

A Tribute to All Things Magical

Exhibit December 13 - 29, 2002

Show Opening, Friday, December 13,
2002 (7 PM - midnight)

Winter Solstice Party, Saturday,
December 21, 2002 (8 PM - midnight)

What makes something magical? According to curator Sarah Pearson of the upcoming show "A Tribute to All Things Magical", it is the power within that helps us see unlimited possibilities—beyond the mundane, beyond the obvious, beyond the ordinary. It is an ability to inspire, to illuminate, to smolder with intrigue, to be breathless with mystery, to love, and to sparkle, not just spark. To be magical is to be living acutely aware of your surroundings, to have a curious mind, to be open to seeing the unseen and alert to the shifting time and space around us.

"People in Washington need a little magic in their lives. It's no surprise that in a year of frustrating foreign policy and depressed economy, our policy-driven crew in Washington is dragging," says Pearson, a policy wonk by day. The show was inspired by Pearson's need for something extraordinary for the holiday season. "I don't know about others, but I suspect we're all suffering from the same 'dis-ease'

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The Del Ray Artisans' October Exhibit is "Seasoned" to Perfection

The Del Ray Artisans presents "Seasons", an exhibit of 2-D and 3-D works by DRA members and other Washington metropolitan area artists. The exhibit opens on Friday, November 8, 2002 with a reception to be held from 7:00 to 10:00PM. The exhibit closes on Sunday, November 24, 2002. The opening reception is free and open to the public.

The exhibit showcases works interpreting the many nuances of the theme of seasons. Curators Sue Kulesher and Vivienne Lukacs asked artists to submit work that reflected their ideas about seasons: the seasons in nature, the seasons of a person's life or seasonal holidays or activities. Events determined by the natural passing of the seasons, such as Spring planting or Fall harvest, are also featured.

Gallery hours are Saturdays 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Sundays noon to 4:00PM. ■

Attention All Members —

Our Hats Off to You!

First General Membership Kick-Off Event

Tuesday, November 19th

7:30 — 9:30pm

DRA Gallery



A Special Welcome to New Members from our wonderful family of DRA Members.

- Meet our new board and see old friends
- Learn what's new and exciting at DRA
- Let's hear from you—how DRA can help you expand your vision
- Plenty of food and drink

Come wearing a favorite—or silly—hat (lampshades are acceptable) If you come hatless, we'll have extras!

Bring a guest who would like to have fun and learn more about DRA! ■

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with the world around us. I felt that I needed to be refreshed by surrounding myself with artists who have explored the magical element. Seeing the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings movies reminded me to take a break from the routine and reflect on the magic that exists all around me. In the changes of the seasons, there is such beauty and natural magic that happens everyday—and we miss it because we've got our noses to the grindstone. This show should serve to grab the observer and challenge them see the world in a different way. The other four curators, Amy Wilson, Sharon Brooker, Donna Carter, and goldsmith David Martin, aka the magical posse, also hope to introduce a collection of original art work that goes beyond the average exhibit. Artists were asked to submit, along with their work, an art statement describing what makes their piece(s) magical. It should be an education for all involved, especially those who visit the exhibit.

Artwork submitted to this juried show falls into one of five categories: magical beings, magical beasts, magical places, magical symbols and tools, and magical words and music. We have opened it up to all types of art, including performing art such as dance, poetry, and music, two- and three-dimensional art, jewelry, stained glass, sculpture, photography, fashion, and functional art. The show is juried and every piece of original art work is for sale or a similar piece available for commission.

"Tribute" is an inclusive art show and exhibit that seeks to entertain, explore and inform the Washington metropolitan individual about the often overlooked magical world around us. In the month of December when our sunlight hours are fleeting and darkness grows, "Tribute" will light up imaginations and push one's creative Muses to get moving.

For more information, please contact Sarah Pearson at spearson@aypf.org. ■

The 8th Annual DRA Holiday Show and Sale

Art (n): Creative or imaginative activity and the works that result from this creativity.

Shopping (v): The act of purchasing merchandise.

The result of combining this one noun with this one verb is the Del Ray Artisan's 8th Annual Holiday Show and Sale. On Saturday, December 7, 2002 from 9AM to 4PM, the DRA Gallery (The Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA.) will be filled with 16 Artisans and their exquisite artwork...all of which is perfect for unique, one of a kind gifts. The artistic mediums represented are far-reaching: from crocheted sweaters to glass mosaics; from fused glass jewelry to polaroid transfers; from handcrafted paper products to wood turned bottle stoppers; from watercolors to traditional photography. We have some returning favorites and some new

friends for you to become acquainted with.

While one doesn't really need a reason to purchase beautiful things, the Holiday Show and Sale is conveniently being held on the first Saturday of December...so you can get everyone on your Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwaanza, New Year, and all of the other holidays gift lists, presents they'll cherish.

