

The Well Crafted Word

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June 2004



Fun 'n Games Redux for children and adults

Inspired by humankind's eternal quest for a good time, the co-prankster-curators of the upcoming Del Ray Artisans' (DRA) summer exhibit "Fun 'n Games Redux", really meant it when they invited artists to create art and have fun doing it. The show is a chance for artists to exhibit fun and inno-vative art with equal parts of invention, giggles of pure silliness and even a touch of the darker side of toys and games.

In addition to the exhibit, which will be held June 4 – July 18 at the DRA Gallery, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria, "Fun 'n Games Redux" will feature several special events in June and July.

Thursday, June 3rd (6:00 - 9:00 PM) Exhibit Preview during Del Ray's First Thursday event, Friday, June 4th (7:00 – 10:00 PM) Opening Event featuring activities for children and adults, Thursday, July 1st (6:00 - 9:00 PM) First Thursday Dance

Performances by the **Choreographers Collaboration Project** perform Fun 'n Games-themed pieces at 7:00 & 8:00 PM, Thursday, July 15th (7:30 PM) Game Night at the Gallery.

So bring your sense of humor, and the kids. And don't leave home without your kazoos and rubber chickens! All events will be held at the gallery and are free and open to the public.

"Fun 'n Games Redux" runs through Sunday, July 18th, 2004. Gallery hours are Thursdays 7 – 9 PM, (First Thursdays 6 – 9 PM), Saturdays 10 - 4 PM and Sundays noon – 4 PM. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Susan Slattery at summerh@erols.com, 571.213.1424 or Jen Chappell at jchappell@fsco.com 703.765.1510.

Web site – www.radiodelray.com/artisans/index.html.

Michaela Murphy wins Eicher Award at Student Show

The 2004 recipient of the Ted Eichers Art Scholarship is Michaela Murphy. Her oil on canvas self-portrait narrowly edged out other strong contenders. An number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards also were made.

This year's show was the largest ever in terms of works presented by students of Alexandria's middle and high schools.

Over 400 works were set-up, hung and arranged for display by curator **Linda Silk** and a group of volunteers including, **Karen Schmitz, Elynn Ferguson, Kathryn Brown** and **Dave Nicholson**.

This was the 8th consecutive year DRA has been the sponsoring organization for this unique "young talent" show.

Reception for new Parks & Rec Director

On Sunday, April __, a reception was held for the incoming Parks and Recreation Director, **Kirk Kincannon**. The event was sponsored by DRA with support from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Arts Forum.

In addition to comments from **Mr.Kincannon**

Mayor Bill Euille and **Councilmember, Del Pepper** offered encouraging words regarding the arts in Alexandria.

Special thanks to **Edible Arrangements** for the spectacular looking and great tasting fresh fruit displays created to look like flower arrangements.

Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery, Elynn Ferguson, Doris Lockard, Linda Silk** and **Dave Nicholson**.

Many thanks to our monthly sponsors: **Royce Flowers**-the lovely arrangements seen at every opening **Radiodelray**-giving us our little corner on the world wide web

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Important membership update

Del Ray Artisans is pleased to announce three new membership categories:

Gold Corporate Sponsor at an annual membership contribution of \$500. **Silver Corporate Sponsor** at an annual membership contribution of \$250. **Friend of Del Ray Artisans** at an annual membership contribution of \$35.

Gold Corporate Sponsors receive a framed membership certificate, a special welcome gift, the monthly DRA "Well Crafted Word" newsletter, and invitations to special events and shows. **Silver Corporate Sponsors** receive a framed membership certificate, the monthly DRA "Well Crafted Word" newsletter, and invitations to special events and shows. And those joining as a **Friend of Del Ray Artisans** receive a membership card, the monthly DRA "Well Crafted Word"

newsletter, and invitations to special events and shows.

More news on the membership front: Dues - They will not be raised this year. Member Participation - Volunteering has always been an expectation of DRA membership. However, the recent low rate of volunteerism makes it necessary for the Board to enact the requirement that all non-corporate DRA members perform 10 volunteer hours annually. This small amount of time can be spread over the course of a year in a variety of ways.

On the last page of this newsletter, you will find our new Membership Form, which lists areas where volunteers are needed. Whether joining as a new member or renewing your existing membership, please do not forget to indicate how you will support Del Ray Artisans.

