

The Well Crafted Word

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THE NIGHTMARE ART SHOW

Just in time for All Hallow's Eve



BOO! HOWL! SHRIEK! No it's not another haunted domicile, it's "The Nightmare Art Show", curated by Del Ray Artisans members **Liz Martinez** and **Renée Niver**—and it's coming to a gallery near you! This hair-raising spectacle opens on Tuesday, October 31st, from 7PM to 10PM at the DRA gallery in the Nicholas Colasanto Ctr., located at 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria. This promises to be a fun evening for all art-loving ghosts and goblins. Children are welcome to join their masquerading parental units at the "Trick or Treat-friendly" reception (costumes are optional). Come and enjoy the excitement of All Hallow's Eve that you've been missing for years! There will be demonstrations of prognostication throughout the evening. The event is free and open to the public.



"Nightmare" will showcase the work of artists who are inspired by those fearsome little movies that lurk in the corners of the mind. A variety of 2-D and 3-D media in a diversity of styles ranging from weirdly lighthearted to ethereally creepy to horrifyingly hallucinatory will be on display. Among the spine-tingling fare will be **Leo Pfeiffer's** bone-themed mixed media piece, **Robin Robinson's** otherworldly jewelry and **Beverly Hansen's** spell-binding painting, "You Put a Spell On Me." Curator **Liz Martinez** has assembled an 'oracle' table that, when not in use for calling on the "spirits" of other worlds, can be used to support your "everyday" spirits

For more information about "Nightmare," please contact **Liz Martinez** 703.683.1969 catnipha2@bome.com or **Renée Niver** 703.721.1937 msg2me@juno.com The Del Ray Artisans may be reached at 703.838.4827, www.radiodelray.com/artisans/index.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking individuals interested in applying for an appointed position with the Commission. Applications can be obtained from the Office of Citizen Assistance, Rm. 1900, City Hall 301 King St., 703.838.4800.

Art in the Age of "Survivor"

Woodworkers are amazing people. Give them a blade, and they can create fascinating, beautiful, and useful things out of ordinary wood. Strand a group of woodworkers on a deserted island for the summer and rather than creating alliances they would create art from native timber and driftwood. Hand-hewn furniture, high-style bowls, puzzle-like pictures, and carved sculptures—their vision is endless. Who needs fleeting ratings when you can have permanent celebrations of creativity?

During the month of October, Del Ray Artisans are showcasing the special artistry of the woodworker. *In 2 the Woods*, an exhibition that opens on Friday, October 6th, brings together woodworkers from many disciplines who express their vision and creativity in wood. From **Alan Becker's** sleek vessels of chocolate ash and pearwood, to Del Ray Artisan member **Ron Blank's** witty sculpture-cum-console table, gallery visitors will get a chance to see masterworks from some of the area's finest wood artisans—who typically do not have as many opportunities to exhibit as their painterly colleagues. Large pieces such as the spacious library table created by **Marge Fowler** and **Brett Wohler's** timeless chairs will command attention.

"One of the challenges I have mounting this show," says curator **Linda Silk**, "is providing enough room for visitors to move. Elevating tables and chairs on platforms is a necessary precaution to protect the art, but furniture takes up a lot of room!" Not everything requires a pedestal though. A special inclusion in the wood show is a retrospective of the late **Ted Eicher's** marquetry pictures that hang on the walls. Though most of Ted's artwork hangs elsewhere in the country, his widow, Alice, has lent several pieces for this show.

In 2 the Woods will run through October 22, 2000 with an Opening Reception on October 6th, 7PM, in our gallery space at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center located at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Art camp 2000

It was one of this summer's biggest hits!

Art Camp 2000 is now history for 20 happy campers. We'll let them tell you how it went: "Pottery is really hard, just when you think you have the perfect pot, you find out your clay isn't even centered!" ... "It was cool making pots and chia pets with Mr. Jim." ... "I liked making the mosaic's because I used glass instead of markers to make shapes and I loved watching my mosaic pop out." "I liked Mixed Media Collage the most. I could express my individuality, since I could choose whatever I wanted to decorate with. I chose an ocean theme for my cover because it's one of my favorite places to be." "Making beads was a great experience. My favorite kind of bead was the jelly roll. I liked making the necklaces, but the beads would fall off a lot and that was very frustrating!".... "I really liked making paper and felt because I turned wool into felt and ground up paper into pretty paper. I also liked it because I could add things to my paper. I was able to put pictures of my family in the books we made with the paper and felt. When I put the pictures in, it became very meaningful to me." "I liked it all except doing the writing for my artist's statement." ... "My favorite part was swimming at lunch time!"

