

WHO ARE THOSE DEL RAY ARTISANS?

The Del Ray Artisans was founded by interested citizens in 1992 as the Arts Resource Foundation. The Arts Resource Foundation (ARF) was then incorporated and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. DRA has been housed in a number of locations since its beginning, including vacant store fronts provided at below market rent or no rent. Interest in the classes, exhibits and lectures has increased foot traffic in the neighborhood thus assisting in the revitalization of Mount Vernon Avenue. Many members could not afford to exhibit their works if the organization did not help them in securing exhibit space and sponsoring events which draw an audience for their work. In the transition periods between obtaining sites, the organization adopted a "gallery without walls" approach, using exhibition space in local businesses, residences and exhibiting in various locations, such as the Target Gallery of the Torpedo Factory, an outreach which still continues. DRA's gallery is currently housed at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center. This space provides exciting opportunities to involve citizens of the community of all ages in its programs. DRA's proximity to the Mount Vernon Elementary School/Community Center provides excellent opportunities for its outreach projects. DRA has created an art scholarship fund in the name of Ted Eichers, an active DRA member until his death in 1997. This scholarship is made through the Alexandria Scholarship Fund.

DRA has been active in the community in many other regards including the Del Ray Farmer's Market and Art on the Avenue. DRA distributes literature about upcoming events and exhibits and sells the organization's artist designed T-shirts as a fundraising activity at the Market weekly. DRA and its members exhibit and conduct demonstrations at Art on the Avenue annually. DRA also pursues affiliations and collaborative efforts with local organizations including The Ballet School, Catholic University School of Architecture and Planning, and the Virginia Tech Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center, Springwater Fiber Workshop, The Choreographer's Collaboration Project, Alexandria Earth Day and Alexandria public schools.

Del Ray Artisans was established with a two-fold purpose: 1) to become a community arts center and arts catalyst in an underserved area of Alexandria by hosting exhibitions, lectures, classes, and educational workshops which introduce new audiences to fine and functional art and 2) to open a pathway to new and emerging talents to associate with, exchange ideas with and stand in peer-review with established artists.

The organization provides resources for emerging amateurs and seasoned professional artists to exhibit and create together while promoting the involvement of "non-artist" members in a wide variety of supportive roles such as administration, projects and outreach activities. This inclusive approach provides an opportunity for all members to participate in the promotion and creation of functional and fine art, while using the arts as a resource for community development. DRA is committed to the belief that every individual can make a valued and unique contribution to the arts and to the community.



Prepping Furniture

for the OffBeat Auction

Swinging Safeway Furniture Studio is now open every weekend for furniture fun!

The Furniture Committee invites any and all volunteers to join them in washing, sanding, and painting most weekends from now until November at the former Safeway building (221 W. Glebe, corner of W. Glebe and Mt. Vernon Ave.)

Days and hours: Saturdays from 10AM-4PM and Sundays from 12NOON to 4PM. Head Furniture Diva, Vivienne Lukacs is looking for participation at multiple levels ... she'd like to see Indians and Chiefs show up.

For more information call: Vivienne Lukacs at 703.979.8996 or Martin Angebrannt at 703.521.7703 or Ron Blank at 703.765.3878.

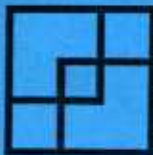
Next General Member Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 7 PM

at DRA Gallery Space

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

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



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

DRA Calendar

2001

- 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
November 30 – December 1, OffBeat Auction Preview Exhibit, Friday 7PM–9PM and Saturday, 10AM–4PM ... Sealed bids will be accepted
- 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 eatniphaze@home.com (Space is limited.)

2002

- January **Del Ray Artisans 10th Anniversary Retrospective**, January 11–27
- February **Celebrate Alexandria!**, February 8–24, curators Leslie Wilder & Jane DeWeerd
- March **For the Home—a Collaboration with Springwater Arts**, March 8–24, Springwater curator Ann Liddle; ISO a DRA co-curator
- April **Spring All Member Show**, April 5–21, ISO curator
- May **Student Art Show**, May 10–26, curator Linda Silk
- June **Calendar open**
- July **Art Camp**, July 29–August 2, ISO DRA coordinator
- August **Calendar open**
- September **Fall All Member Show**, September 13–29, ISO curator
- October **Calendar open**
- November **Seasons**, November 8–24, curators Sue Kulesher & Vivienne Lukacs
- December **Holiday Show and Sale**, December 7

Elected Officers: President Theresa Esterlund 703.379.2533; Vice-President Reneé 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 Team: Director Karen Schmitz 703.836.0035, and Director Karen Williamson 703.619.0161; Graphics Chairperson/Director Terry Atkin; Gallery Coordinator/Director Liz Martinez 703.683.1969; Mail List Coordinator/Director Bryan Leister 703.683.1544; Director Martin Angebrannt 703.521.7703; Director Susan Downs Slattery 703.922.7290; Director Vivienne Lukacs 703.979.8996; Director Barbara Robinson 703.683.6951; Director Beth Wrightson 703.683.0222; Director Jen Whitman 703.765.1510; Director Pat Parkinson 703.606.9270.

Newsletter Editors: Susan Slattery and Terry Atkin.

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



Del Ray Artisans 2001 Offbeat Auction Workshops Are Still Available
ASK FOR REGISTRATION FORM

Gallery without Walls

View our members' artworks at these locations!
 Mardy Bosch August at Barnes and Noble Potomac Yards
 Marlin Lord Aug. & Sep. at Weichert Realtors in Old Town
 Kathryn Brown September at Waterford - Public Relations & Marlin Lord

RUMOR...

has it that Sheriff Jim Dunning and Randy Allen (of Radio Del Ray) will be co-auctioneers for our OffBeat Auction this December.



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.