

Who Are We? Profile of a
Del Ray Artisans Member

The Colorful Collective

To enjoy one of Peggy Kaufman's mosaic sculptures is to see the artist herself—from an eclectic assortment of adventures and experiences, a multi-faceted one-of-a-kind gem emerges.

Peggy didn't start out as an artist; her formal training was as a special education teacher. In the late 60s to early 70s she was a member of the Peace Corps in Malaysia, serving as an advisor on math and science curriculum. It was during a side trip to Indonesia that she decided to travel the artist's way. She was introduced to the ancient art of batik and she loved it! Upon returning stateside to her home in California, she threw herself into doing batik for a marketplace ripe for her creations.

As a self-proclaimed compulsive personality, Peggy "worked like a maniac", supporting herself for years doing batik. Once sated however, she moved to New York to try something new, alternating between working on her art full-time for six months and then working fulltime at whatever job she could find, such as selling gourmet food, painting theatrical stage sets, and tutoring child actors. She even was a tutor for the Bill Cosby show. Her 6-month artistic spells were binges of intense productivity doing calligraphy, silversmithing,

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Lowes Scores High!

Many thanks are in order to Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse for donating the following supplies to the Del Ray Artisans:

- 8 gallons of varnish to help us prep furniture for the Offbeat Auction,
- 45 halogen lamps for track lights and front sign, and a
- discount on spray paint for furniture prep.

The value of the Lowes donation was \$626.14.

This donation is a result of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts In-kind contribution program. DRA member **Ilona Savage** was responsible for arranging the Lowes donation. She also contributed over \$100 of her own money towards purchasing supplies for DRA. Thanks Ilona, and thank you Lowes! ■

**Last day to purchase
OffBeat Auction tickets at the
pre-auction price of \$15 is
Saturday, December 1st at 4PM.**

Looking for Auction Night Volunteers

Do you want to help out with the auction, but feel you don't have the time? **Liz Martinez** may have the solution you are looking for. She needs volunteers for Auction Night, December 2, 2001.

Registration Volunteers: This position helps attendees register for their auction bid numbers. The time allotment for this position is about 1-2 hours at the beginning of the evening (and arriving about 1/2 hour early to help with the set-up and get instructions).

Cashiers: This position requires volunteers throughout the evening, so you can pick the time you would like to work.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions, please contact Liz Martinez 703-683-1969 or catniphaze@home.com. ■

product illustration, weaving, and Peggy's favorite form of expression, oil painting. Her unrelenting perseverance towards finding a way to provide for herself as an artist became her proudest achievement.

Peggy's wholesale business, Digital Prism, began in 1993 with the introduction of her millefiori ornaments, and it is the success of this business that now supports her and enables her to employ 3 helpers. Using a medical blade designed to slice material for microscopes, tissue-thin wafers of polymer clay rosettes are applied to spheres which are then strung with ribbon. These beautiful kaleidoscopic creations, along with her handpainted recycled lightbulbs, have been sold in more than 200 shops nationwide, including the Museum Company and the American Craft Museum. For this upcoming holiday season she has created three exclusive designs for the Art Institute of Chicago gift catalog. Peggy markets her ornaments through advertisements in national trade publications and by exhibiting at two large East Coast wholesale shows: the Rosen Show and the Atlanta show. Next year she hopes to sell at the San Francisco Gift Show.

Then of course, there are her mosaics. Homely bedposts, discarded

high-heeled shoes, and broken crockery are all fodder for her artistry, becoming bejeweled and beguiling accessories for the home and garden. A garden urn is encrusted with hundreds of fragments of dinner china, marbles, shells, and even the porcelain plug to an old sink! It is at once both elegant and bizarre. Because of their sculptural nature Peggy cannot mass-produce the mosaics as she

does her ornaments; each is unique, and each a Peggy Kaufman original.

Attendees to the **Del Ray Artisans OffBeat Auction** will have the chance to bid on some of Peggy's art in both the "live" and "silent" portion of the auction. She expects to donate for auction an ornament, a mosaic, and one of her newest products: a "green thumb" garden windchime. ■

Welcome New Members!

Ellen Hamilton
Frank Hannegan

Corporate membership:
Councilman William Euille,
Alexandria City Hall

Adopt A Park
Can you help clean up the
grounds around the Gallery?
Contact
Marlin Lord at 703.683.1112

Call for Entries

Submission Deadline: November 8, 2001

Internetartauctions.com is currently accepting artists of all media. For info, go to www.internetartauctions.com, or e-mail sroach@internetartauctions.com.

Submission Deadline: November 23, 2001

"ABSTRACTION 2002." International, open to abstract, non-representational, or non-objective works, 2D or 3D. Exhibition: Dec. 21 - Jan. 27. Up to 3 slides/\$25, \$5 each additional. No commission. Awards include solo exhibition. Prospectus (required) available at: www.stagegallery.org, or send #10 SASE (4.25" x 9.5" only) to: "ABSTRACTION/Stage Gallery," (including exhibition title is essential!) 238 Frankel Blvd, Merrick NY 11566-4732 or 516-623-3504.

