



FLINGING THE SPRING FLING



The Spring Fling 2001 opening was a great success—all the wine, sodas, and food were inhaled by a hordes of happy people—their high spirits certainly due in part to the appropriate spring-like weather we were favored with that evening.

Curator **Paula Lantz** wishes to thank everyone who helped make the show a smash hit:

—The Hanging Crew: **Vivienne Lukacs**, **Leslie Wilder**, **Linda McDonald**, and **Paula Lantz** (we quit counting entries at 100)

—**Leo Pfeiffer** for the *dynamite* banner

—**Liz Martinez** for herding the cats (and the wall tags)

—**Susan Slattery** for the press release

—The **Leisters** for the mailing labels

And *a big thanks* to **Royce** for the flowers (and yes, there is a story behind this month's flowers).

And finally, many thanks to **Katherine**, **Marlin**, **Martin** and all who pitched in to make the Fling a super success.

(Inquiring minds want to know what was that flower story? Will we get the sequel in next month's newsletter? And what about those cats?)

Collecting Furniture for the OffBeat Auction

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 May 12th and May 19th (Saturdays). Please call **Vivienne Lukas**, 703.979.8996, if you have questions.

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.

Nina Weissberg Named Honorary Member

Ms. Weissberg of Weissberg Corporation has graciously consented to allow the Del Ray Artisans to use the currently vacant Safeway building for furniture storage space. The OffBeat Auction Furniture Committee is most grateful for this arrangement because it will allow working room at the gallery space.

Thank you Ms. Weissberg for your support and welcome to the Del Ray Artisans!

Board of Director Elections 2001 - 2002

Are you interested in one of the listed positions?
Contact Martin Angebrannt 703.683.3738

Following is the list of DRA offices that will be considered for election at the June 11th General Membership meeting:

President and Director (Nominee: Theresa Esterlund)
Chairs membership meetings and prepares agenda. Directs communications to appropriate members. Communicates with the City concerning leases and other issues. Signs official documents. Represents the DRA at functions and grant hearings. Attends openings and all membership and Board meetings. Acts as spokesperson. Monitors opportunities for grants and upcoming events. Coordinates grant proposals. Coordinate with other Officers and Directors and delegation of duties.

Vice-President and Director (Nominee: Renee Niver)
Assists the President and/or Executive Director in the performance of their duties. Acts in their place when delegated to do so or in their absence at meetings.

Secretary and Director (Nominee: Linda Silk)
Record official meeting minutes and maintain records of official minutes and non-financial records, such as incorporation papers. Contacts new members and sees that they receive a membership card and a welcome.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and Directors (Nominees: Marlin Lord and Kathryn Brown)
Maintain financial records of the Corporation. Coordinate/monitor official records. Maintain bank accounts. Pay accounts payable and identify basis for grants and accounting/and examine with regard to proposed budgets for shows. Monitor accounts receivable such as grants, etc. Pick up and sort mail. Monitor/document/sort receipts, copy, etc. for deposit and monitor/document accounts payable and sort receipts. Distribute membership applications to Volunteer Coordinator, President/Membership committee. Prepare Treasurer's report. Maintain Ted Eicher Art Scholarship Fund accounts. Negotiate lease and property use. Accommodate key distribution. Prepare/certify Treasurer's reports for grants/including budgets. Serve as Registered Agent for Corporation. File Corporate papers and Annual Report. Prepare Annual report to IRS. Monitor activity relating to 501(3)c status. Coordinate, check and monitor special fund-raising purchases. Arrange/pay tilling for Learning Garden, and other events and activities. Coordinate with attorney on tax issues.

Directors (Can elect up to 20—so far 12 Nominees: Martin Angebrannt, Terry Atkin, Eleanor Baker, Bryan Leister, Vivienne Lukacs, Liz Martinez, Pat Parkinson, Barbara Robinson, Susan Downs Slattery, David Talmage, Jen Whitman, Beth Wrightson)

Various responsibilities can include volunteering to coordinating committees—Coordinators: Volunteer, Graphics, Gallery Communications, Public Relations, Membership. Aid other Directors and Curators in preparing mailings, hosting events, landscaping, gallery maintenance, and show logistics. Locating outside speakers or instructors for special events, including talks. Assist with OffBeat Auction and Del Ray Farmers Market. Communicate with other galleries. Develop grant proposals. Solicit membership for ideas and services. Gallery sit and/or provide access to the gallery.

Call for Entries

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

June 1, 2001

Del Ray Artisans is looking for help at our Alexandria's Earth Day booth at Four Mile Run Park (behind Cora Kelley's playing fields) on June 1, 2001, between 12NOON and 4PM. We are providing kites and paints for the participants. We will need help in giving guidance and assembling kites. Please contact **Martin Angebrannt** at 703.683.3738.

