

## Your Input Sought for DRA BoD

Participants of the Del Ray Artisans Retreat held July 13 & 14 had lots of ideas to share and discuss for shaping the future of the organization. The Sunday "Nuts and Bolts" session of the two-day retreat focused on the many items brought up at the Saturday "Ideas and Visioning" session.

The most time was devoted to a discussion of restructuring the Board of Directors. There was general agreement on the duties of officers, which were specified in general terms. Participants also supported having each director take on an area of responsibility. Directors would be free to enlist the help of others, such as forming a committee, or could do the work themselves. The participants recommended that directors be required to attend three-quarters of scheduled board meetings.

Unresolved was whether two-three additional vice presidents should be elected, with each one overseeing directors with appropriate responsibilities, or whether this added an unnecessary level of bureaucracy. The alternative was having the directors report directly to the president. It would be the responsibility of each director to inform the president of any topic to be added to the meeting agendas.

Among the possible directorships and their duties considered:

*Programs* — workshops, demonstrations, art talks, gallery activities and art camp.

*Communications* — publicity, mar-

keting, production of a "who we are" brochure, the *Well Crafted Word*, the DRA web site, coordinated graphics.

*Membership* — maintain mailing list, welcome new members, produce directory, send out renewal notices, get update membership cards to renewing members, seek additional benefits for members (such as existing discount at Pearl Art Supplies).

*Outreach* — promote DRA in the community and region, Art on the Avenue, scholarships, participation in Earth Day, First Thursday, festivals, etc.

*Fund raising* — OffBeat Auction, sale of T-shirts and tote bags, card-making parties, special events, seeking grants and benefactors, Adopt-a-Park.

*Facilities* — maintenance and upgrading of the Colasanto Center, exterior landscaping and gardening, signage, lighting, computer maintenance, cleaning.

*Volunteers* — the need for fresh faces in the volunteer cadre was seen as the motivation for a position devoted solely to the recruitment and "care and feeding" of volunteers. This director would coordinate with the director in charge of membership to quickly contact new members who have indicated an interest in volunteering. Adding categories of volunteer jobs to the membership application was advocated. The director would schedule volunteers for DRA events—exclusive of gallery-sitting, which is the responsibility of show participants—and look into special perks for volunteers.

Duties of officers were also discussed:

*President* — create agenda, conduct meetings, serve as liaison with board members, represent DRA in the community and at other events and meetings, or delegate other representatives.

*Vice President* — share duties of president, conduct meetings in president's absence.

*Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer* — keep accounts, prepare financial reports, handle Internal Revenue Service matters, collect and open mail to receive membership applications, payments and bills and forward other mail appropriately. Forward membership information to appropriate board members.

*Secretary* — keep minutes of board meetings, keep corporate records, update bylaws, handle correspondence.

The need for directors to serve as Historian/Architect and Curators' Coordinator were discussed. The group wanted to discuss future OffBeat Auctions and alternate meeting formats but was prevented by time constraints.

If you are interested in running for the board, please consider which of the above committees you are willing to head up. Nominations will be held at the August 13th general meeting (you can nominate yourself) and the vote will be taken at the September meeting. Any questions regarding this proposal can be addressed at the August general meeting. ■

## Robert Gilbert's Watercolor Exhibition

If you want something different and exciting to do on Friday night, the 16th of August, then go to the Del Ray Artisans' Gallery. **Robert Gilbert**, a well-known artist from Alexandria is exhibiting over 60 watercolor paintings. A reception will be held from 5:30 until 8:00 PM on Friday and his work will be on display through September 1st. Gallery hours are Saturday from 10 to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 12 to 4:00 pm. Come during gallery hours and enjoy Gilbert's watercolor demonstrations. The Gallery is located at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center at the corner of Commonwealth Ave. and Mt. Vernon Ave. in the Del Ray neighborhood. The

address is 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Gilbert's subjects range from landscapes to seascapes and from boats to the city at night. His colors range from bright sunny days on the Chesapeake to somber downtown night scenes. Most of his scenes come from the Mid Atlantic area, with several from around Alexandria and the Potomac River.

He has a flair for painting simple subjects in a loose and free style. His paintings would probably be categorized as impressionist or realistic, but whatever you call them you will like them.

Gilbert has been painting in the local area for about three years. He is a member of the Del Ray Artisans, the Alexandria Art League, and the Capitol Hill Art Workshop. His work has been shown in numerous galleries throughout the greater metropolitan area.

It is unique for the Del Ray Artisans Gallery to be dedicated to one artist with such a large number of paintings and such a variety of subjects. You are strongly encouraged to visit the Gallery whenever you can. You will thoroughly enjoy yourself. All of Gilbert's paintings are for sale and his prices are very reasonable. ■

## Call For Entries

The Fall All-Member Show is almost here. We will be accepting artwork on Friday September 6th (6:00-10:00 pm) and Saturday September 7th (noon-4:00 pm) at the Nicholas Colasanto Center.

