

## All Art Silent Auction *New Wrinkle for 2001 OffBeat Gala*

**D**el Ray Artisans' artistry will be in the spotlight at this year's OffBeat Silent Auction. Everyone benefits by promoting the work of DRA members as holiday gifts, home furnishings, and one-of-a-kind art pieces. Items will span a full range of media and be priced for holiday gift giving.

### How to participate:

- ◆ Donate one of your creations suitable for impulse buying.
- ◆ Buy a piece from a Del Ray Artisan you admire and donate it to the Silent Auction. (Please include a few of the artist's business cards.)

Items will be accepted at the Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Mart Larson at 703.836.0413. Silent Auction Donation form is on page two.

## Art Camper Takes Grand Prize *Red Fred Wins*

The *Well-Crafted Word* has learned that 13-year old Katelyn Partlow walked away with Grand Prize at the Arlington County Fair last month. Katelyn entered her gourd piece "Red Fred" in the Crafts Category and was thrilled to see it given the Grand Prize Award in the Teen Division. Katelyn's collage painting took 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the Teen Division Fine Arts Category. The pieces were created as part of Bridget Belkacemi's Gourd-Making class and Marie Niernberger's Collage Painting class at the 2001 Del Ray Artisan Art Camp. Katelyn's mom and DRA member, Nora was beaming as she shared the news. Kudos to all involved!

## Art Camp 2001: A success

The Del Ray Artisans 2001 Art Camp, which took place the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup>, was extremely successful. Nineteen students attended and, in keeping with the Del Ray mission statement four of those students were on full scholarships and two students were on partial scholarships. One of our students attended on behalf of the Potomac West Business Association, who had purchased a camp space as a prize for their Turkey Trot drawing contest.

It was reported in the July/August newsletter that our six instructors were volunteering their time to teaching Art Camp, an act of generosity for which the Del Ray Artisans were extremely grateful. The Artisans were awarded with generous grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, which allowed us to give our incredible instructors a stipend for their time and efforts.

The response from the Art Camp students was excellent. All nineteen students reported that they had a great time. The two favorite comments made by students concerned the collage painting (taught by Marie Nierenberger) "it was hard, but it made me feel like a real artist;" and gourd making (taught by Bridget Belkacemi) "(I) didn't know (I) could do so much with funny looking vegetables." In the felt-making class (taught by Barbara Brecher) all the students pieced together a communal quilt that will be auctioned off at the Del Ray Artisans OffBeat Auction. Visitors to the Art Camp Reception expressed their surprise and delight to the high quality of the art the students produced. The instructors were proud of all the lovely pieces created by the Art Camp students.

We would like to thank our student aides Kimberly and Stephanie and all of our DRA volunteers including: Mart Larson, Sue Kuelsher, Jane DeWeerd, Pat Stepper, Jane Stockdale, Becky Heavner, Adina Russell, Alice Kale, Gale Goldfarb, and Renee Niver. Liz Martinez would like to extend a special thank you to Theresa DiJoseph who stepped in to teach the Beads n' Things class when illness prevented Liz from enjoying the Art Camp experience.

Plans are already underway for the 2002 Art Camp, and there is already much excitement and anticipation from both instructors and possible attendees.

## 76 Days



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

# Gallery without Walls

September Exhibits:

**Marlin Lord**, Watercolors and Photographs at Weichert Realtors in Old Town

**Marlin Lord and Kathryn Brown**, Photographs at Waterford - Public Relations

Everyone is invited to a reception at Waterford - PR for Marlin and Kathryn's show on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The address is 2305 Mount Vernon Ave., just several blocks from the Del Ray Artisans' gallery.

These businesses have asked for artists to exhibit in their locations—it's up to you to make it happen. Call for an appointment and make sure to identify yourself as a Del Ray Artisan member. Barnes and Noble Potomac Yard: contact Community Relations Manager, **Courtney Monkhouse**, at 703.299.9473. Shows are monthly. Primary Properties Realtors, on Del Ray Avenue near St. Elmo's: contact Owner (and DRA member) **Patti Miller**, at 703.567.4770. Shows are quarterly. Weichert Realtors in Old Town: contact **Ann Misurella** or Manager, **Michael Turk**, at 703.549.8700. Shows are quarterly. They will include brief information about your show in their ad in the Gazette Packet monthly (be sure to ask about it!). Waterford - Public Relations in Del Ray: contact **Nicki Fowler**, at 703.683.4815. Owner is DRA member, **Beth Offenbacher**. Shows are monthly (but may not continue through the winter—if not, schedule now for spring). They will host a reception. Don't miss out on these opportunities!



Listen for OffBeat Auction "Promo" spots on Radio Del Ray. Now through December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
[www.radiodelray.com](http://www.radiodelray.com)

## Call for Entries

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

### A Call For Help

The O.B.G. Cocker Rescue group is looking for an artist who is willing to help them with their Art On The Avenue booth. They need a plywood, 3 panel screen (each panel approx. 5 feet high & 3-1/2 feet wide), painted blue like a pond with fun, whimsical fish. They would like the main character to be a cute cocker spaniel floating at the top of the fish pond in an inner-tube that says O.B.G. Cocker Rescue on it (Nothing elaborate, just cute for the kids). The rescue group will build the pond, deliver it to the artist (if need be), help with prep work, & work with the artist on whatever may come up. The work needs to be done by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October (Art On the Avenue is October 6<sup>th</sup>). Any artist who is interested, please contact Theresa Davis at 703.549.1921 or [tdavis@rablaw.com](mailto:tdavis@rablaw.com)

### October 1, 2001

*Feast Your Eyes*, an art exhibition about food and cuisine. Open to all artists in all media. \$500 Best in Show award. Juried by Nora Pouillon, nationally recognized organic restaurateur and chef/owner of Nora in Washington, DC. Exhibition dates are Jan. 9–Feb. 24, 2002. Submission fee: \$25/3 slides.

