

The Well Crafted Word

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"The Water Show"

Call for Entries

From watercolors to the famous Monet painting *Waterlilies*, artists have been instinctively drawn to water. Many have found inspiration, analogies and technical challenges in this reflective and temporal element.

The Del Ray Artisans' Water Show will feature all media, 2D and 3D, expressing the artists' experiences, encounters, and observations of all things wet.

Up to three (3) entries will be accepted on Friday March 2nd, 2001 4PM-8PM and Saturday March 3rd, 12NOON- 4PM at the Del Ray Artisans' gallery in the Nicholas Colasanto Center, located at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. There is a \$10 entry fee for non-members.

For more information, please contact curator **Leo Pfeiffer** at 703.764.0400 (daytime), 703.916.9236 (evening); or **Liz Martinez** at 703.683.1969, catnipbaze@bome.com

Art Camp Seeks coordinator

Even though it is still winter, decisions about our annual one-week July Art Camp need to be made. After much thought, Mart Larson has decided to step down from the coordinator role. Last year's camp involved a strong committee of teachers who created a diverse and dynamic experience for the children involved. The other side of the camp involves administrative support.

The coordinator's job includes:

- participating in the Alexandria PTA Camp Fair (this year's will be held Feb. 8th)
- convening meetings with teachers to determine class curriculum and develop publicity brochure content—writing a grant to the Virginia Commission for the Arts
- handling parent calls and overseeing registration
- coordinating food for lunches and for the reception during the culminating exhibit of artwork
- keeping a photo record of the week's activities and posting them during the exhibit

However, the coordinator's job could be scaled back to only involve the handling of registration, convening teachers for planning purposes, and helping with the development of the PR brochure.

Please put out the word that we are looking for an Art Camp Coordinator, or better yet, consider the role for yourself. Any new coordinator can create a camp that suits the strengths and interests of those involved. If interested, please call **Mart Larson** 703.836.0413 or e-mail MSL-ARS@aol.com



DECORATE YOURSELF AT "FOR THE BODY"

"For the Body" offers an alternative to ready-to-wear from box stores. Wearable works by members of Del Ray Artisans and Springwater Fiber Workshop will be presented at a collaborative show of handmade clothing, accessories, and jewelry at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center. The awards ceremony and opening reception are Friday, February 9th, 7PM - 10PM. The exhibit runs February 10-25, 12NOON to 4PM Thursdays through Sundays. The gallery is closed Monday through Wednesday.

Cynthia Boyer, a nationally-known fiber artist, will judge works entered in each category. Monetary awards will be given. Most pieces will be available for sale with additional items offered through a silent auction to be held on opening night. During the reception and awards ceremony on February 9th, those attending are encouraged to meet the artists from Springwater Fiber Workshop and Del Ray Artisans.

For more information, please contact **Ann Liddle** at 703.548.1962 or **Theresa Esterlund** at 703.379.2533.

Welcome New Members!

Molly F. Pullium
Guy L. Rando
Lisa D. Kaplan
Carol L. Chambers
Pat Parkinson
Katie Stewart
Alana Maubury Hunter

Joyce Starvis
Gretchen Brodtman
Jen Whitman
Alan and Christina Becker
Sherri Shunfenthal
Beverly Baker

Also noteworthy concerning our membership—we have a hard working team keeping up our list, and reminding our members of renewal times (and purging as necessary), and it seems that we are being rewarded for our efforts! In 2000, we had 73 new members and 92 renewals—that's over a 50% increase in dues payment! What an indication of a strong and growing commitment to the Del Ray Artisans!

Voices of Light

Del Ray Artisan Susan Slattery recommends

On Saturday, March 17th at 8PM, at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, the Fairfax Choral Society will present a performance of the oratorio *Voices of Light* by Richard Einhorn, in conjunction with the screening of the 1928 silent film, "The Passion of Joan of Arc."

