

4th Annual Student Art Show

Del Ray Artisans will present the 4th Annual Student Art Show, featuring art work by students of T.C. Williams High School, George Washington, Minnie Howard, and Hammond Middle Schools during the month of May. This show is the result of a yearlong collaborative effort between the faculty of Alexandria's 6th through 12th grade art departments, their students, and the Del Ray Artisans.

Outstanding student work will be selected by a panel of judges, led by curator **Linda Silk**, to receive awards in various media; including ceramics, collage, crafts, drawing and painting, graphics, and print making. Silk, whose lifelong love of art and early memories of her small Pennsylvania town's annual Founders' Day student art show, was inspired to create this opportunity for Alexandria's young artists in 1998.

The exhibit will run from May 11 - May 27, 2001. Exhibit hours will be Saturdays, 10AM - 4PM, and Sundays, 12NOON - 4PM. Plan to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 11th, at 7PM, with student artists and school personnel present.

During the opening reception, the recipient of the **Ted Eichers Memorial Scholarship** award will be announced. For more information about the 4th Annual Student Art Show, contact Linda Silk at 703.533.7689 or LMSilk@aol.com.

OffBeat Auction Furniture Needed

It's time to donate furniture pieces for the auction! If you have pieces you no longer need and might otherwise get rid of, consider donating them to DRA! *Please, no fully upholstered furniture and only furniture in good repair will be accepted.*

Furniture deliveries will be accepted as follows:

Where: Former Safeway at 221 W. Glebe (corner of W. Glebe and Mt. Vernon Ave.)

When: 10:00AM - 2:00PM on **April 21st, April 28th, May 12th, and May 19th** (all Saturdays). Please call **Vivienne Lukas**, 703.979.8996, if you have questions.

NEW WORKS FEATURED IN DEL RAY ARTISANS' SPRING EXHIBIT



The Del Ray Artisans present "Spring Fling," an all-member, all-media show. The exhibit will feature never-before-exhibited pieces showcasing the talents of member artists. The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 7th through Sunday, April 22nd, and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10AM to 4PM and Sundays, 12NOON to 4PM.

The opening reception for "Spring Fling" will be held on Friday, April 6th from 7PM to 10PM at the Del Ray Artisans' Gallery. The gallery is located in the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia.

The Choreographers Collaboration Project will present a free dance performance **before** the opening reception 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**.

For more information, please contact curator **Paula Lantz** at 703.836.0866, e-mail: plantz2911@erols.com; or gallery coordinator, **Liz Martinez**, at 703.683.1969, e-mail: catnipbazz@home.com.

Gallery Without Walls

Del Ray Artisans has developed, and is developing, several opportunities for members to exhibit their art work in locations in Alexandria. This program in the past was called "Gallery Without Walls," since we weren't using our own walls! And with so many sites developing, we need to be able to give this program a name again.

We continue to recommend artists to the Barnes & Noble at Potomac Yards. The B&N calendar is nearly filled through

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Report on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts Grant Meeting

Tuesday night at the Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) meeting on the grants, the ACA recommended Del Ray Artisans for full funding on the first round (before the final figures and before City Council approved the grants.) One of the positive comments (and all of them were) about Del Ray Artisans was that the newsletter was "excellent."

Congratulations!

Other comments overheard were:

- "Kudos!"
- "Programs grow as well as resources"
- "Accountability of Finances is excellent"
- "Think ahead"
- "Long range plan"
- "Scholarship fund was excellent"
- "An evolving organization"
- "Active in the community"
- "Supportive in all sections of art"
- "Generous with space"
- "They're there"
- "Great"
- "Thrilled to have seen it grow"
- "Lot of energy"

That's the Arts Commission talking.

Call for Entries

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

April 18, 2001

"FUTUR SKULPTURE"—Exhibition Opportunity at McLean Project for the Arts. Deadline for submissions is April 18, 2001. Exhibition of sculpture and new media to be juried by Glenn Harper, Editor of *Sculpture Magazine*. Exhibition Dates: June 7 - July 21, 2001. \$ 1,500 in cash prizes. Open to all mid-Atlantic (DC, VA, MD, PA, NJ, DE, WV, NY) professional sculptors and 3-D artists working in new media. Artists may submit slides, CD-Roms, Zip Disks, Web sites, or videos. Free to MPA members. \$ 25 fee for nonmembers. Funded in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Call MPA at 703.790.1953 or e-mail: mpaart@aol.com for a Call for Entry prospectus. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA, 22101 www.mcleanart.org.

April 20, 2001

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities will purchase artwork that visually documents life in contemporary Washington, DC through its *Images of Washington* program. This program focuses on purchasing images that reflect local culture as opposed to the federal aspects of the city. Art work purchased through this call-for-entries will become part of Art Bank, the Arts Commission's collection of moveable works, and will be loaned to other District Government agencies for temporary display. All artists are eligible to apply with preference being given to residents of the District of Columbia. Please call 202.724.5613 to request an application.

