

For additional information about the Fall 2000 All Member Show, please contact the curators, **Charlotte Corcoran** and **Martin Angebrannt** at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 703.838.4827. Web site, www.radiodelray.com/artisans/index.

5th Annual Art on the Avenue

Del Ray Artisans has been asked to provide artists who will demonstrate a variety of artistic techniques during the Art on the Avenue Multicultural Art Festival to be held on Saturday, October 7th. In the past DRA artists have demonstrated faux finish painting techniques, polymer caning, printmaking, banner making, Polaroid transfers, and painting on silk scarves. The demonstrations should be planned to last approximately 45 minutes. Arrangements can be made for DRA volunteers to watch a demonstrator's booth during their demonstration. Please contact **Mart Larson** 703.836.0413 if you have a technique that you would like to showcase.

Art on the Avenue is also seeking artisans and crafts people to sell artwork and crafts at the festival. To obtain an application please call **Ellyn Ferguson** at 703.683.3100. Leave your name, telephone number, and address.

Volunteers Needed

Del Ray Artisans has officially "adopted" the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park (from the pool next to the center up to the point at the intersection—a small but important piece of parkland). This is a fund raising effort that benefits us, as well as the community-at-large. We are responsible for keeping the park clean. Park clean-ups occur every weekend (preferably Sundays, but Saturdays if necessary) in order to earn our funds! This means putting loose trash into the trash cans in the park, a small task which generally takes no more than 15 minutes. We need members to sign up for the following dates: August 27, and September 17 - October 29. Please call **Marlin Lord** at 703.683.1112 with any questions or to sign up.

Artists & Craftspeople

Spaces are available for a crafts fair / flea market on Saturdays in the yard near the intersection of Mount Vernon and Del Ray Avenues (near 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue). The fair runs in conjunction with the Del Ray Farmers' Market from 8AM to 12NOON. Cost per 10-ft. x 10 ft. selling space (approx.) is \$5 a day. Each vendor must bring their own set-up. For information please call **Pat Miller** at 703.683.2570 and leave a message.

Call for Entries

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

Art on the Avenue Multicultural Arts Festival

Seeking vendors to sell artwork and crafts on Saturday, October 7. For an application call **Ellyn Ferguson** at 703.683.3100. Leave your name, telephone number, and address.

September 16, 2000

Up in Flames. 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

September 23, 2000

Short fiction competition. Entry fee. Awards. For information: America's Best c/o *The Writers Foundation*, PO Box 5360, Winter Park, FL 32793-5360; or www.writersfoundation.com/shortfiction.html

September 29, 2000

ArtsNews, newsletter for the Alexandria Commission of the Arts (ACA), is holding a competition for graphics/masthead for their new 2001 layout. Successful competitor will receive a \$250 commission and public acknowledgement by ACA. Graphics will become the property of ACA, and may be used as the basis for a new logo to represent arts in Alexandria and commission activities. Applications at the Lee Ctr., 1108 Jefferson St., or call 703.838.6348.

September 30, 2000

MacLean-Hunter Endowment Award for Literary Non-Fiction. Entry fee. Awards. Information: PRISM International Literary Non-Fiction Contest, Creative Writing Program, Univ. of British Columbia, Buch E 462 - 1866 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6T 1Z1; or call 604.822.2514; 604.822.3616 FAX.

Sept. 30, 2000

2001 May Swenson Poetry Award competition. \$1,000 cash prize, Spring 2001 publication, royalties. Collections must be original poetry, 50 to 100 pgs.; no subject restrictions; Name/address on cover sheet only; \$20 reading fee; SASE; Judge reserves the right to declare no winner. Submit 1 copy of manuscript (will not be returned) to May Swenson Poetry Award, Utah State Univ. Press, 7800 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322-7800.

October 1, 2000

Sherwood Anderson/James Wright competition for poetry & fiction. Entry fee. Awards. For information, contact: Mid-American Review, Attn: 2000 Sherwood Anderson/James Wright Competition, Dept. of English, Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, OH 43403.

October 15, 2000

POZ Magazine *Rage and Remembrance: A Literary Contest*. Awards. For information: Literary Contest, POZ Magazine, 349 West 12th St., NY, NY 10014; or www.artistswithaids.org/artery/news/news.html

November 1, 2000

Milton Dorfman Poetry Prize. Cash prizes. For original unpublished poetry. \$5 reading fee per entry. For information, send SASE to: Rome Art & Community Ctr., 308 W. Bloomfield St., Rome NY 13440; phone 315.336.1040; or www.borg.com/~racc

October 31, 2000

Sadorian Publications Fiction Writing Contest for writers who have not previously published a volume or work of fiction. Entry fee. Awards. For information, contact: Sadorian Publications, Fiction Writing Contest, P. O. Box 2443, Durham, NC 27715-2443; e-mail SadorianLLC@aol.com

October 31, 2000

Hollis Summers Poetry Prize. Entry fee. Awards. For information: Hollis Summers Poetry Prize, Ohio Univ. Press, Scott Quadrangle, Athens, OH 45701.