This concert combines the best of contemporary choral literature with a singular film in a unique multi-media presentation. The event, which features the Fairfax Choral Society Chorus, soloists, and orchestra, will also showcase guest artists "Anonymous 4," the internationally acclaimed women's classical quartet which performed on the original recording.

Don't miss this exceptional evening of music and film—it has been over four years since *Voices of Light* has been performed in the Washington area. Tickets may be purchased by visiting <http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org/ticket1.htm> or contacting the FCS office at 703.642.0862, extension 1.

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

Grants for Experimental Art

NY Creative Capital Foundation offers grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for artists working with experimental approaches to media, visual, performing, and new media arts. For more information contact Creative Capital Foundation, 65 Bleeker Street, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10013; phone: 212.598.9900

Smithsonian's Fellowship in Museum Practice

The Smithsonian's Fellowships in Museum Practice (FMP) program provides opportunities for scholars and practitioners to write manuscripts suitable for publication on issues of importance to the museum field. The purpose of the program is to make information on current issues and public policies generated from both scholarly sources and reflexive practice available more broadly and in more useful formats. The long-term goal of the program is to foster innovative scholarship and expand the availability of data that has the potential to contribute to improvements in museum operations. One fellowship is awarded annually for a period of up to 6 months. An award consists of a stipend of \$3,000 per month plus round-trip travel expenses between the recipient's home and Washington, DC, and research expenses of \$1,000 for manuscript preparation. The program is open to recipients of master or doctorate degrees at least one year prior to appointment who would like to transform their thesis or dissertation into a publication, and to senior museum personnel and experts who have recently completed a major project or investigated an issue of concern and would like to share their findings and insights with the profession. Proposals are due by February 15, 2001. Application details are available at: <http://museumstudies.si.edu/fmp.htm>

Film Biz Monthly Networking Event

The Film Biz is a monthly, charitable networking event for local film, video, and media professionals. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30PM-9PM, at the Jury's Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW. Contact: www.filmbiz.org or e-mail allison090@aol.com for info and local charity of the month!

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.

Opportunities on Capitol Hill for Artists and Craftspeople

Market 5 Gallery: (www.market5gallery.org) located in the Eastern Market area on Capitol Hill (along 7th St. between Penn. and North Carolina Ave. SE, near the Eastern Market Subway Station at 7th & Penn. Ave.) offers a broad range of program choices to provide both performers and audiences with a wide range of art, educational, and cultural experience.

Feb. 1, 2001

Bonsai Pots Competition. New, high-fire bonsai pots made by North American artists. Up to 6 entries per artist. For a prospectus contact: Felix Laughlin, The National Bonsai Foundation, 1775 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20006 or e-mail slaughlin@deweyballantine.com

February 7, 2001

The Fraser Gallery announces the 5th Annual Georgetown International Fine Arts Juried Competition. Over \$1,500 in prizes plus a one month solo show award. For information call 202.298.6450.

February 28, 2001

The Arts Club of Washington announces a Call for Entries for 2001-2002 Monthly Exhibitions. Juror: Dr. Kimberly A. Jones, Asst. Curator of French Paintings at the National Gallery of Art. For information, call 202.331.7282.



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.

5th Annual OffBeat Auction Kickoff Meeting

What an encouraging sight it was—to walk into the OffBeat Auction kick-off meeting and see over thirty faces—many of whom were either new members or members who found the time to give DRA some of their energy.

Many ideas were expressed and discussed, an early December 2001 date and a tentative venue were selected and all but two committee chair / co-chair positions were filled. The feeling for those who have worked on past OffBeat fundraisers is that this will be our best gala auction ever!

To continue the momentum, we are now accepting entries for:

- 1) Art work designs that will be on all the PR materials (posters, tickets, catalogs, etc.).
- 2) Ideas for a theme
- 3) Audition tapes of potential auctioneers

Please contact **Susan Slattery** devisid@erols.com or **Liz Martinez** at 703-683-1969; catnipbaze@home.com for further information.