2004-05 Calendar of Events

June 3	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Fun 'n Games 2 Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
June 4-July 18	<i>Fun 'n Games 2</i> /curators- J. Chappell, S. Slattery, D. Nicholson
June 8	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
June 15	DRA General Meeting & Game Night (7:30 PM)
June 27	Fun 'n Games Redux cardmaking party, Noon-3:00PM, Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM)
July 10	<i>USA/City Birthday Celebration</i> (4-10:30PM) Oronoco Bay Park; Contact Linda Silk 703.533.7689 & Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 15	General Member Meeting and Game Night
July 26-30	<i>Art Camp / L'Tonya Tobin</i> , 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)
August 27-29	Board retreat
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> – Co-curators Karen Schmitz, Samantha Lentz & Doris Lockard
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. 30	<i>Mask-scare-aah Fundraiser</i> Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517 and Lynn Wyvill
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	Holiday Art & Crafts Show (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 11 & 12	Holiday Art & Crafts Show (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) Contact Liz Martinez 703.548.0885 & Linda Silk
Dec 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
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January 7-30	<i>Inspired by the Elvis</i> show, Channeling by Schmitz, Smouse, Slattery and the Memphis Mafia
January 8	<i>Elvis'70th Birthday Dance Party & Fundraiser</i>



Woo-hoo, it's in the dark

The City of Alexandria and Comcast will hold the city's first free **Outdoor Film Festival** for families on Friday, July 30; Saturday, July 31; and Sunday, Aug. 1. The event will take place at Ben Brenman Park, 5000 Duke St., Alexandria.

Films that will be shown are 'Grease' on Friday, 'Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets' on Saturday, and 'Shrek' on Sunday.

Polyethnic essay contest

Essays or artwork related to the question, "what does polyethnic mean to you?" are welcomed at polyethnic.com. The essays (1200 words or less) are to be submitted by July 4, 2004. There is no fee. Three winners will be announced August 1, 2004, each winner will receive \$1500.

Artist's opportunity

A new business scheduled to open in June at 2000-A Jeff Davis Hwy., Alexandria is called "Your Dog's Best Friend." **Scipio Garling** is in charge of finding artists to do murals for two of the rooms.

Interested artists can get a sense of the fun ambiance the company is looking for by going to www.dogsbyday.com to look at the kind of art at the D.C. location.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Gala

ACA honoree, Donna Bergheim, recognized for her many years of support for the arts in Alexandria, received an original watercolor commissioned by the ACA from DRA member, **Alice Kale**.

Alice frequently exhibits works in DRA

Member show at Goodwin House

DRA member, **Paul Zapatka**, currently has an art exhibit hanging at Goodwin House. It runs from May 3rd until June 11th at 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria.

Vendors and area restaurants will sell popcorn, homemade lemonade, and food beginning at 7 pm with a portion of the proceeds earned benefiting The Campagna Center. All movies begin at approximately 8 pm (when dark).

Families are invited to bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. Admission is free. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled. For more information, call 703.838.4800.

Anyone can submit an essay, and as many essays as they would like. The topic can be related through essay, story and artwork. All submissions are to be submitted via e-mail to essays@polyethnic.com. This contest is open to anyone in the United States. For more details visit polyethnic.com.

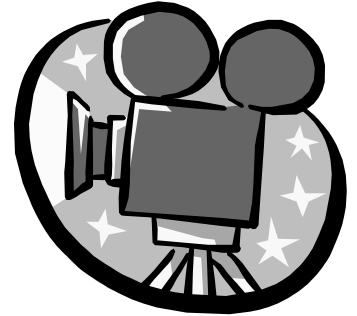
Contact **Scipio Garling** (h)202-232-7247, (w)202-986-6301, (c) 202-256-7244 or by email: scipio.garling@verizon.net.

Artists will have to negotiate their payment. He's also offering muralists an opportunity to display their other work in the business after the opening, credit for the murals on the business Web site and a link from the business Web site to artists' Web sites. There is a tight time line, so call now if interested.

shows and her charming glimpses of Del Ray are featured in the 2004 calendar issued by the Potomac West Business Association.

Alice also teaches watercolor classes and is roundly considered a "great teacher."

Ask for directions at the desk. the show is located in a hallway outside the Goodwin House cafeteria.



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Royce flower vase

If you've attended any of our openings, you not doubt have seen the lovely arrangements provided by **Royce Flowers**.

After one recent show a vase went missing. If you know the whereabouts of said vase, please contact **Marlin Lord** at 703.683.1112 or mglai@aol.com as we need to return the vase to Royce.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Title _____	Name(s) _____		
Corporation Name _____			
Address _____			
Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____	Email _____
Artist <input type="checkbox"/>	Media _____		
Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours annually. These are hours non-related to the requirements of an exhibiting artist in a DRA show, as all exhibit participants are required to gallery sit or assist with other aspects of an exhibit in which they participate. Please indicate below your areas of interest:			
COMMUNICATIONS: Mailings__ Newsletter__ Public Relations__ ; FACILITY: Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __ ; FINANCE: Grants __ ; FUNDRAISING: Solicitation __ Special Events__ ; GALLERY COORDINATOR: Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __ ; HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __ ; MEMBERSHIP: Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __ ; OUTREACH: Community Events/Activities__ ; PROGRAMS: Art Camp __ Class Instructor __ ; Member Events __ ; VOLUNTEER: Telephoning __ ; JUST ABOUT ANYTHING __			
Signature _____		Date _____	
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