Submission Deadline: November 30, 2001

The 2001 Lady MacDuff Poetry Contest: Rexdale Publishing Company of Hackensack, NJ invites all poets, published and unpublished to enter The 2001 Lady MacDuff Poetry Contest. The winner will receive \$500 and 12 copies of his/her published poetry book. Details may be found at: www.RexdalePublishing.com or RexdalePublishCo@cs.com.

Submission Dropoff Dates: December 29 & 30, 2001

"Del Ray Artisans Retrospect: The 10th Anniversary of the Del Ray Artisans." Opening Reception: January 11, 2002; Exhibition: January 11-27, 2002. Now is your chance to retrospect! Enter artwork from past member shows along with new/unseen artwork. For complete submission information contact Mart Larson at 703-836-0413 or via e-mail at mrlars@aol.com, or Deborah Peterson at deborah.s.peterson@worldnet.att.net.

Entry Form for "Del Ray Artisans Retrospective"

Artist Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 DRA Member Yes No
 Please list your work below:
 Title: _____
 Medium: _____ Price: _____
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The DRA Holiday Show & Sale

Please join us on Saturday, December 8, from 9AM-4PM at the Del Ray Artisans gallery space for the 7th Annual Holiday Show & Sale. At least sixteen of our members will be displaying everything from jewelry to watercolors for you to peruse and purchase. It's a great opportunity to find that unique and handcrafted gift for everyone on you Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa lists. If you would like more information please contact **Liz Martinez** at 703-683-1969 or catnip-haze@home.com ■

It's Almost Time!

Just a few more days before the **Offbeat Auction** on December 2nd, and artists are busy putting the final touches on their artistic creations. All furniture and silent auction art must be complete (including final varnish coat) before delivering to the gallery on November 17. The gallery has varnishing supplies on hand, but artists should plan on applying the varnish themselves, (or join us for a varnishing party on Nov. 10 from 10AM-3PM or Nov. 11 from noon-4PM). The gallery is open on the weekend for artists to come in and complete their furniture. To arrange for the gallery to be open at other times, contact **Vivienne Lukacs** (703-979-8996) or **Liz Martinez** (703-683-1969). ■

Please submit your articles for the December newsletter by 5:00PM November 20th to Linda Silk, at LMSilk@aol.com

Gallery Without Walls

Artworks by the T.C. Williams' Art Dept. Faculty *Holly Langenfeld;*
Patricia J. (Doc) Lewis, Ph.D.;
Diane McClaugherty
at Primary Properties

Nov. 4-Dec. 4

Opening Reception: Nov. 4, 1-6PM
Primary Properties, Realtors, LLC
116 E. Del Ray Avenue

The above artists will be donating the proceeds from the sale of their own artwork to buy art supplies for their students. Donations will also be gratefully accepted.

The watercolors of
Eleanor Baker
at Weichert Realtors
October-December

Abstracts and mixed media chess sets
Guy Rando
Dec 20-31

Opening Reception: Dec 20, 6PM
at HNTB Architects Gallery,
421 7th St, NW, Washington, DC

Please take advantage of these continuing opportunities for an exhibition of your artwork—or team up with a friend for a two person show! For more information call or e-mail **Kathryn Brown** at 703-549-5227 or neonkanb@aol.com. You are invited to call these locations directly, identify yourself as a Del Ray Artisans member, and ask for an appointment:

- *Barnes and Noble Potomac Yard*, contact Community Relations Manager Courtney Monkhouse at 703-299-9473
- *Primary Properties Realtors*, contact Owner Patti Miller at 703-567-4770
- *Weichert Realtors in Old Town*, contact Ann Misurella or Manager Michael Turk at 703-549-8700

And remember to let us know so we can get notice in the newsletter! ■

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

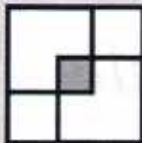
Membership Categories for One (1) Year:

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 Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301



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 www.radiodelray.com/artisans

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Next General Member Meeting

Tuesday, November 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.**

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DRA Calendar

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November November 10, 10AM-3PM, & 11, Noon-4PM, Varnish Party @ gallery. November 16, 7-8:30PM, and 17, noon-3PM, Gallery delivery dates for Off Beat Live & Silent Auction pieces.

November 30, Friday 7-9PM, OffBeat Auction Preview Exhibit and Christmas Tree Lighting in Colasanto Park. Preview Exhibit will include artwork for Silent Auction as well. Sealed bids will be accepted.

December December 1, Saturday 10AM-4PM, OffBeat Auction Preview Exhibit. December 2, Sunday 6-10 PM, The OffBeat Auction Gala, Embassy Suites, Alexandria (across from the King Street Metro)

December 8, Holiday Show & Sale, now taking vendor names for the waiting list and/or outside set-up list. For more information contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@home.com (Space is limited.)

2002

January Del Ray Artisans 10th Anniversary Retrospective, January 11-27, curators Mart Larson & Deborah Peterson

February Celebrate Alexandria! February 8-24, curators Leslie Wilder & Jane DeWeerd

March From the Home—A Collaboration with Springwater Fiber Workshop, 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 Reincarnations: making refund objects into Art, October 11-27, curators Marie Niernberger & Liz Martinez

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.