

The Well Crafted Word

Del Ray Artisans
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January 2003

February 7th RED Fundraiser

Get "RED-dy" to dance and bid the night away at the **RED Party and Silent Auction Fundraiser on Friday, February 7th, 8:00-midnight** at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery! Admission is \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Make a (paid) reservation now! Contact Jen Chappell at delrayred@aol.com or call her at 703.765.1510. We expect this to be a SRO event.

Rockin' Rockabilly-swing band entertainment by '52 Pickup will break it down and help you shake it loose while you enjoy champagne, desserts and a coffee bar.

Get in the spirit of Valentine's Day. This fundraiser, exhibit and raffle will feature Valentine, RED-themed artwork, a silent auction of donated, artist-generated

pieces or a wooden heart specially decorated by DRA members or "celebrity" guest artists.

There also will be a RED Bucket Raffle of wonderful donated prizes (kayak trip for 2, concert & theatre tickets, music CDs, black & white photographic portrait, and much more).

Attendees receive one raffle ticket at the time of admission. Additional tickets may be purchased during the evening.

Do not miss this RED-hot opportunity to buy a unique decorated heart for your Valentine and show your support for the Del Ray Artisans' community arts programs-all while having a fabulous evening of fun. Wear RED!

A Sparkling Showcase begins our 11th Year

Start off a brand new year with the Del Ray Artisan's all-member "Make New Friends and Keep Old, One is Silver and the Other's Gold" exhibit. It's a razzle-dazzle showcase of DRA's sparkling member artists and their talents. The exhibit opens on Friday, January 10th with a reception to be held from 7:00-10:00 PM.

Plan to be there for the "retro moment" of the evening when DRA songbirds will sing the show's title theme in tribute to the Girl Scouts of America's 90th year and the Artisan's 11th year of "Celebrating the Art of Making." The exhibit closes on Sunday, January 26th.

DRA's ever-growing membership inspired curators **Karen Schmitz** and **Michele Reday Cook** to create an exhibit that focuses on both new and established members. Not only will their

artwork be exhibited, but the members themselves will be "in the spotlight". Karen and Michele want to give equal time to artists AND their work. The curators' designation of participating members as either "silver" (members of less than one year) or "gold" (members of more than one year) and a display of the artists' profiles (and photographs) next to each piece of work does just that. In a twist on the traditional gallery setting **Make New Friends'** visitors as well as DRA members have the opportunity to get to know the artists behind the artwork.

Gallery hours: Saturdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Sundays noon-4:00 PM

For information, contact: Karen Schmitz or Michele Reday Cook. Their contact information is on page 4 in the Directors listing.



...a razzle-dazzle exhibit of new and established members' works

Contributors this month include: Shelly Harris, Susan Slattery, Sarah Pearson, Dave Nicholson
Edited by: Dave Nicholson
Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (1/20 for Feb letter)
email to: fbphotog@yahoo.com

...sign up now to decorate a heart and save \$10 on your admission

Artists-get discounted admission to the RED party

DRA members can get one discounted admission to the RED party by signing up to decorate a wooden heart that will be sold during the RED Silent Auction on February 7th. Sign up now and get one admission for \$5, not the regular \$15.

For the RED show you may submit up to 2 original art works in person on Friday, January 31st (6:30-8:30 PM) or Saturday, February 1st (10:00 AM -3:00 PM) at the DRA Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.

All 2-D and 3-D or multi-media are welcome. Free your mind and let your creativity fly.

Completed Silent Auction heart donations must be dropped at the Gallery no later than February 1st.

Call for entry forms are available at the Gallery or contact **Susan Slattery** at summerh@erols.com

Your Just Desserts at the General Member Event

All are welcome to come out for the sweetest night of January. Interested in Strawberry Shortcake, Key Lime Pie, Better-than-sex Brownies, Killer Pecan Pie, Fresh fruit and Cheese ?

This event is free to all members. Of course, donations to the Artisans are always appreciated.

Our next General Member meeting is just around the corner. So come out with your sweet tooth...and loose pants.

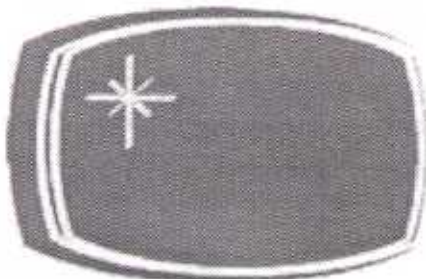
January 21st, 7:30-9:30 PM at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery at 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria VA.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 10-26, Make New Friends and Keep Old Show-All Members Show
- Jan.12, Valentine Card Making Party at the Gallery-1:00-4:00 PM
- Jan. 21, Just Desserts-General Membership Event-7:30-9:30 PM
- Feb. 7, RED Fundraiser, 8:00-midnight
- Feb. 7-23, RED Exhibit
- Mar. 7-23,Treasures Reclaimed-Collaboration with Springwater Fiber Workshop
- Apr. 4-20, Spring All Members Show
- May 9-25, 6th Annual Student Art Show

Valentine card making party -Noon-4:00 PM

January 12th at the Gallery RSVP: Debbie Mezzetta via e-mail at mezzetta@aol.com or leave a message @ 703-650-3734



Are you a lonesome TV tonite?