June 1, 2001

Artist Residencies Available. Positions for writers, visual artists and composers on historic estate. 2 weeks to 2 months, financial aid available. Entry fee. Deadline June 1, 2001 For information send an SASE to: Ragdale Foundation, 1260 N Green Bay Rd., Lake Forest IL 60045 OR 847.234.1063 OR ragdale1@aol.com

June 22, 2001

"Journeys" An exhibition based on mental, spiritual, and physical journeys. Open to all artists in all media. Juror: Deborah McLeod, nationally published art writer and curator of "Journeys of Refuge." BEST IN SHOW AWARD: \$500. Exhibition Dates: Aug. 22 - Sept. 30, 2001. Submission Fee: \$25 for up to 3 Slides. Deadline for Submissions: June 22, 2001. For Prospectus, send SASE to Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or e-mail targetgallery@erols.com or call 703-838-4565 x 4.

DC Business Offers Artist Opportunities

Utrecht Art Supply is seeking artists to participate in several new programs that will introduce workshops, drawing sessions, exhibition space, and a visiting artist program to its Washington, DC location. Among the highlights of the new programs are opportunities for artists to exhibit their work in Utrecht's storefront and show their work during in-store demonstrations. Utrecht's schedule of events is available on their Web site at www.utrechtart.com. For more information about participating in these programs, contact Milena Spasic at 202.898.0555.

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.



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.

OffBeat Instructors Sought

That's instructors to teach classes in furniture decoration in preparation for the Del Ray Artisans' biennial OffBeat Auction, scheduled for December 2, 2001.

If you can teach such a class—or know someone who could—please call **Leslie Wilder** on 703.549.1896, or e-mail leslie.wilder@wap.org, with your name, telephone number, and a brief description of your skill. Classes are now being organized.

Elections will held in June

Nominations for all positions are being accepted and members are encouraged to step forward and participate more in the direction of Del Ray Artisans.

Gallery Without Walls (continued from front page)

the end of the year! As of the beginning of March they only had the months of September, November, and December remaining. I'm sure they would consider dates in 2002 now—and it wouldn't be too soon to plan! If interested, call the Community Relations Manager, **Courtney Monkhouse** at 703.299.9473, to set up an appointment.

Several DRA artists have exhibited their work at the Primary Properties Realtors on East Del Ray Avenue. The owner is member **Patti Miller** at 703.567.4770. She prefers shows to be 3-months long, and is willing to work with the artist to have a reception. Availability is now—so give her a call!

We are just starting to work with Weichert Realtors in Old Town, so the first available time would be the month of July. This would also be on a 3-month basis. Call **Ann Misurella** at 703.549.8700 for an appointment. There might even be enough room for 2 artists to show simultaneously. They may be able to give additional publicity to the artist in their own newspaper ads. There are also other possibilities on the horizon right in the Mount Vernon Avenue business district, so if you'd like to be considered for these as they develop, please contact **Kathryn Brown** at 703.549.5227.

As always, when calling or visiting one of these places, please identify yourself as a Del Ray Artisan member. And do expect to hang the show yourself—sometimes with hanging systems and “bring your own” hammer and picture hangers is the routine. So it is always advisable to set an appointment to visit the space, and plan to have samples of your art work for their review. The opportunity for a larger audience is phenomenal.

244 Days



until Del Ray Artisans' Biggest and Best Fundraising Event—**OffBeat Auction, December 2, 2001**



Silent Chair(s) Needed

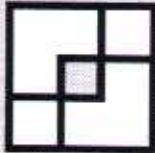


Looking for a chairperson or co-chairs for the **OffBeat Silent Auction**

Please contact **Susan Slattery, 703.922.7290, devisu@erols.com or Theresa Esterlundt, 703.379.2533, esterlundt@nmah.si.edu**



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



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 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, April 10, 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

- 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
April 20, 5PM, Deadline for submission of May 2001 newsletter articles, please submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery, Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com
April 22, 4PM - 7PM, Spring Member Show exhibitors art pick-up
April 30, 7PM, OffBeat Auction meeting
- May
 Opening: **4th Annual Student Show, Friday, May 11, 7-9PM**, DRA Center, contact Curator Linda Silk 703.533.7689, LMSilk@aol.com
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- June
June 1, 4PM - 8PM, art drop-off, **Dun-Lo Senior Show**
June 2, 12NOON - 4PM, art drop-off, **Dun-Lo Senior Show**
Dun-Lo Senior Show (55+), June 9-24, Curator Rhoda Seligmann 703.751.7924
 Opening: **Dun-Lo Senior Show Open House, Saturday, June 9, 1-4PM**, DRA Center, contact Paula Lantz 703.836.0866
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. For more information 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 Gala, December 2, Sunday, 6PM-10PM, Embassy Suites, Alexandria (across from the King Street Metro)
 December 8, **Holiday Show & Sale**. For more information contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@home.com (Space is limited, so first come first served)

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 Susan Downs Slattery 703.922.7290-Acting, 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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