OffBeat Auction Report

Committees and Chairs:

OffBeat Auction: **Susan Slattery** and **Theresa Esterlund**

Classes: **Leslie Wilder**, **Barbara Robinson**, and **Linda Silk**

Day of Tech & Stevedores: **Martin Angebrannndt**

Finances: **Marlin Lord** and **Kathryn Brown**

Furniture: **Ron Blank** and **Vivienne Lukacs**

PR & Development: Chairs needed

Preview Exhibit: **Kathryn Brown**

Silent Auction: Chairs needed

Tickets: **Liz Martinez**

Volunteers: **Vivienne Lukacs** and **Jane DeWeerd**

—The PR & Development Committee needs a member(s) with design or graphic capabilities, members with any media and / or fundraising experience, or members with the willingness to learn. This committee puts together the whole PR package—program, program ads, brochure for classes, press releases, advertising, and finds sponsors for OffBeat.

—The Silent Auction Committee needs members to target businesses willing to donate items for the Silent Auction part of the fundraiser. This committee is responsible for displaying the items on the “night of” the event, keeping track of the bids, etc., and making sure that all the winning patrons get home with their purchases.

Join us for the next OffBeat
planning meeting scheduled for
Monday, February 19th at 7PM.

Crafts Marketing Workshops

Crafts marketing expert **Bruce Baker** is coming back for another round of workshops the weekend of March 31/ April 1 in Arlington. His workshops here last September received high praise. A nationally recognized expert, Bruce Baker writes the booth design column in *Crafts Report*. He's done training workshops on all aspects of crafts marketing for over 17 years, and is a regular presenter at major retail and wholesale shows and venues like the Rosen Group's Crafts Business Institute. A jeweler himself, Bruce and his wife also own and operate two successful fine crafts shops in Middlebury, Vermont.

The workshop cost is \$45 per day or \$85 for both days. Both workshops will be held in north Arlington, 9:30AM to 6:00PM. Spaces filled up fast last fall, so early registration is highly recommended. Note: seating for the jury slides workshop is limited to about 25 people to allow plenty of time for personal guidance on slides.

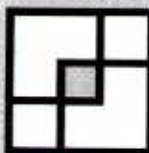
For more information or to reserve a space, contact **Worth Cooley-Prost** (WCP Fine Crafts) at worthc8p@aol.com or 703.522.3818.

Calling All Card Makers

A challenge has gone out from member **Linda Silk** ... she is making a set of cards to help replenish the Del Ray Artisan hand-made card inventory and challenging other artists to do the same. Over the holidays our stock of custom cards dwindled. If you enjoy making and giving hand-made cards, consider adding some of your creations to the card rack at the gallery. It's another way to help support the work of the Del Ray Artisans. Who knows maybe one day we'll have our own DRA Gallery Shop!



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

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

DRA Calendar

2001

- February**
- Opening: **Springwater Fiber / DRA Wearable Art Collaboration**, February 9, 7-10PM, DRA Center, contact Springwater Co-Curator Ann Liddle, 703.548.1962, liddle@dgs.dgsys.com, DRA Co-Curator Theresa Esterlund, 703.379.2533, esterlund@nmah.si.edu
- 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
- February 14, Happy Valentine's Day!** 
- 5pm, February 16**, Deadline for submission of March 2001 newsletter articles, please submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery, Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com
- OffBeat Auction** planning meeting, February 19, 7pm, DRA Center
- March**
- Call for Entries: Water Show**, Friday, March 2, 4PM-8PM and Saturday, March 3, 12NOON-4PM, DRA Center
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- 5pm, March 16**, Deadline for submission of April 2001 newsletter articles, please submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery, Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com
- 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
- The Carol Chambers Masters Thesis Show**, Saturday June 30-Sunday July 1 and Saturday July 7-Sunday July 8, DRA Center
- July on...**
- The OffBeat Auction** preparation

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 Vacant, 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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