WANTED: Five small, (7" to 15") cable-ready color televisions to borrow for the first week of February. Your underappreciated TV would have a starring role in a video installation at the RED fundraiser.

It will come back to you physically undamaged, but feeling only slightly overexposed.

Contact **Shelly Harris** at wh277@nyu.edu or 703.549.1247

Membersviews

Here is your chance, once again, to shout out what you would like the Del Ray Artisans to provide. More shows? Individual exhibition opportunities? Classes? We have many; many fine artists and quite a number have expressed an interest and willingness to conduct classes. Let us know what you are thinking!

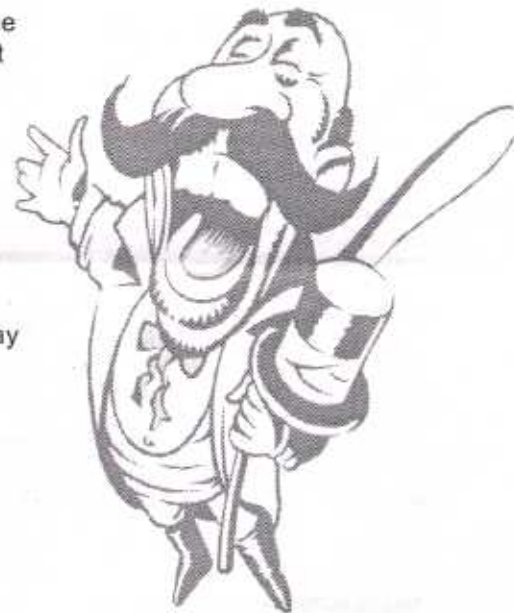
Already there have been members who have asked about the following classes:

- drawing/painting sessions with live models
- alternative photography, such as, Polaroid transfers, manipulated SX-70 prints
- watercolor classes.

It's easy to let us know your thoughts. You may email or call any member of the Executive Board that is listed on the last page. You may also leave your comments for **Dave Nicholson** at 703.578.6471 or at f8photog@yahoo.com.

Would you like to receive *The Well Crafted Word* via email rather than from you person-in-blue?

We value your input. This is your Del Ray Artisans. Make it all it can be.



Enchanting... Mystical...Magical

The December Tribute to All Things Magical was billed as a journey among magical beasts, beings, tools and symbols, words and music.

With another SRO turnout there was plenty of magic in the air on opening night. Tibetan bells, hand-quilted Batik, poetry, and a bellydancer were mingled

with the 2D and 3D works that allowed guests to reflect on the magic that exists all around.

To see a selection of photographs taken during the opening night celebrations go to www.netdecide.com/art/index.htm

Non Profits in Need of Funding Help

In many areas of our lives we are seeing fall-out from the current economic climate. *The Washington Post* recently reported, "Much of the positive work that takes place in the Washington area is...through nonprofit organizations...that rely on the financial goodwill of the community."

Non-profits also are going to feel the pain as funding for grants is cut by both local and state governments. This will impact how the Del Ray Artisans continues to

operate unless solutions are found to replace what could be a significant reduction in grant monies.

Please support the Del Ray Artisans by making a tax-deductable donation, participating in our fundraisers, like the RED gala, and dropping a few \$\$s in our collection box when you come to an opening.

It is the life-blood of your community arts organization, the Del Ray Artisans.

"area (nonprofits) need support more than ever"

*The Washington Post,
December 12, 2002*

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Grant Proposal-Alexandria Commission for the Arts

The Del Ray Artisans submitted the Operational Grant proposal to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts in November. We were able to apply for an amount equal to 20% of our 2001-2002 expenses, roughly equaling \$6,500.00. Grant review takes two paths, accepted or not accepted. The proposals that are accepted then are further qualified to receive either full or partial funding by the Commission. The Commission recommendations are forwarded to the

City Council for a vote. At any point in this process the amount requested may be reduced.

As special thanks to the following people who spent many, many hours preparing the content, double-checking data, creating the physical document, getting it copied (we must submit 17 copies) and finally delivering the Proposal before the deadline: **Susan Slattery, Marlin Lord, Kathryn Brown, Dave Nicholson.**

Membership form

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____
I am interested in volunteering yes ___ no ___
This is a membership renewal yes ___ no ___
Membership dues: individual-\$35, household-\$50, corporate-\$100, student/senior/disabled-\$10
Make payment payable to Del Ray Artisans and mail with this form to:
Del Ray Artisans Attn:Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22301

About Our Organization...

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 that provides them to the community through exhibits, lectures and instructional classes. **Del Ray Artisans** is funded, managed and operated by **Arts Resource Foundation**.

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