There is no theme for this show and all member works are welcome. There is no fee to enter, but all participating artists will need to gallery sit or help with the reception, so please bring your calendar with you when you drop off your artwork.

All pieces must be for sale and ready to hang or display. Due to space limitations, some submissions may not be selected for the show. Artwork not selected for the show must be picked up on Sunday September 8th.

For more information, email **Alison Sigethy** at [alisok@yahoo.com](mailto:alisok@yahoo.com). ■

## Welcome New Members!

Samatha Lentz  
Louise Massoud  
Rob Rudick  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Greenbaum  
Cindy Silberblatt  
Patricia Figliola

### 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

#### 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



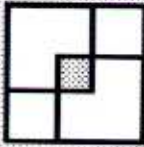
P.O. Box 2826 Alexandria, Virginia 22301 703-683-3100

## *A Multicultural Arts Festival*

### **“Art on the Avenue”** Exhibitor GUIDELINES, 2002

- 1) All arts and crafts **must be handmade**. The Festival Committee shall have the right to remove any items on display that day which do not meet this requirement.
- 2) Set-up will start at 7:30 AM – Festival opens at 10:00 AM and runs until 6:00 PM. Breakdown must be completed by 7:00 PM.
- 3) Booth size is 10 feet by 10 feet. You cannot go out into the street more than ten feet from the curb.
- 4) Exhibitors can provide their own table and chairs or rent them from “Art on the Avenue”. (See sign up sheet for costs and ordering.)
- 5) Volunteer Block Captains will answer questions and assist vendors as needed throughout the day.
- 6) Each exhibitor is personally responsible for the collection and reporting of Virginia Sales Tax (4.5%).
- 7) “Art on the Avenue” draws a lot of families with small children and pets. Please keep this in mind as you set up your display. You are responsible for protecting your merchandise.
- 8) The “Art on the Avenue” Committee is not responsible for loss, theft or injury incurred by any vendor.
- 9) No more than two exhibitors can apply for and share a space. One person should be designated as the contact.
- 10) Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area presentable and clean. Trash must be picked up.
- 11) Festival is held rain or shine.
- 12) Each registered artist/craftsperson will receive 50 “Art on the Avenue” postcards to mail to their customers.
- 13) If you have any special needs, please detail on your sign up sheet.
- 14) Space assignments will be made the day before the event. We try to accommodate special requests.
- 15) If you are interested in demonstrating your craft during the festival please indicate this on your sign up form.

For more information, contact “Art on the Avenue” at 703-683-3100.



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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, August 13, 7PM*  
 at DRA Gallery Space  
 Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

All members are encouraged to attend.

**Officers and Board of Directors**

**President**  
 vacant

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 Renee Niver 703.721.1937

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**DRA Calendar**

**2002**

- August **First Thursday, August 1, 6:00-9:00 PM.** Gallery open to the public for sneak peek of the ArtCamp exhibit.  
**ArtCamp Open House, Friday, August 2, 4:00-7:00 PM.**  
**Card-Making Party, Sunday, August 4, 2:30-5:30 PM.** Contact Leslie Wilder (703-549-189).  
**Nominations for Board Elections, August 13, 7:00 PM**  
**Watercolors of the Northeast by Bob Gilbert, August 16-September 1**
- September **Fall All Member Show, September 13-29,** curator Alison Sigethy (703-683-9624 or alisok@yahoo.com)
- October **Art on the Avenue, October 5**  
**Reincarnations: Making Refound Objects into Art, October 11-27,** curators Marie Niemberger (703-683-2514) & L'Tonya Tobin (703-739-0424)
- November **Seasons, November 8-24,** curators Sue Kulesher (703-684-7688) & Vivienne Lukacs (703-979-8996)
- December **Holiday Show and Sale, December 7,** limited vendor space due to the small venue—Vendors on a 1st call basis. Contact Liz Martinez 703-567-3760 or catniphaze@comcast.net  
**A Tribute to All Things Magical, December 13-29,** curator Sarah Pearson (703-535-5522)

**2003**

- March **Springwater Fiber Arts and the DRA Collaboration, March 7 - 23.** Springwater Fiber co-curator Julie Geschwind 703-768-3897 or jgeschwind@cox.net is searching for a Del Ray Artisan co-curator. Anyone interested, please contact Julie as soon as possible.
- April **Spring All Member Show, April 4 - 20.** ISO a curator.
- May **6th Annual Student Art Show, May 9 - 25.** Curator Linda Silk.
- June **The Quilt Show, June 7 - 22.** For information contact Becky Heavener 703-683-1544.  
**Art Camp Monday June 23 - June 27**  
**June 28th + Auction Preparations**

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