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April 2004

Conceal/Reveal show

March featured one of DRA's popular collaborative shows, the return to the Colasanto Center of Springwater Fiber Workshop pieces as well as works by several DRA members.

The show was an eclectic mix of homey pieces, fanciful departures on a recognizable theme and outright fantasy. *The Gazette* newspaper ran a full-page color feature on the show.

Springtime show blooms in April

April in Paris resoundingly is NOT how it is sung about in the tune, "April in Paris". But you can take it to the bank that DRA's April Members Show will sparkle and shine with many newly created pieces in this bi-annual show by and for members only.

This year Lillian Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald Fine Arts and curator of the galleries at

the NIH and HHS, honors us by jurying the show. Additionally, she is an exhibit specialist at the U.S. Botanical Gardens.

The opening reception is Friday, April 9th from 7:00-10:00 PM. The show runs through April 25th.



Oh my, oh my, the Fun 'n Games2 we'll have

Can you just STAND it? Remember the times we had at the first DRA Fun 'n Games event in 2002? The mile-high chapeaux worn by the curators? The face painting, the music, the grab bags, the photo ops and the neon?

Well we're baaaaack! Yep, Fun 'n Games2 rolls its carnival tent into town on June 4th, with a pre-opening viewing on the 3rd, and a 6-week long run. We need artists to make sure there are plenty of new works for this longest running show of the DRA year.

See the enclosed call for entry for specifics.

Keep in mind that the last one of these shindigs brought huge crowds to the opening and a high visitor count during the run of the show. Uummm, can we say sales potential?

Questions, contact **Jen Chappell**, 703.765.1510, jchappell@fsc.com, **Susan Slattery**, 703.922.7290, summerh@erols.com or **Dave Nicholson**, f8photog@yahoo.com, 703.578.6471

Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery**, **Jen Chappell**, **Kathryn Brown** and **Dave Nicholson**.

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Alexandria Commission for the Arts Gala

A Spring Gala to mark the 20th Anniversary of Alexandria Commission for the Arts is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 6:30PM at the Hilton Mark Center.

The program will feature live music as well as an exciting array of visual presentations retrospective of two decades of fostering

artistic excellence in Alexandria. Only 250 tickets are available at \$60/person. Reservations can be made by calling 703.838.6348. All proceeds derived from ticket sales, corporate sponsorships and contributions will benefit the Commission's arts education and public art programs.

Support the Arts.....buy our “stuff”



It's official!! We now have our very own store. We can use the money; plus you'll be unbelievably cool sporting your very own DRA-logo items.

Many items, such as a messenger bag or tile coaster, are available. Get something for yourself, someone you love or just to support DRA's fantastic programs.

Go to the store and look at the latest DRA-sloganed merchandise, featuring the winning entry by DRA member, **Christopher Wright**.

Special grand opening prices range from \$6.50 to \$26.99, for a limited time only. Visit www.cafepress.com/delrayartisans to see all the exciting items for sale.

2004 Calendar of Events



April 9-25	<i>Spring All Member Show</i> , curator-Lillian Fitzgerald
Apr. 13	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
May 6	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Student Art Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
May 7-23	<i>Student Art Show</i> / curator- Linda Silk 703.533.7689
May 8	Spring Art Sale (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) Contact Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
May 11	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 3	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Fun 'n Games 2 Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Jun. 4-Jul. 18	<i>Fun 'n Games 2</i> / curators- J. Chappell, S. Slattery, D. Nicholson
Jun. 8	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 15	DRA General Meeting & Game Night (7:30 PM)
July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM)
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 26-30	<i>Art Camp</i> / L'Tonya Tobin , camp director LDTobin@ByLTonya.com Still needed are art teachers.
August 5	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00 PM)
August 6-29	OPEN – CURATOR NEEDED
August 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 17	DRA General Meeting & Pool Party (6:00 PM)
Sept. 4	1 st Thursday Preview of <i>Fall All Members Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Sept. 10-26	<i>Fall All Members Show</i> – CURATOR NEEDED
Oct. 1 - 24	<i>Asian Influence</i> / curator- Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
Oct. 2	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
Oct. 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 19	DRA General Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)
Oct. --	<i>Mask Fundraiser</i> / Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
Nov. 5–28	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> / curator- Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
Nov. 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Dec. 4 & 5	<u>Holiday Art & Crafts Show</u> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 11 & 12	<u>Holiday Art & Crafts Show</u> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) Contact Liz Martinez 703.548.0885 & Linda Silk
Dec 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

Adopt-A-Park efforts rewarded

A very good year was had by DRA in Alexandria's Adopt-A-Park litter cleanup program. We received a check for \$950 for our efforts in helping keep the park area around the Colasanto Center free of litter.

