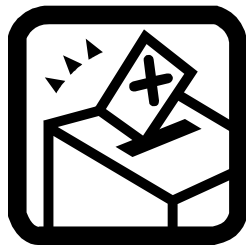


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Vote for Art

Awwwww, elections! And just in time to celebrate the nation's quadrennial hanging-chad fest. It's almost time for DRA to hold its annual Board of Directors elections. The annual elections are scheduled for the Tuesday, October 19th general meeting,

DRA is your organization and electing officers is where and how you express your wishes for the future and direction of the organization.

Nominating committee members, Jen Chappell and Karen Schmitz, are seeking nominations for the board. They will present the slate of candidates and conduct the election process on the 19th.

If you are interested in being a part of the Board, or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact: **Jen Chappell** jchappell@fsco.com or **Karen Schmitz** schmityk@yahoo.com / 703.317.9340.

Brilliant !!!

Just what HAS DRA been up to lately?

1. Presented 1st Thursday Choreographers' Collaboration Project dance performances in conjunction with *Fun 'n Games Redux*
2. Hosted Shelly A. Marshall Foundation workshop for selected art students
3. Participated in Del Ray's Salvation Army food pantry donation drive
4. Awarded Adopt-a-Park 2004 Citizen Award to member Peggy Ashbrook
5. Performed outreach at Alexandria's 255th Birthday Celebration
6. Presented Member event - Game Night and Eichers Scholarship winners' talk
7. Hosted ArtVenture participants
8. Sponsored Student Banner competition for Art on the Avenue
9. Achieved membership record of 395 members
10. Reviewed financial operations and developing procedures and guidelines

11. Created "Curating a DRA show" manual
12. Enhanced graphics "look" using professional design by a member
13. Organizing exciting new shows for 2005
14. Developing DRA website
15. Planning October Mask-scara Party and fundraiser
16. Creating new members' benefits
17. Expanded long-running, popular Holiday Craft show
18. Created ByLaws draft
19. Planning board retreat to focus on long-term goals
20. Opened e-commerce site
21. Continued beautification around gallery
22. Proposed new outdoor signage for gallery
23. Presented professional juried show
24. Sponsored 1st all-photography exhibit

And you thought things were quiet on the Avenue!

August Two-person Exhibit

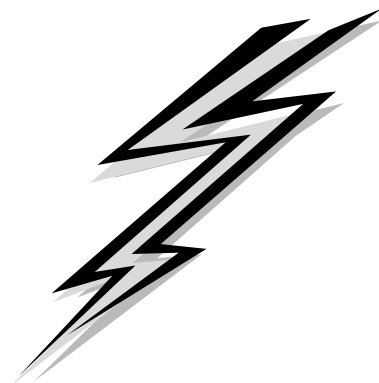
Join us at the opening of two of DRA's oldest members (no pun intended), **Kathryn Brown** and **Marlin Lord's**, exhibit. Showcased will be a wide range of their work-so don't miss this one!

An August to Treasure previews First Thursday, August 5th and runs from August 6th - 22nd. Opening reception August 6th (7-10 PM). Refreshments served.

Splashdown iced, so DRA screams for Ice Cream

The pool was cool but ice cream is cooler. Since the swimming pool is closing early this year, the annual pool party has been changed to an **Ice Cream Social**. Yummy! Plan to hang out and play a few rounds of

"Art Star Bingo" too. So join us Tuesday evening, August 17th, 7:30 PM at the gallery for all the ice cream you can eat. We'll all go down the rocky road together!

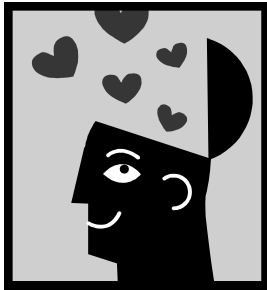


Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery, Karen Schmitz, Becky Heavner** and **Dave Nicholson**.

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

Thanks to the **Alexandria Commission for the Arts** for their continuing support.

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Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (8/20 for September)
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Our own Citizen of the Year

Tireless is the best way to describe DRA member **Peggy Ashbrook's** dogged devotion to policing the park next to the Colasanto Center.

As she cruises through the area picking up unsightly debris, helping DRA earn over \$900 annually, she's also contributing to Alexandria's beautification and providing "a beautiful gateway to the Del Ray neighborhood." (from letter of recognition

to Peggy, signed by Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair, Park & Recreation Commission.)

On July 10th Peggy was awarded the 2004 Citizen Award in a ceremony at the City's Birthday Celebration at Oronoco Bay Park. Peggy needs an occasional break and **Marlin Lord** maintains a schedule for this once-a-week duty. Please sign up by contacting Marlin at mglia@aol.com or 703.683.1112.

It's cool in Asia in October

Have you been motivated, inspired or influenced by the people and culture of the Orient? Curator **Darlene Wood-Harvey** describes the upcoming exhibit, *The Asian Influence: ThinkAsia*, as having an emphasis on Asian arts and culture.

You belong in this show if you've been influenced by "The Four Treasures" (brush, paper, water and ink) or use silk, calligraphy, woodblock printing, pottery, ceramics; or are a composer of Haiku, a Sumi-e painter, a Bonsai trainer or are a Master of the Tea Ceremony.