Hats off to the outstanding teachers who made it all happen: **Barb Brecher** (felt), **Liz Martinez** and **Barbara Robinson** (beads), **Madelaine Ramsey** (mosaic), **Robin Robinson** (collage), **Marie Niernberger** (mosaic & collage). **Mart Larson** acted as camp coordinator and chief lunch maker. Thanks to all.

Art Books Available

Do you need help with painting clouds?...tips on getting the nose "right" on a portrait? Or, maybe you want to tackle a stained glass project. The Del Ray Artisans have a library of more than 60 How-to art books and the 22-volume "The Family Creative Workshop" that can help you with these and other artistic dilemmas. The books were provided largely by a generous donation from DRA member **Ruby De Groot**. A folder is available which contains listings of the books by title, author, and subject matter. This invaluable collection is kept on a bookcase in the back room of the Colasanto Center and is available for loan to members. Choose a book, fill out the appropriate card in the hot pink file box with your name, telephone number and date borrowed, and put it in the box. If you want a personal reminder, take one of the "Due" cards at the front of the box, date it, and place it in the envelope at the front or back of the book.

Artisans at *Barnes & Noble*

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

Call for Entries

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

Potomac West Business Assoc. Seeks New Logo for Turkey Trot
Potomac West Business Assoc. is seeking a new logo for their annual Turkey Trot (5K run), held each Thanksgiving Day. Logo will be used for t-shirts and posters. This year will be their 25th anniversary and they would like to introduce the new logo and retire the old one. Please contact **Pat Miller** at 703.683.2570 and leave a message.

November 18, 2000

Turning Point Gallery - Annual Photography Exhibition, Feb. 1-28, 2001. Juror: Michael von Uchtrup, Lecturer, writer, and publicist. Fee: \$35 for up to 4 slides/photographs. For prospectus, send a SASE: Annual Photo Exhibit, Turning Point Gallery, PO Box 50053, Wash., DC 20091 or visit www.turningpointgallery.net

A Virtual Memorial Against the Forgetting and for Humanity
Installed on January 1, 2000 and currently located at www.a-virtual-memorial.org, this is a collaborative project which calls attention to "Remembering-Repressing-Forgetting, including all thinkable aspects from global events and catastrophes up to the personal, individual experiences of everyday life." Seeking to counter racism, xenophobia, anti-semitism; promoting tolerance, *A Virtual Memorial*, is looking for contributions in any media from all. There is no deadline, participating and contributing is possible at any time. For information visit www.le-musee-divisioniste.de/service/call_engl.htm

MEMBER EXHIBIT

Primary Properties invites you to view an exhibition of *New Mirrors* by DRA member **Robert Delehanty** on the last First Thursday, October 5, 2000 from 6-9PM at their offices 116 E. Del Ray Avenue in Alexandria. The exhibition continues from September 7 to November 1, 2000. For more information contact Primary Properties at 703.675.1565.

Don't Miss ART-O-MATIC The DC Metropolitan Area's Biggest Art Happening!

For the 2nd year, artists from DC/MD/VA, including some of DRA's own talent, will be exhibiting at this innovative, off-the-wall, month-long show. 700 (!) artists will be exhibiting in 160,000 square feet of space in the old Hechinger building located at 4500 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, in DC.

Music, performances, children's activities, artists' talks, and tours will be part of the action happening *every day* throughout October. The exhibit opens with a sneak preview from 6-9PM Thursday, September 28th, and closes with a **Costume Ball** on October 28th. For an events schedule, directions to the show, and other information go to: <http://www.artomatic.org/>

ARTIST TO ARTIST

Are you an artist interested in sharing your talents with other artists? Are you interested in learning new mediums and methods from other artists? Del Ray Artisans will help to facilitate an *Artist to Artist Collaboration* through an on-going series of workshops. Workshops will be solely run by artists. Interested instructors please contact **Barbara Robinson** at bjrobins@starpower.net for further information. The success of this program depends on the participation of our members.

To kick off the *Artist to Artist Collaboration*, **Madeline Ramsey**, a glass artist, will host a fused glass workshop. Madeline is an active DRA member and a talented and prolific mosaic, stain glass, and fused glass artist. Sign up soon as this class will surely fill up fast.