Thanks to everyone who participated by doing litter pick-up on Sunday afternoons. We especially want to thank **Peggy Ashbrook** for her yeoman's duty in filling so many of the slots on the schedule.

We are off and running for the new Adopt-A-Park season. The DRA Board voted to proceed and enter into an agreement for the coming season. We want to thank **Marlin Lord** for handling scheduling in previous years and for stepping up for this year. Please contact **Marlin** at 703.683.1112 or mglajia@aol.com to sign up for a weekend for this season.

We appreciate and need your support.



Show committee support needed

Help is needed for the Fun'n Games2 show as well as the October fundraiser. The planning for these is almost as much fun as the actual event. Can you think of a fun activity for the events? Come help out in the planning of these events.

Give a little of your time to help on one or both of these events. Please contact **Jen Chappell**, 703.765.1510, jchappell@fsc.com for Fun 'n Games2 or **Theresa Kulstad**, tkulstad@starpower.net for the October Mask event.

Del Ray house and garden tour docents needed

The Del Ray House and Garden tour will be on May 22nd from 11AM – 5 PM. They need volunteers to serve as docents for the houses. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and half-price ticket. Additionally, there will be a party for all of the volunteers and homeowners following the tour. Docents only serve 2-hour shifts.

this year is that the Old Town Trolley has been rented to take people around the neighborhood.

There is a lot of excitement around this year's tour. A great time has been had getting the houses together.

Fourteen houses are scheduled for the tour in addition to the Firehouse. A new addition to the

Your help is needed! Contact **Pat Miller** at pmiller@freedomanswer.net

Does it never stop?

Yes, once again! That DRA member from the Party Animal and Ocean Bird public art projects' fame is doing it again. **Debbie Mezzetta** has been commissioned by the DC Commission for the Arts for another project. And the project this time is to

bring her unique vision to one of Washington's most-loved symbols, the National Zoo's pandas. Look for the upcoming Pandamania public art project and Debbie's "Chocolate Panda" on the streets of DC this summer.

Calling woodworkers and furniture makers

One of our Del Ray neighbors has lost a large walnut tree. They would like to save some of this sentimental favorite in the form of a bookshelf or a bench.

The material available is an 8' section of the tree. Interested artisans may contact Dale Medearis at 703.549.0068 to discuss particulars and arrange to see the wood.



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Free online gallery available

There is a site on the World Wide Web where artists can post images from their portfolios for free. Artists may have hundreds of viewings and may elect to receive feedback.

Surf over to:

<http://www.renderosity.com/gallery.ez>
to view works posted.

Restrictions apply such as the limitation of posting only one image per day, pixel maximums for the main image and thumbnail images.

Further, one's images should not be larger than 72dpi, the web standard for viewing on computer screens, to prevent possible copyright infringements.

To see one DRA member's gallery, go to the site, as noted here, and use the gallery search function looking for "largeformatguy"'s portfolio.

If you have any questions on the dpi, pixel and infringement issues contact **Dave Nicholson**, f8photog@yahoo.com

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (Eve) _____ (Day) _____

Email: _____

I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____

Volunteers are needed for many positions throughout the year. We welcome both artisans and supporters to give of themselves, a few hours, to helping keep DRA a vibrant and vital part of the Alexandria community.

Please volunteer for a specific function as noted below or we'll contact you when/as needs arise. We promise to honor your generosity of time.

I will volunteer for : _____ fundraising _____ phoning _____ clean-up _____ Adopt-a-Park _____ show hanging _____ exhibits planning _____ teaching a class _____ garden 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

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