Remember to mark your calendar and visit the DRA Holiday Show and Sale. Some Del Ray Artisans members will also be vendors at the Lyons Park Community Center at 414 N. Filmore Street, Arlington, on the same day. So make a day of it shopping and supporting your fellow artists! ■

Dear Del Ray Artisans Adopt-a-Parkers,

We have no one scheduled to help pick up litter in our gallery grounds for Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17 and Nov 24.

I will be out of town starting the 25th so would appreciate it if I could hear from volunteers for the above dates ASAP. We have done so well to this point, so please help out.

It just takes 20 minutes to a half hour and we can earn up to \$960 and we pick up litter, cans, glass and bottles, etc. from the Tennis Court and Pool fences north to the intersection of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenue from gutter to gutter.

It is looking pretty clean and so it shouldn't take a lot of effort. We pick up around the Center and the bus shelter but those are not included in the inspections.

Inspections are on Mondays, so Sunday is the best but if you can only do it Saturday, it is better than nothing.

Thank you,
Marlin G. Lord

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

Gallery Without Walls

The artwork of
Rob Delehanty

Adams National Bank
1604 17th St NW
DC 20036

November 1-30
with an artist reception on Friday
November 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Artists: Remember, there are exhibit opportunities outside of a traditional gallery. For information about Galleries Without Walls, call or e-mail Kathryn Brown at 703-549-5227 or nconkanb@aol.com. You are invited to call the following Del Ray area 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! ■

Welcome New Members!

Kathleen Beery
Rebecca Ermer Buczek
Kim Caprio
Orkendell Ford
Mitchell Helbrecht
Paige Ireland
Zachary Androus Kleftis
Molly McCammon
Sidney Platt
James Song
Christopher Wright

Announcements

Call for Entries—Single artist exhibits in 2003

Fisher Gallery at the Schlesinger Center
Length of shows, approx 6 weeks

All media

Deadline for application: 11/15/02, 5PM

slide submission with application

Add'l info: Leslie White, 703.845.6156
or lwhite@nvcc.edu

"Treasures Reclaimed"

Springwater Fiber Workshop/DRA
Collaborative Show. March 7 - 23.

Curators: from SFW, Julie Geschwind (703-768-3897 or jgeschwind@cox.net) and Joanna Roussis (703-281-0527 or jroussis1@cox.net); from DRA, Shelly Harris (703-549-1247; wh277@nyu.edu).

FIMO Alert

A full report on the potential health risks associated with ingredients found in FIMO modeling clay, check out <http://toysafety.net>

People-People Needed

DRA is looking to fill two positions on the Board of Directors: the *Membership Chair* and the *Outreach Chair*. Both positions is vital to the lifeblood of the organization. Interested parties should contact Susan Downs Slattery at 703.922.7290; or summerh@erols.com

Liz Martinez is having trouble with her email (catniphaze@comcast.net). Until the problem gets fixed, please email her at catniphaze@yahoo.com. She apologizes for the inconvenience of lost email queries and thanks everyone for their patience.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE:

General Membership Meeting
November 19
then quarterly on
3rd Tues from Jan. 03
Monthly board meetings on
2nd Tues (all welcome)

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

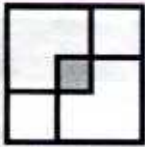
Membership Categories for One (1) Year:

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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DRA Calendar

2002

November **Seasons, November 8-24**, curators Sue Kulesher (703-684-7688; Suck@erols.com) & Vivienne Lukacs (703-979-8996)

December **Holiday Show and Sale, December 7**, Vendor space is full. 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; spearson@aypf.org)

2003

January **Make New Friends and Keep the Old—One is Silver and the Other's Gold All-Member Show, January 10-26th** curators Karen Schmitz (703)836-0035 and Michele Reday Cook (703)548-2273 or enders@erols.com

General Membership meeting and program, Jan 21st 7:30-9:30pm

February **"Hearts" fundraiser and show**

March **Springwater Fiber Arts and the DRA Collaboration, March 7 - 23.** Springwater Fiber co-curator Julie Geschwind 703-768-3897 or jgeschwind@cox.net ; Del Ray Artisan co-curator Shelly Harris (703)549-1247 or wh277@nyu.edu.

April **Spring All Member Show, April 4 - 20.** ISO a curator.

May **6th Annual Student Art Show, May 9 - 25.** Curator Linda Silk.

June **Q&A QUILT ART, June 7 - 22.** Exhibit collaborates with DRA small 3D works and jewelry. Information—Becky Heavner (703)683-1544 or becky@beckyheavner.com

June 28th + Auction Preparations

July **Art Camp, July 7-11**

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.

Arts Resource Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public membership organization formed to create and support community-based arts organizations and promote the arts as a resource for community development. **Del Ray Artisans** is a community arts group featuring two- and three-dimensional works of decorative and functional art and fine crafts through exhibits, lectures, and instructional classes in the community. **Del Ray Artisans** is funded, managed, and operated by **Arts Resource Foundation**.