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Art/Book Fair is Coming

DRA's first Art/Book Fair will take place Saturday, April 19th, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the outdoor ball field area of Mt. Vernon Elementary School. The field is located between the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center (2701 Commonwealth Avenue) and the Del Ray Artisans' gallery space.

This free event will feature multiple art forms including visual arts workshops for children and storytellers along with dramatic, musical and dance performances. Food will be available for purchase and there will be a free drawing for gift baskets of books, CDs and other items. Coupons will be distributed for free books, and more! DRA and Trilogy Group (Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, the Duncan Library, and the Mt. Vernon Elementary School) have come together to address the growing gap between the primarily English-speaking community of Del Ray and our Hispanic neighbors in Arlandria by inviting children and their parents to attend a day particularly designed with them in mind. Reading

and literacy are the focus, and the unique USBORN series of books, written in Spanish, will be for sale at the fair. DRA is promoting the performing arts in conjunction with various "hands on", interactive activities planned for children. With Art/Book, we hope to foster a sense of inclusion and bonding in the artistically rich Del Ray community.

Offering a festive atmosphere and a lively, inviting display of art, music, and dance programs throughout the day, the Art/Book Fair is open to children throughout the community. Local artists, musicians, dancers and television producers will present their particular art forms. Following each performance or demonstration, the artists will conduct a question and answer session with the audience. For more information, contact **Pat Parkinson** at 703.548.8486 or ppparkinson@yahoo.com.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Recreation Center's gymnasium.

The Art/Book Fair is April 19th. Volunteer to help make this another Del Ray Artisans' hit!

Another Big Thank You

The Del Ray Artisans send a appreciative thank you to **William D. (Bill) Euille** for his very generous \$500 contribution to this year's Art Camp Fund.

It is through such additional donations that DRA is able to sponsor this exciting and fun week of art classes for local youth as well as offer tuition-free scholarships to deserving students.

Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshop

Mark your calendar and see the enclosed notice for the Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshop and show.

This is a chance to study under one of

the recognized stars of this fascinating art form.

Contact **Vivienne Lukacs** at viv703@msn.com or 703.979.8976.

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May Blooms with the 6th Annual Student Show



This May, the Del Ray Artisans once again host the annual Student Art Show. This marks the sixth year that the Del Ray Artisans have sponsored this exhibition that showcases art work by students enrolled in four Alexandria City public schools. Curator, **Linda Silk**, who founded the exhibition in 1998, coordinates with the art faculty of Minnie Howard School, F.C. Hammond Middle School, George Washington Middle School and T.C. Williams High School to bring their students art work out of the classroom and into public view.

Nurturing new and developing talent is an intrinsic part of Del Ray Artisans' mission. Our continued support of this project, and Linda's dedication to the artists of the future, has helped this show grow to the size that it now exhibits the

output of nearly 200 young artists from grades 6 through 12. Each year the art work is exuberant, edgy and enlightening. It also offers an interesting glimpse into the psyche of today's youth.

The opening reception for the 6th Annual Student Art Show will be held on May 7th from 7:00-9:30PM. During the reception, the Del Ray Artisans will announce this year's winner of the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship.

The show runs through May 25th.

Future DRA Curators: Garner some experience in how to hang a show! Contact curator, Linda Silk, at lmsilk@aol.com or call 703.533.7689 to sign up to assist in hanging the Student Show. Linda expects to hang as many as 300 pieces in 2 days!!!