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October 31, 2000

African Voices Lift Your Voices Fiction Award. Entry fee. Awards. For information: Kim Horne, Fiction Ed., African Voices, Lift Your Voices Fiction Award, 270 W. 96th St., NY, NY 10025; or call 212.865.2982; e-mail at africanvoices@aol.com; or www.africanvoices.com

November 1, 2000

Randall Jarrell Poetry Prize. Entry fee. Awards. For information: North Carolina Writers' Network, 3501 Hwy. 54 W., Studio C, Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

December 15, 2000

"201 A Science Fiction Poetry Anthology" poems with science fiction, fantasy, or speculative science themes. Anamnesis Press is offering \$1,000 in cash prizes + publication for poems. Previously published poems are acceptable, as long as the poet owns the rights to the work and provides acknowledgments. Reading fee US\$10 for 1-3 poems. Make check or m.o. payable to Anamnesis Press. Send manuscripts, entry fee, and SASE to: Anamnesis Press, PO Box 95, Ridgecrest, CA 93556. No e-mail submissions. For information e-mail anamnesis@compuserve.com

January 8, 2001

National Competition, Photographic Processes as Media. Juried. Exhibition dates are March 13 - April 14, 2001. \$1,500 in cash awards and \$1,000 in purchases. Entry fee. Prospectus send SASE to: Buddy Holly Ctr., 1801 Ave G, Lubbock TX 79401 or call 806.767.2686.

Writers Wanted

Doggone Good Lit, Crit, Essay, and Art wanted for new B&W magazine. Seeking short stories, creative nonfiction, essays, comics, cartoons, poetry, B&W photographs, and other artwork that jump off the page and engage readers. For guidelines SASE to Editors, bowWOW Mag, 2130 W. Race, Chicago, IL 60612 or visit www.geocities.com/bowwowmag

Online Gallery

www.findmeanartist.com offers an online gallery without fees or commissions. Instructions on Web site. Contact: Donna Howe dhowe@findmeanartist.com or 1-877-WE FIND ART.



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.

Special Thanks!

Many thanks to Royce Cohen, owner of Royce Flowers at 2205 Mount Vernon Avenue, for her extreme generosity in offering to supply bouquets for our openings. The flowers that she has supplied have been stunning! We are therefore recognizing her with honorary status as a corporate member. Please drop by and patronize her business.

MEMBER EXHIBIT

DRA Member Karen Schmitz has a art exhibit at Eklektikos Gallery (406th Seventh St., NW, Washington, DC). Dates September 7 - October 11. Call 202.783.8444 for more information.

Del Ray Artisans at Barnes & Noble

October: Paula Lantz, Collage and Watercolors
November: Carrie Beyer, Photography

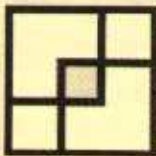
Attention Curators!

Exhibit curators are asked to submit 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 catnipbaze@worldnet.att.net

Newsletter Articles...

The deadline for submission of newsletter articles is 5PM the third Friday of every month. *The September newsletter deadline is 5pm September 15th.* 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.*



Del Ray Artisans
 Mail: 2210 Mount Vernon Avenue
 Alexandria, Virginia 22301
 703.838.4827
www.radiodelray.com/artisans

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

Next General Member Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 7PM
 at DRA Gallery Space
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

DRA Calendar

- September **First Thursday on the Avenue, Sneak Preview: Fall All-Member Exhibit**, September 7, Del Ray Artisans Center, 6-9PM
- Fall All-Member Exhibit**, September 8-September 24, DRA Center, Curator Martin Angebrannndt 703.683.3738, 2angebrannndts@home.com
- Opening: **Fall All-Member Exhibit**, September 8, 7-10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
- September 22, Deadline for October Newsletter articles, 5PM**
- October **First Thursday on the Avenue, Sneak Preview: in 2 the woods—Wood Exhibit**, October 5, Del Ray Artisans Center, 6-9PM
- Opening: **in 2 the woods—Wood Exhibit**, October 6, 7-10PM, Del Ray Artisans Center
- in 2 the woods—Wood Exhibit**, October 6-22, Curator Linda Silk 703.533.7689, LMSilk@aol.com
- Opening: **Nightmare Art, Halloween Night Reception (Trick or Treater Friendly)**, **Tuesday, October 31**, 7-10PM, DRA Center, contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net or Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com
- November **Nightmare Art**, November 4-November 26, Curator Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net or Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com
- December **6th Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show and Sale**, December 2, for information contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net
- Multi-Cultural Holiday Exhibit**, December 8-31, Curator Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com or Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net
- 2001**
- January **Self-Portrait Show**, January 12-28, Curator Linda Silk 703.533.7689, LMSilk@aol.com
- February **Springwater Fiber / DRA Wearable Art Collaboration**, February 9-25, Springwater Curator Ann Little, **DRA Co-Curator Needed** if interested contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net
- March **Water Show**, March 9-25, Curator Leo Pfeiffer, 703.222.9124
- April **Spring Member Show**, April 6-22, **Curator Needed** if interested contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@worldnet.att.net
- May **5th Annual Student Show**, May 11-27, Curator Linda Silk 703.533.7689, LMSilk@aol.com
- June **Dun-Lo Senior Show (55+)**, June 8-24, Curator Rhoda Seligmann 703.751.7924
- July on... **The Offbeat Auction** preparation

Elected Officers: President Martin Angebrannndt 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 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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