Art Web site of the Month www.dearauntnettie.com/museum/

June 2, 2001

Call for entries Senior 55+ show. The passion of creativity stimulates artists of all ages to explore the tapestry of life's journeys. Dun Lo Seniors and Del Ray Artisans' show invite artists age 55+ to submit up to 3 entries of art for consideration for the show June 8 - 24, 2001. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for non-members. Entries should be brought to the DRA Gallery, Saturday, June 2, 10AM - 4PM. The Gallery is in the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Telephone 703.838.4827. For more information please contact **Rhoda Seligmann** 703.751.7924

June 14, 2001

Arts & Crafts vendors sought for a Spring Show to be held outside on Thurs, June 14, 10AM - 3PM at the PG Arts Council at Prince George's Metro Center. The Arts Council is located at 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD and is on the Metro line. Parking will be provided. The cost is \$30 for one 8' table (also provided). Artists must bring their own chairs. There are three sizable office buildings and the previous Arts and Crafts fund-raiser was a big success due to the large attendance of the employees who work there. Please call **Ethel Lewis** at 301.277.1402 for more information and to register.

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. Dates: Aug 22 - Sept 30, 2001. Fee: \$25 for up to 3 Slides. Deadline: 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 ext. 4.

Ongoing

Jim Kosinski, a professor of photography at Hartwick College has designed an innovative pinhole camera and darkroom kit that bridges the arts and sciences. He is donating one camera to an educational program every week. Interested teachers should get in touch with a short note about their program and their school's address. Details at www.paintcancamera.com

Adopt-A-Park Volunteers

We have once again been accepted into the Adopt-A-Park program run by the City. Our assignment is the Colasanto Park adjacent to the Del Ray Artisans' Gallery. The program runs from April 1 through November 30 and could result in a total of \$960 for Del Ray Artisans. Last year we earned \$720 and the previous year \$700. **Marlin Lord** has agreed to coordinate the program but volunteers are needed to spend about 15-20 minutes on a Saturday or Sunday to pick up litter. City staff tour the parks once a month on an undisclosed Monday, and score points by deducting for paper, cans, bottles, glass, etc. that have not been picked up. Ten dollars is given for each point earned (not deducted). The area we monitor is from the intersection of Mount Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues south to the north fence of the tennis court and the north fence of the pool. Points are not supposed to be deducted for the bus shelter but we pick up around that and we generally pick up around the Colasanto Center as well. This is an easy way to earn a nice chunk of change for DRA with just a little effort. We have used the funds from the first year to pay for most of the landscaping that has been done around the Gallery, and we have envisioned many more enhancements.

Some weekends have been taken by volunteers but we still have lots of openings! We need volunteers for a lot of weekends. Please contact **Marlin Lord** at 703.683.1112 or mglair@aol.com to schedule your time.



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.



OffBeat Auction Workshops Offered

Included in this issue of the *Well Crafted Word* is a registration form and description of workshops being offered by the Del Ray Artisans in conjunction with the **2001 OffBeat Auction**. Similar information is scheduled to appear on the Artisans home page: www.radiodelray.com/artisans. For further information, contact the individual instructors or **Leslie Wilder** on 703.549.1896.

Gallery without Walls

Now on display at **Weichert Realtors**: "Frozen Neon" and "Architecture in the Abstract" color photographs by **Kathryn A. Brown**. This exhibit will run from April through June. July through September is scheduled for art work by **Marlin G. Lord**. The folks at Weichert have been wonderful to work with—be sure to call **Ann Misurella** at 703.549.8700 to make some arrangements for yourself!

We will also be starting a new schedule with **Waterford Public Relations** at 2305 Mount Vernon Avenue; the owner is DRA member **Beth Offenbacher**. Call her at 703.683.4815, or e-mail at boffenbacher@waterfordpr.com. Identify yourself as a Del Ray Artisan, and set up an appointment. They are looking for one month exhibits so that they can have an opening for a new artist on each **First Thursday** (our successful evening of business for the fun of it along Mount Vernon Avenue), starting in May. Any questions on the program, call **Kathryn Brown** at 703.549.5227.



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.

Welcome to New Members

K. M. Murphy
Linda McDonald
Peter Neville
Nancy A. Thompson
Kristine Lingle
Susan Metcalfe
Bobbie Pickett
Eileen Powell
Denise Coniglio and
Robert Prouty
Rose Mary Krancevic
Leslie White
Albert J. Planagan
Ralph A. Rosenbaum
Tammy N. Vagias
Karen di Benedetto

Mary P. Mastran
Tatiana Kaupp
Prudence Adamson
L'Tonya D. Tobin
Karen Williamson
Dianna Diatz
Jose Piedra
Danny Earp
Karen Gard
Jesurena R. Griffin
Nanci Worthington
Harlan Harrison
Beverly Aucoin
Tom Nyerges
Dale E. May
Peg Hutchins



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www.radiodelray.com/artisans

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

Pizza Party!
 Join us for a slice at the
 May 8th general meeting.

Next General Member Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 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

- 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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LMSilk@aol.com
- May 18, 5PM, Deadline for submission of June 2001 newsletter articles, please**
 submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery,
 Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com
- June **June 2, Saturday, 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, Friday, June 8, 7PM-10PM, DRA Center,**
 contact 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. 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 Rencé 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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