

The Well Crafted Word

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DRA SPRING MEMBER SHOW



The Choreographers Collaboration Project presents a free dance performance to be held before the opening reception of DRA's Spring Members' Show on Friday, April 6, 7:00PM at the Mount. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701

Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Premiering is a quartet, "Go Forward Gently," performed to the music of Philip Glass by **Mary Jo Smet**. Back by popular demand, "Irish Blessings," choreographed by **Terry Field** and performed with Del Ray's own **Irish Breakfast Band**, will be presented. Also performing is vocalist **Sheila Whiting** with musician **Neil Bailey-Harper**.

The Water Show

As winter slowly melts and the warm rains of spring begin, the artist's mind wanders to the seaside, the place where land meets water and the ocean mist merges with the storm. This is where some seek inspiration; this is where some create art. Many artists have found inspiration, analogies, and technical challenges in this reflective and temporal element. From ancient Egyptian and Greek pottery to Hokusai's Tsunami woodcut prints to Winslow Homer's turbulent seascapes and the soothing abstraction of Monet's Waterlily paintings, artists throughout history have sought inspiration from the sea. Today, the sea still calls—challenging artists to create, as the sea creates, with water. The Water Show is an opportunity for artists to share their interpretations of water, and display their diverse crafts. Water is the unifying theme, and paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photography, sculpture, mixed media, and, of course, watercolors will fill the gallery to celebrate this liquid element. The show runs from Saturday, March 10th through Sunday, March 25th. For more information, please contact curator **Leo Pfeiffer** at 703.764.0400 (daytime), or 703.916.9236 (evening) or **Liz Martinez** at 703.683.1969, e-mail: catnip haze@home.com

The E-Mail Tzarina

From time to time the Del Ray Artisans find it necessary to get a special announcement or update to our members. These are items that cannot wait until the next newsletter, so we need to send them out via e-mail. In the past no one person was in charge of this area, which resulted in multiple copies of the same announcement/update being sent out and frustration from many of our members. To try and solve this problem one person is now our e-mail person, **Liz Martinez**. If you do not wish to be on the DRA update e-mail list or your e-mail address has changed, contact Liz Martinez catnip haze@home.com.



251 Days

until

Del Ray
Artisans'

Biggest and Best
Fundraising Event—
Offbeat Auction,
December 2, 2001

Crafts Marketing Workshops

Spaces are still available in **Bruce Baker's** workshops the weekend of March 31/April 1 in Arlington. His workshops here last September received high praise. A nationally recognized crafts marketing 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. 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 last fall, so 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.

March 31: booth design/dynamic crafts selling
April 1: the jury slides process

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

Artwork Needed for Display Courtesy of Del Ray Artisan Susan Slattery

HNTB Architecture is looking for art to display in its 10 storefront windows, and conference space, at 421 Seventh St., NW during upcoming "Third Thursday" gallery openings. For consideration, artists should submit 5 slides representative of the works they would like to display (must be numbered & contain the artists name, size & medium of with an arrow pointing to the slide's top). A one-page fact sheet with the artist's name, address, daytime phone, e-mail & any notes they would like to provide the selection committee, referencing works by number. Information on their gallery representation/affiliations. A self-addressed, stamped envelope for the prompt return of their slides. **Deadline is Monday, April 16, 2001.** Artists will be notified of decisions within three weeks. Once selected, artists are expected to visit the office to examine the display space, and provide slides, or prints, of all original works they will hang. HNTB reserves the right to refuse the display of any work in its space. Selected artists will hang their own work in HNTB Architecture's windows on the third Wednesday of the month. Shows will have a duration of 11 days. Artists are expected to take down their work on the second Monday of the show. Selected artists are also required to provide business cards, or a hand out, to provide patrons interested in purchasing pieces. Lastly, HNTB is happy to provide free gallery space for the selected artists, but all pieces are hung at the artist's risk. Please direct all submissions and inquiries to: Tamara Larkan HNTB Architecture 421 7th St., NW Washington, DC 20004.

Sand, Fire and Light

An exhibit of fused glass by DRA member
Worth Cooley-Prost
March 1-28
at Arlington Central Library
1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington.

5th Annual OffBeat Auction Finalized



Date: Sunday December 2, 2001
Time: 6PM - 10PM
Venue: Embassy Suites, Alexandria
(across from the King Street Metro)



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!



Many thanks to
Royce Flowers for the
lovely contributions to
our opening receptions
and to **Randy Allen** and
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hosting our Web pages.

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.



Call for Entries

(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.

DreamE Internet

DreamE Internet is an online artist community dedicated in providing valuable resources and information to artists without the hassle of them doing the research on the Internet. It is a community-based site where artists can communicate, collaborate, and share experiences with other like-minded individuals. For more information, Curtis Franklin, Artists and Business Development, DreamE, (415) 440-9995; e-mail at curtis@dreame.cc; or <http://www.dreame.cc>

March 28, 2001

Gallery of Contemporary and Indigenous Art's Mish/Mosh & More, a modern multi- and mixed media juried artwork competition. \$20 entry fee. For more information, contact: Gallery of Contemporary and Indigenous Art, 302 E. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701; or call 520.623.4588; e-mail at info@gocaia.org, or <http://www.gocaia.org>



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

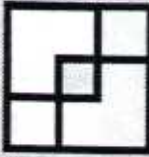
Is this a membership renewal? Yes No

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.



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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, March 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

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- March **Water Show**, March 9-25, Curator Leo Pfeiffer, 703.764.0400 (daytime) or 703.222.9124 (evening); or Liz Martinez 703.683.1969, catniphaze@home.com
- March 16, 5PM**, 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
- March 31, 10AM - 4PM**, Call for Entries, **Spring Member Show**
- April Opening: **Spring Member Show Reception, Friday, April 6, 7-10PM**, DRA Center, contact Paula Lantz 703.836.0866
- 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 **Art Camp**, July 9-13. Contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@home.com
- and on... **The OffBeat Auction** preparation
- October **October 6, Art on the Avenue**, 10AM to 6PM, Rain or Shine.
- November **November 17 and 18**, Gallery delivery dates for Offbeat Auction pieces
- December **The OffBeat Auction, December 2, Sunday, 6PM-10PM, Embassy Suites, Alexandria (across from the King Street Metro)**

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