Fused Glass Jewelry Class

Fused Glass Jewelry Class on Sat., Nov. 4th, 10AM - 4PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rm. 306. Class limit is 9. Fee is \$70 to fire and complete a choice of at least 4 of the following items: pin, pendant, bracelet, earrings (2 pair), cuff links, bolo tie, or hair barrette. We will be using Dichroic glass and other fusible glass from *Bullseye and Wasser*. Class will include hands-on firing through two complete kiln cycles, handouts, and lecture on firing cycles, glass choices, and more.

Please bring a bag lunch. Sodas, coffee, and tea will be furnished. To register please send check to: **Madeline Ramsey**, 1075 Lynn Ct., Alexandria, VA 22302. You can e-mail questions to Madeline at CBramse44@aol.com

Board Meeting Agenda

Please submit agenda items for the monthly Board meeting by 5PM on the Friday preceding the second Tuesday of each month, to President Martin Angebrandt at: 2angebrandts@home.com



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.

Many Thanks to Alethea Taylor Camp

Our hard-working PR Director, **Alethea Taylor Camp**, has given us the regretful news that she must step down from her duties after several years of toiling in the trenches for DRA. During her tenure she greatly expanded our press database and contacts; created a standardized look for our press materials; stuffed, mailed, and stamped hundreds of envelopes and kept her fax machine and e-mail humming with activity on DRA's behalf. Due in large part to her tireless efforts, we garnered wonderful press coverage of many of our shows, art classes and other center activities.

Alethea, the Del Ray Artisans thanks you many, many times over for all of your great work!

Search is on for a New PR Director

Alethea's departure leaves DRA with an opening on our board for a PR Director. We need a responsible PR-savvy person who is accustomed to assuring that deadlines are met, PR materials go to the right people, and is committed to sending out "top notch" materials to our media contacts. The member who has been assisting Alethea in writing and editing the press releases is willing to take over that aspect of the PR Director's duties, but only if another member is able to step forward and handle the scheduling, mailing, and contacting of the media. Almost 18 months of archived press releases are available on disk from Alethea as is the DRA database of names, addresses, faxes, and e-mail addresses.

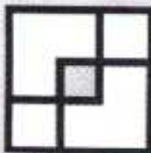
Typically, the PR Director's responsibilities consist of (1) the curator or event organizer submits written materials to the director who edits the material and creates a standardized, yet creative, press release; (2) the release is distributed by e-mail or fax about 30 days before the event; (3) a select group of press is sent the release by regular mail along with photographs of the upcoming exhibit; and (4) time permitting, telephone follow up calls are made to key press contacts to "pitch" the event.

The PR director must have e-mail and multiple fax capabilities. Please contact DRA President **Martin Angebrandt** at 2angebrandts@home.com, if you would like to become the new PR Director.

Mount Vernon Recreation Center Classes

Some of the classes and open labs offered at the Rec Center, contact Sheila Whiting, 703.838.4825, for more information.

- **Pottery** (*Open Lab and Instruction*)
Tues. and Thurs., 7PM, *Instructor: Jim Lube*
- **Art for Seniors**
Mon., 10AM - 12NOON, *Instructor: Alice Kale*
- **Photography** (*Open Lab after Orientation*)
Tues. and Thurs., 7PM - 9PM, *Instructor: Gary Carr*



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Next General Member Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 7PM
 at DRA Gallery Space
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue



October 10 Meeting Agenda
 -Pizza Party!!!
 —No Board Meeting Scheduled

DRA Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

DRA Calendar

- 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
- October 20, Deadline for November newsletter articles, 5PM**
- Call for Entries: Nightmare Art Show**, Friday, October 27, 4PM - 8PM and Saturday, October 28, 10AM - 4PM
-  Opening: **Nightmare Art, Halloween Night Reception (Trick or Treater Friendly)**, Tuesday, October 31, 7-10PM, DRA Center, contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@home.com or Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com
- November **Nightmare Art**, November 4-November 26, Curator Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@home.com 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@home.com
- Call for Entries: Multi-Cultural Holiday Exhibit**, Sunday, December 3, 10AM - 4PM
- Opening: **Multi-Cultural Holiday Exhibit Reception, Friday, December 8**, 7-10PM, DRA Center, contact Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com or Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@home.com
- Multi-Cultural Holiday Exhibit**, December 9-29, Curator Renee Niver 703.721.1937, msg2me@juno.com or Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@home.com
- 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 Co-Curator Ann Liddle, 703.548.1962, liddle@dgs.dgsys.com, DRA Co-Curator Theresa Esterlund, 703.379.2533, esterlund@nmah.si.edu
- March **Water Show**, March 9-25, Curator Leo Pfeiffer, 703.222.9124
- April **Spring Member Show**, April 6-22, Curator Paula Lantz 703.836.0866
- 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



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