2003 Calendar of Events



Apr. 4 - 20	<i>Spring All Members Show</i>
Apr. 8	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
April 19	<i>ArtBook Fair Festival-organizer Pat Parkinson 703.548.8486</i>
April 24 - 28	<i>Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshop-Vivienne Lukacs 703.979.8976</i>
May 7 - 25	<i>6th Annual Student Art Show-curator Linda Silk 703.533.7689</i>
May 13	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
June 5	<i>Del Ray neighborhood's First Thursday-Quilt Show preview</i>
June 6 - 22	<i>Quilt Show-curator Becky Heavner 703.683.1544</i>
June 10	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
July 3	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday (6:00-9:00 PM)</i>
July 7 - 11	<i>6th Annual Art Camp-organizer Michele Reday Cook 703.548.2273</i>
July 8	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
July 15	General Member Event (7:30 PM)
Aug. 7	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday (6:00-9:00 PM)</i>
Aug. 12	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Sept. 5 - 21	<i>Fall All Members Show</i>
Sept. 13-14	<i>ACVA's Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Oct. 3 - 26	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show-curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323</i>
Oct. 4	<i>Art on the Avenue (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)</i>
Oct. 14	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Oct. 21	General Member Event (7:30 PM)
Nov. 7-xx	<i>Washington Wood Workers Guild Collaboration-curator Solon Candage</i>
Nov. 11	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Dec. 6	<i>Holiday Craft Sale (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)</i>
Dec. 9	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)

Member Exhibiting at Potomac Yard

DRA has a continuing collaboration with the Barnes & Noble bookstore located at Potomac Yards on Route 1. Check out the latest DRA member exhibit that showcases the work of **Lauren Supina**.

Her show of black & white photographs is titled, *Solitude*, and runs from April 1st through May 31st. Mention to the store manager how much you enjoy the works.

Del Ray Artisans Make a Donation

George Washington Middle School recently received a donation of art supplies from DRA matched by a generous contribution from member **Linda Silk**. Silk, who performs yeoman's duties as the Student Show curator,

checked with GW's art department, then purchased three figurative drawing reference books, six wood mannequins and a case of high-quality pastel paper. Looks like GW students will be doing figure drawing soon!

...supporting GW Middle School's art department with a donation

All-Member April Show-Younger Than Springtime

The Choreographers Collaboration Project (CCP) and the Del Ray Artisans (DRA) will present an open rehearsal dance performance on Friday, April 4th, at 7:00 PM at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria. In conjunction with this performance is the opening reception for DRA's "Younger Than Springtime" all-member show, (7:00 – 10:00 PM) at the Nicholas Colasanto Center.

The Choreographers Collaboration Project is a non-profit modern dance company founded in 1998 by **Mary Jo**

Smet and Janet Stormes. The company collaborates with artists and musicians in order to introduce modern dance to individuals across generations, cultures, and artistic media and provides high-quality dance performances to the entire community. CCP and DRA have collaborated since 1999 with an annual evening event that showcases both dance and the visual arts.

The all-member, all media "Younger Than Springtime" exhibit features members' new work and will be on display through Saturday, April 19th.

How Euro Can You Be?

A new "perk" for DRA members is coming! On order are Euro-inspired, white oval stickers with which you can proudly display your devotion to DRA. The "look" is similar to the OBX or MOAB stickers seen on the rear of vehicles around town.

The stickers will be available at no cost to all members - limit one per member. Extras will be sold to the public for a nominal fee.

Stay tuned and we'll let you know when they arrive. Yet another reason to attend a Board or General Meeting!



No General Member Meeting on April 15th

OK, let's admit it...April is a very busy month for us personally and DRA-wise. There are many exciting activities planned starting with the Spring All-Member show that kicks off April 4th.

So instead of a separate General Member meeting on the 15th, y'all are invited to drop in (as always) on the Board Meeting on the 8th. Start time is 7:30PM.

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R U iner'ested??

Calling All Sidewalk Artists. Create promotional sidewalk art in DC for a new restaurant site. The gig would involve some artistic design and would take one week each month during April, May and June.

The artist would do a different location in DC each day of the week to promote the restaurant. Pay is \$30-40 per location.

Contact Dimple at parfive@msn.com or 703.759.6553.

June is Quilt-time?!?

It absolutely is when you see the incredible display of quilts that will be on view at this show. See curator **Becky Heavner's** Call for entry for further

details about this upcoming exhibit.

Featured will be quilts by "Q & A" and small, 3-D works by DRA, members.

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**.