During the opening reception, Oct 1st, Art on the Avenue, Oct. 2nd, and First Thursday, Oct. 7th, visitors can experience the tastes, smells, sounds, and aesthetics of various Asian art forms. Included are *chanoyu*—the Japanese way of tea, origami (paper folding), instruction on how to wear a kimono and how to write the Japanese character for LOVE accompanied by Japanese and Chinese music.

Exhibit dates: October 1st-24th. Contact **Darlene Wood-Harvey** at 866.651.1128 or DWH@BWW.com

2004-05 Calendar of Events



August 5	1 st Thursday Preview of <i>An August to Treasure</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
August 6-22	<i>An August to Treasure</i> , Two-person show by Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord
August 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 17	DRA Ice Cream Social (7:30 PM)
August 27-29	Board Retreat
Sept. 2	1 st Thursday Preview of <i>Fresh for Fall</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Sept. 10-26	<i>Fresh for Fall</i> (DRA All-Member Show) – Co-curators K. Schmitz, S. Lentz & D. Lockard
Sept. 11 & 12	<i>Alexandria Festival for the Arts</i> (10:00 AM-5:00 PM)
Oct. 1 - 24	<i>ThinkAsia</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 & Board of Directors Elections (7:30 PM)
Oct. 30	<i>Mask-scara Fundraiser</i> Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517 or 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	<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 or Linda Silk 703.533.7689
Dec 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

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January 7-30	<i>Inspired by Elvis Show</i> , Channeling by Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery, Smouse and the Memphis Mafia
January 8	<i>Elvis' 70th Birthday Dance Party</i>
February	<i>House of Cards Show</i> – Curator(s) pending

Fall members' exhibit headed our your way

Fresh for Fall! Show us your colors in this all-member/all-media show. The show runs September 10th – 26th.

New curators **Doris Lockard** and **Samantha Lentz** will give the gallery a "Fresh for Fall" Feelin'. The preview-First Thursday, September 2nd (6:00-9:00 PM) and opening reception, Friday September

10th (7:00-10:00 PM), will fill the gallery with fascinating creations from all our fabulous members.

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DRA hosts Shelley A. Marshall Foundation workshop

During the Fun 'n Games Redux exhibit, DRA was pleased to be able to offer our gallery facilities to the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation. This foundation, created by Donn Marshall in memory of his wife Shelley who was killed in the Pentagon attack on 9/11, ". . . fights inhumanity by stoking the fires of humanity, by stimulating creativity and compassion in order to inspire and enrich the human spirit."

The Marshall Foundation offers high-school age students the opportunity to study and paint with various professional artists. On July 10th and 11th, a workshop was taught by Mehran Rashidfarokhy, a rising young Alexandria artist who is rapidly earning acclaim for his impressionist-inspired works.

Students received all the necessary supplies-paintbox, easel, brushes, palette, palette cups, a palette knife, canvases, brushes, and more than two dozen oil paints-as well as meals during their Summer Arts Workshop Series.

DRA Vice President **Jen Chappell** helped facilitate DRA's offering of the space to the Foundation for their classes. This outreach program helped both organizations as the Marshall Foundation donated and installed daylight-balanced light bulbs in the gallery to upgrade the existing fixtures.

To learn more about this worthwhile organization visit the foundation's website at www.shelleysfoundation.org.

Get down and dirty in the garden

Looking for a fun way to fulfill your volunteer hours? Sign up for an hour or two to weed and maintain the garden.

Many assume that a group regularly maintains the garden, but in reality, sometimes it is just a few people.

Volunteerism in the garden seems to be fading, so your help of just an hour or two can really make a difference.

You will find a sign-up clipboard in the Del Ray Artisans' kitchen or just email becky@beckyheavner.com to set up a time to garden.

ByLaws draft completed

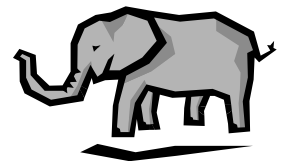
The Asiatic elephant is tops in the animal world at 760 days. But, after possibly one of the world's longest gestation periods, the DRA have a draft set of ByLaws.

This essential document has been talked about, tossed around and had fitful starts and stops for years as Board members have come and gone.

Why are ByLaws important? They are the roadmap for how an organization operates.

Starting with the Articles of Incorporation, moving to the bylaws ultimate goal is to have a set of procedures that describe and define what an organization is all about and how it goes about its business.

Many thanks to **Dave Nicholson** for pulling this together. He used seven different sources for reference. The Board now is in the process of finalizing the document.



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AOA Banner Competition

Art on the Avenue (October 2nd), is sponsoring a Banner Design Competition for student artists, one of whom will win a scholarship to Art Camp 2005. Deadline for entries is 5:00 PM Sept. 30th. Contact Kathleen Beeton 703.838.3866 or kathleen.beeton@alexandriava.gov

Mask Pick up Dates

Artists who would like to create a mask for October's *Mask-scara* event can pick up a "base face" at the gallery on the following dates:

Saturday, August 2nd - noon-4:00PM

Sunday, August 3rd - 6:00-8:00PM

Thursday, Sept 2nd - 6:00-9:00PM

Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Title _____	Name(s) _____		
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Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____	Email _____
Artist <input type="checkbox"/>	Media <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
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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