

A Special Invitation

Members of Del Ray Artisans are invited to join members of the National Guild of Decoupeurs (NGD) in April for an exciting, informative and fun filled week at the Holiday Inn, Old Town, 625 First St, Alexandria, VA. The Guild is holding its annual Convention April 10-13, with classes every day and an exhibit of all kinds of decoupage. Trade tables with supplies and decoupage items will be on sale. Saturday there will be a demonstration and a hands-on class. Del Ray Artisans who would like to sell their significant decoupage pieces are invited to rent a table on Saturday. A num-

ber of Del Ray Artisans are also members of the Guild, including **Vivienne Lukacs, Beverly Hansen, Lorraine Bentley, Frances Ward and Anne Leslie**. We would be delighted to have you join us! Please come to our reception Thursday evening (cost \$20). For information, contact Lorraine Bentley, Convention Chair, 301-248-1031 or Anne Leslie incoming President, NGD, 703-960-0095, and visit our Web page, www.decoupage.org ■

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

Thanks for Celebrating Alexandria

Co-curators **Jane DeWeerd** and **Leslie Wilder** want to thank all who helped make the Del Ray Artisans February show a delight. Among those deserving of our gratitude:

- **The Irish Breakfast Band** and its step-dancing daughters for music to warm the heart.
- **Royce Flowers** for her usual superb arrangement to warm the winter atmosphere.
- All who brought food to the reception to warm our stomachs.
- Guest exhibitor **Nina Tisara** for evocative photographs of many of Alexandria's African-American churches.
- Guest exhibitor **Steve Halperson**, Nina's son, for exciting new views of familiar subjects.
- **Marie Niernberger** and her husband for loaning us **Linda Silk's** hand painted Alexandria Seaport desk from the 1999 OffBeat Auction.
- All who exhibited and attended the reception for helping us to celebrate our wonderful city.

Who Are We? Profile of a Del Ray Artisans Member

Have Camera, Will Travel

As the new Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center was preparing for its debut last fall, photographer **Kathryn A. Brown** was there to capture its dramatic ambience. She was hired to photograph its expansive auditorium seating and elegant stage for use in promoting the new cultural center. Kathryn's large-format photography of architectural volume and detail is a valuable resource not only for organizations' publicity efforts such as the Schlesinger Center's, but also for architects, interior designers, and commercial contractors involved in building construction—they typically need large-format photographs of their work for their own company brochures and portfolios.

From early on Kathryn was interested in the art of photography. While enrolled in the Arts program at Penn State in the '70s she pursued classes in, among other things, architecture—hence, her propensity to use architecture as a subject matter. After relocating to Virginia and working a few years as a drafter for an architectural firm in Alexandria, Kathryn embarked on her journey as a freelance location photographer.

Gallery Guidelines

Announcements

Sitting the Gallery:

As members we all have a chance to help out with gallery sitting. At a recent membership meeting there was discussion around the idea of having a short orientation session for gallery sitters. What's expected? How do I handle a sale? What should I do if no one shows up at the end of my shift? In short, there is always something valuable to do during your time as a gallery sitter—look on the desk for the Gallery Procedures clipboard. It will answer many of your questions. It's always helpful to tidy up, empty trash or do a task on the "to do" list.

If you are anticipating exhibiting in a show at the gallery you should plan to attend an orientation session with one of our seasoned members, because you will be expected to gallery sit dur-

ing the show. To schedule a session just leave a message at 703-838-4827.

Calling All Curators:

If you anticipate curating a show—or even if you are just thinking about someday curating a show—you should attend an Orientation Session for Curators. You will gain valuable information on producing the post-cards, announcing Call for Entries, soliciting help, etc. (For instance, some tasks need to be started 4-6 months before your show opens!) To learn more about attending an orientation session, please contact **Liz Martinez** at 703-683-1969 or catniphaze@comcast.net or **Kathryn Brown** at 703-549-5227 or NEONKANB@psu-alum.com ■

HELP! Curator Needed

ISO curator or curating team for the Del Ray Artisans Fall All-Member Show in September. Any interested individuals or teams please contact **Liz Martinez**, Gallery Coordinator at 703-683-1969 or catniphaze@comcast.com.

Two Week Teaching Positions Available with Fairfax County

Five FCPS modified calendar elementary schools have a unique opportunity for you. Come and teach a fun and exciting hands-on class April 1-12, 2002. Teach your favorite hobby or skill to K-6 grade students during an intersession. All day or half day positions available. Non-certified professionals and certified teachers are welcome. Previous classes have included architecture, cooking, gymnastics, and camping, just to name a few. Call any of the following schools for information:

- Dogwood Elementary—Michelle Saville, 703-262-3147
- Franconia Elementary—Tracy Morgan, 703-971-4651
- Glen Forest Elementary—Suzette Adams, 703-578-8055
- Graham Road Elementary—Julia Santiago, 703-207-2390
- Timber Lane Elementary—Terry Corey, 703-206-5394

Mural Artist Wanted

Barbara Mancini of Mancini's restaurant on Mt. Vernon Avenue has contacted the Del Ray Artisans in search of an artist to paint a mural or whatever artistic rendering on the exterior of her building that will comply with the City of Alexandria sign ordinances. She is contacting the City to find out what the restrictions are. For information contact Barbara Mancini at 703-838-3660.