### November 1, 2001

Fall 2002 Exhibition Opportunity: Open to groups and individual artists working in all media. Exhibition dates: Oct. 9–Nov. 17, 2002. \$35 for 30 slides and proposal. For a prospectus/entry requirements for either exhibition, send an SASE to: Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Ctr., 105 N Union St, Alexandria VA 22314 or 703.838.4565 or [targetgallery@erols.com](mailto:targetgallery@erols.com)



**Alethea Taylor Camp** is the contact person for buying program ads in the OffBeat Auction program pages. Her telephone number is **703.519.9358**.

## Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_

Night \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## So Long, Farewell

For a variety of reasons Terry Atkin and Susan Slattery regretfully bid adieu as your friendly neighborhood DRA newsletter co-editors. We've been writing, editing, and designing the *Well-Crafted Word* since our first issue together in February 2000. Given both of our increasingly busy personal schedules, it's time for a changing of the guard. This is our last issue and we look forward to the November issue which will be produced by the "next generation" newsletter guru—Linda Silk! Many thanks to **Mart Larson** our faithful "Production Diva" and the many newsworthy items that YOU, oh faithful DRA readers have submitted to the newsletter during our tenure. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Welcome New Members!

Ken Basta  
Amanda Lee (Spitler)  
Amoret Bell Bunn  
The Ray Family  
Theresa A. Kulstad  
Art Scarano  
Cynthia Cobban  
Angela Tompkins  
Debbie Mezzetta  
Mary Frances Widner  
Ruth Berge  
Leslie Riggs

Betsy Bradford  
Linda Sherman  
Mary Ellen Finn  
Judith Greig  
Kim Sackett  
Sheri Higgins  
Jessica Walter  
Joyce Clark  
Lorraine T. Bentley  
Laura Phelps  
Cynthia Gunnerson

## what can You do for OffBeat Auction?

distribute fliers & posters...Karen Williamson, 703.619.0161

donate art work for silent auction...Mart Larson, 703.836.0413

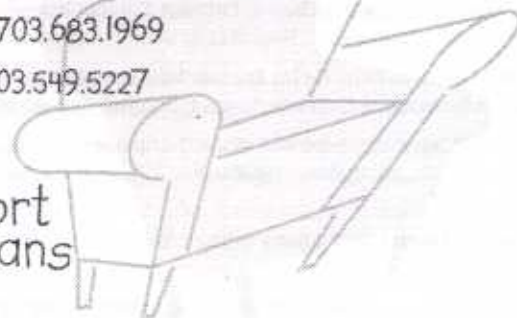
"day of" furniture moving & set-up...Martin Angebrannt, 703.521.7703

furniture (prep, paint, or adopt a piece)...Vivienne Lukacs, 703.979.8996

sell tickets to the auction...Liz Martinez, 703.683.1969

set-up preview exhibit...Kathryn Brown, 703.549.5227

call today and support  
Del Ray Artisans



## Adopt A Park

Volunteers for park clean-up are needed for September, October, and November. Everyone who has volunteered so far has done a fabulous job, but we need to keep the momentum going...if you are interested in lending a helping/clean-up hand contact Marlin Lord at 703.683.1112 or [mglai@aol.com](mailto:mglai@aol.com)

Please submit your articles  
for the November newsletter by  
5:00PM September 20<sup>th</sup> to  
Linda Silk, Newsletter Editor at  
[LMSilk@aol.com](mailto:LMSilk@aol.com)



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

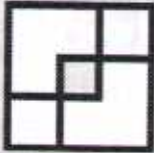
Membership Categories for One (1) Year: Individual: \$35,

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.



Del Ray Artisans  
 Mail: 2210 Mount Vernon Avenue  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22301  
 703.838.4827  
[www.radiodelray.com/artisans](http://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, September 11, 7PM  
 at DRA Gallery Space  
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

DRA Meetings are held on the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

## DRA Calendar

### 2001

- September September 26, Wednesday, **OffBeat Auction Meeting**, 7PM, DRA Gallery.
- October **October 6, Art on the Avenue**, 10AM to 6PM, Rain of 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 ... Scaled 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 [catniphaze@home.com](mailto:catniphaze@home.com) (Space is limited.)

### 2002

- January **Del Ray Artisans 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retrospective**, January 11–27, ISO curator
- 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; DRA co-curator Debbie Mezzetta
- 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, coordinators Liz Martinez & Barbara Robinson ISO a volunteer with grant writing experience
- 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



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.

**Elected Officers:** President Theresa Esterlund 703.379.2533; 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 Team: Director Karen Schmitz 703.836.0035, and Director Karen Williamson 703.619.0161; Graphics Chairperson/Director Vacant; 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.

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