



The Well Crafted

Del Ray Artisans
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August 2003

World of Elements for August

Traditionally, when thinking of "elements," the four elements: earth, air, wind and fire come to mind. For this summer show, we're following yet another tradition, a Del Ray Artisans' tradition of asking artists to expand their thinking and think outside the box: Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, the weather, your community, friends, family, business and beliefs... their world, our world— any world!

Come and join us as we celebrate VISION—the elements of your life, our life— ALL life! For more information, contact curator

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- August 7th, 6-9 PM ~ First Thursday
- August 8, 7-10 PM ~ Opening Reception
- August 9th - 24th ~ Weekends only: Sats 10 AM-4 PM / Suns. noon-4 PM

Board of Directors Elections Scheduled

Board elections are being scheduled. If you would like to run for a position, please contact Martin Angebrannt at 2angebranntds@comcast.net. Below are the position descriptions and current office-holder. Unless noted, each person IS standing for re-election.

EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT (Officer) Susan Downs Slattery

*Run Meetings / agenda *Liaison
*Represent DRA *Attend city (etc.) meetings as requested *Coordinate communications between board members

VICE PRESIDENT (Officer) Jen Whitman Chappell

*Shares duties of the president

SECRETARY (Officer) L'Tonya Tobin

*Corporate records *Minutes *By laws
*Correspondences

TREASURER AND ASST. TREASURER (Officers) Marlin Lord, Kathryn Brown (Asst.)

*Keeping accounts *Monthly Financial reports
*Incorporation maintenance *Taxes *Account receivable / payable *Mail *Lease

BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS:

CURATOR COORDINATOR currently open

*Assist Gallery Coordinator in finding curators T-shirts, etc. *Train & assist curators *Maintain Curator's Manuals

FACILITY nomination pending

*Building maintenance / upgrades
*Exterior / landscaping (Garden committee)
*Computer maintenance *Signage, lighting
*Cleaning, monthly painting maintenance

COMMUNICATIONS Dave Nicholson

*Press Releases *Newsletter *Website content
*Graphics (Visual identity) *Marketing/Brochure

FUNDRAISING currently open

*Special events for fundraising *T-shirts, etc.
*Benefactors / donors *Adopt-a-Park
*Card making parties
*Grants and Endowments

GALLERY COORDINATOR Karen Schmitz

Gallery shows & coordination
 Liaison with curators Responsible gallery activities calendar

MEMBERSHIP Doris Lockard

*Maintenance mailing lists
*Welcoming new members/cards
*Renewal notices/cards *Member statistics / demographics *Benefits definitions *Recruitment
*Directory
*Levels of membership

OUTREACH nomination pending

*Promotion in community / region *Art on the Avenue *Gallery Without Walls *Earth Day *1st Thursday *Festivals *Scholarships/endowments

PROGRAMS nomination pending

*Workshops *Demonstrations *Art talks *Classes
*Art camp

VOLUNTEERS Vivienne Lukacs

*Recruitment *Coordinating
*Scheduling *Appreciation / Perks
*Maintain Volunteer list

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST nomination pending
COMMUNITY/CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE nomination pending

Contributors this month include:
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Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (8/20 for September)
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Fall Members Show-Shake the Leaves Off the Trees

A fresh crisp breeze will be in the air as the Del Ray Artisans prepare to show off its members' creative talents with an opening reception Friday, September 5th, 7:00-10:00 PM, with a First Thursday preview on the 4th from 6:00-9:00 PM.

As one of our unique members benefit, all participating artists may have up to three works displayed. We will welcome the beginning of an exciting new season. New member/photographer, **Lauren Supina**, 703.462.2034, is the curator for this show.

T-Shirt Design Stars Needed

Yes folks, it's that time again. DRA is seeking your cool, innovative and FUN designs for the next DRA T-shirt. Shirts typically have a design on both the front and back. Both 2-color and 4-color designs will be considered. You never

know-YOUR design could win. Rock the Avenue with an exciting new look! Submit your entry as soon as possible to be considered. Contact **Dave Nicholson**, f8photog@yahoo.com regarding submissions.



T-Shirts Awaaaaaaaay !

AND in conjunction with the above, have we got a deal for you! Dog Days Special T-shirt and a tote for \$15.

Sign up for a new membership and get a shirt for \$5 additional. Ya gotta have these!

Call for Entries

Washington Wood 2003 at the Gallery from Nov. 7th-30th. Deadline for application and slides/photos of original works is September 29th.

Eligible works: original works in wood such as furniture, marquetry, turnings, toys, boxes, carvings and sculpture. See enclosed call for entry.