Gallery Without Walls

The watercolors of
Bob Gilbert

at Primary Properties

Del Ray Ave. (next to St Elmo's)

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

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

Adopt-A-Park Donation

Del Ray Artisans recently was rewarded with \$820 through the Alexandria Adopt-A-Park program. This is the largest contribution DRA has received since we began participating in the clean-up program after moving to the Nicholas Colosanto Center. Thank you to all of the members who have picked up the litter on the surrounding grounds, and thank you most of all to **Marlin Lord** who has spearheaded this effort since we began! ■

Welcome New Members!

Frances Mustard Ward
Anita Geffinger
Michele Reday Cook
Anne Leslie
Chris Marlowe

STOP Program

Stop Throwing Out Pollutants

Artists will be happy to know that the city of Alexandria is providing for environmentally safe disposal of oil based paints, mineral spirits, varnishes, spray can paints, photographic chemicals and many other items. They are accepting items at 3540 Wheeler Avenue every Monday 10 am - 6 pm excluding holidays. Bring products in originally labeled containers only. Proof of residency in Alexandria is required. For more info call the Office of Recycling at 703-751-5872. ■

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Kathryn calls herself a location photographer not because she shoots locations, but because she shoots on location, as opposed to shooting in a studio. Not encumbered by lots of heavy equipment and strobes, she arrives on location to photograph whatever her client's needs are in the least obtrusive manner. It could be a photographic accounting of the architecture or capturing the telling moment of a special event. Much of Kathryn's employment comes from photographing special events such as weddings, award ceremonies, and business receptions. "And of course," Kathryn remarks, "there are always the 'grip and grin' shots that businesses and associations typically need."

One significant business special event that Kathryn covered was a groundbreaking multimillion-dollar government auction attended by large cable and telecommunications companies. The assignment netted Kathryn a big payoff, with many of the participating companies wanting prints from the event.

One of the founding members of the Del Ray Artisans, Kathryn has been instrumental in organizing DRA's *Gallery Without Walls* program so that artists can showcase their work in local businesses like Primary Properties, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and Waterford PR. She also serves on the Alexandria Arts Forum and gathers monthly with local professional photographers. A very active lady, Kathryn finds that this networking is instrumental because all of her business depends on word-of-mouth. "You need to get out there and meet people in the business world," says Kathryn. "Simply advertising in the Yellow Pages didn't work for me—I got solicitors, not customers."

Calling her career a "vocation" Kathryn takes busman's holidays documenting her personal travels across the country and in southern Germany and Tuscany through photography. She regularly exhibits her photographs in shows at the Del Ray Artisans, as well as at several other art spaces in the area, including the Packard Center in Annandale, the Torpedo Factory, and the Art Barn Gallery in Washington, DC. Her fascination with photographing neon tubular lighting has revealed itself in more than a few shows. Visitors who wander to the back hall of the DRA gallery will spot her witty neon explanation of the facilities—"Vulcan" and "Sophia" are truly unique. ■

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

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

Do you wish to be placed on the email mailing list? Yes No

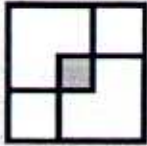
Membership Categories for One (1) Year:

Individual: \$35 Household: \$50 Corporate: \$100

Student/Senior/Disadvantaged: \$10

Please make check payable to *Del Ray Artisans*.

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2210 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301



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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 9, 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

2002

- March **For the Home—A Collaboration with Springwater Fiber Workshop, March 8-24**, Springwater curator Ann Liddle (703-548-1962 or annliddle@home.com) and DRA co-curator Debbie Mezzetta (703-560-3734 or mezzetta@aol.com). Gallery hours: Saturdays 10 am - 4:00 pm; Sundays: 12 noon - 4:00 pm
Art drop off for "New Works" Spring All Members Show*, March 25-26, 6-8 pm.
- April **"New Work" Spring All Members Show*, April 5-21**, curator Tom Nyerges (703-739-5839 or tomnyerges@aol.com)
"New Works" Spring All Members Show Opening Reception & CCP's Dance Recital, April 5, 7 pm; Dance performance at Mt Vernon Recreation Center followed by reception at DRA gallery space
- May **Student Art Show, May 10-26**, curator Linda Silk
- June **Fun & Games, June 7 - 23**, co-curators Karen Schmitz and Susan Slattery
- July **Art Camp, July 29-August 2**, coordinators Liz Martinez & Barbara Robinson ISO a volunteer with grant writing experience
- August **Bob Gilbert University Degree Show, August 16-September 1**
- September **Fall All Member Show, September 13-29**, ISO curator
- October **Reincarnations: Making Refound 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.

** The Spring All Members Show was erroneously entitled "Inspired by Movement" in previous newsletters. The Editor of this newsletter apologizes for any confusion caused by this exhibition name change.*