2003 Calendar of Events



Aug. 7	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Aug. 7-23	<i>The World of Elements Show</i> curator- Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
Aug. 12	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Sept. 4	First Thursday preview of Members Show
Sept. 5 - 21	<i>Fall All Members Show</i> , curator- Laren Supina 703.462.2034
Sept. 9	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Sept. 13 -14	ACVA's <i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Oct. 3 - 26	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> -curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
Oct. 4	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
Oct. 14	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Oct. 21	General Member Event (7:30 PM)
Nov. 7-23	<i>Washington Wood Workers Guild Collaboration</i> -curator Solon Candage 202.244.3510
Nov. 11	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Dec. 6	<i>Holiday Craft Sale</i> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 9	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Jan. x 2004	Board Meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Feb. x 2004	Desert Island Gaugans-curator Linda Silk

Creative Challenge Announced--We dare you to participate

If you were stranded on a desert island for four months with nothing more than a motley assortment of found objects, how would you pass the time artfully?

Who would be your muse? Friday or Wilson?

That is the question being posed by show curator **Linda Silk**. She is challenging artists to think, and be creative, outside the routine.

The challenge will begin in September and will conclude in January. An exhibition of the results of this challenge will be held in February, 2004.

Artists are challenged to create a piece (or multiple pieces) of art using ONLY the materials in a **grab bag** provided by the curator. With the exception of adding water, artists cannot use any tools, brushes, paint, glue, etc. not found in their **grab bags**.

The contents of each grab bag will not be revealed prior to the artist selecting a bag. No cheating or your art submission will be rejected. Grab bags will be ready for distribution at the opening night reception of the All Member show in September.

Come on, take the dare!

Our Continuing Sponsors

Again our thanks to our DRA Mt. Vernon Avenue business supporters, **Royce Flowers** and **Radio Del Ray**.

Also **Steve Crossett** and **Randy Allen** for that web-thingy they do so well.

In Search of Good Technique-Art on the Avenue Demonstrators Needed

Share your skill with the masses who descend on Del Ray for this annual art extravaganza. All techniques are needed so reserve a 45 minute slot now. Artists who

will have their own booth may do demos there rather than at the "official" demo site.

Sign-up NOW! contact **Mart Larson** at 703.836.0413 or mmlars@aol.com

Pool Party & General Membership Meeting

DRA Members held their first ever Pool Party and BBQ on July 11, followed by a general membership meeting. It was a great evening for swimming, with the Colasanto pool available just for us! Almost 40 members met to socialize, swim and eat hot dogs with all the fixings, washed down with drinks-a-plenty.

Board members reported on recent news and decisions of interest. As elections for officers and open board positions are coming up, each board member gave a brief description of their activities.

As ideas were exchanged and enthusiasm grew, **Programs Chair, Michele Reday Cook**, divided the large group into half a dozen smaller groups tasked with developing ideas on the general themes of "Benefits of Membership in DRA, Ways to Increase Participation Among Members and **Developing our Art**". Each group discussed these in different ways, but all the groups

generated terrific ideas-everything from T shirt design, to mentoring young artists, to new activities surrounding our gallery events—just to name a few.

Enthusiasm was high, and members noted that in addition to being great fun, the evening was also very productive. What more could you ask for?

Many thanks to all who made this evening possible—the **City of Alexandria** and **Brian Banner** for use of the pool, **Marlin Lord** and **Roy Wright** for the grills; **Vivienne Lukacs** and **Karen Schmitz** for all the set up and décor; and to those who made a number of "emergency" trips to the store during the afternoon and evening; and last but not least, thanks to the board members who tried to call every one of you, and most of all to everyone who attended and made this a memorable evening!

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September=Celebrations of the Arts in Alexandria

Alexandria Festival of the Arts

September 13 and 14

Go to website for application and info,
<http://www.artfestival.com/events/alex0903/>

Art on the Avenue

October 6

Info at www.artontheavenue.org
DRA members receive a discount on their booth space.

Hot Aloha December

Curator needed for DRA's topical tropical winter show. It may be cold outside but you just know those hot Del Ray Artisans are going to be jammin' and hangin' 10 when the surf's up on the Avenue.

Help make this brite-colored theme a showcase for islands, vacations and aloha sizzle. Aloha means hello, too!

Contact **Karen Schmitz** at 703.836.0035 or schmityk@yahoo.com with ideas and your volunteer spirit.

Membership form

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone:(E) _____ (D) _____
Email: _____
I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____
I will volunteer for : _____ gallery sitting ___ fundraising ___ phoning ___ clean-up ___ show hanging ___ exhibits planning ___ teaching a class ___ curating/co-curating ___ just about anything, contact me ___
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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