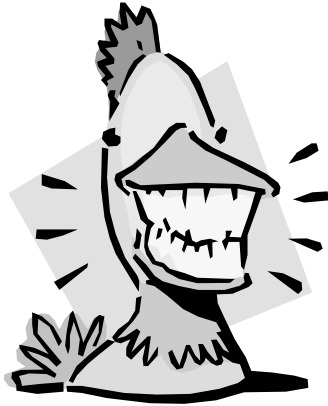


# The Well Crafted Word

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September 2004



## Fresh for Fall

The familiar sight of yellow school buses filled with fresh-faced children in their back-to-school outfits will soon be seen again. Del Ray Artisans members, fresh from-summer vacation will be back-to-the-gallery to kickoff the season with our annual, all-member show entitled *Fresh for Fall*.

Curators Doris Lockard and Karen Schmitz will have the walls of the DRA gallery bursting with the talents of its members this September. *Fresh for Fall*, DRA's annual Fall all-member exhibit, will showcase the colors of the season yet to come with new

members' work as well as seasoned DRA exhibitors. The leaves may still be green but the art will be bright and colorful with a "fresh for Fall" feeling.

Join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00PM. Gallery hours during this show will be: Thursdays 6:00–9:00 PM, Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00PM and Sundays 12:00 – 4:00 PM.

There will be a First Thursday sneak peek on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-9:00PM.

## October brings a taste of Asia

If you are skilled in traditional Asian art forms or you've found inspiration in the Orient, then this is the artistic outlet for which you have been waiting.

Curator **Darlene Wood-Harvey** takes her second curating foray to the far side of the globe with *ThinkAsia* which opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. She plans to display the vast variety of Asian art, as well as Asian-influenced art.

for this exciting exhibit showcasing the arts, people and culture of Asia. See the enclosed call for entry for details.

Also seeking artists and others willing to demonstrate traditional Asian culture-related skills in the DRA gallery during Art on the Avenue October 2.

Contact Darlene at 941.266.4430 or 703.303.4747 or e-mail: [DWH@BWW.com](mailto:DWH@BWW.com)

Artists may submit up to three original, previously unseen, Asian-related artworks

## Who said August was a sleepy month?

**Marlin Lord** and **Kathryn Brown** extend their thanks to everyone who attended the opening or visited their show *August To Treasure*.

Over 160 works were on display and thanks to purchases by patrons, DRA will receive a generous donation from the artists.

Of note, the participation by local restaurants resulted in fabulous foods being presented at the opening. Please refer to the article on page 2 to see a complete list of restaurants that participated.

When choosing a restaurant to visit, remember those who care about your community.



Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery**, **Karen Schmitz**, **Kathryn Brown** 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.

Edited by: **Dave Nicholson**  
**Submission deadline**-20<sup>th</sup> of month preceding (9/20 for October)  
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**Restaurateurs of Del Ray**



Sometimes we wonder if it's an opening with food or dinner and a show.

For the opening of the *An August to Treasure* show patrons were treated to a wonderful array of foods from local Avenue restaurants.

Please consider spending your dining dollars at any of the following: **Bombay Curry Company, Caboose Cafe, Evening Star Cafe, Los Amigos Tex-Mex Restaurante, Los Tios Grill, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Taqueria El Poblano, Thai Peppers Restaurant or Village IL Porto Ristorante.**

**General meeting, ice cream social, pool party**

Del Ray Artisans members and friends enjoyed a dip in the pool followed by a dinner of grilled hotdogs and lots of ice cream with decadent toppings and mounds of whipped cream. Also joining us were Brian Banner, head of the Alexandria City pools, and several City lifeguards who kept watch over the water-soaked.

Many thanks to Brian for letting the pool stay open a few extra days so our membership could enjoy it.

Board members, recent Board nominees and committee chairs "worked the room" letting members know about upcoming events, as many exciting things are being planned. Brian Banner is interested in coordinating some events with DRA that would take place poolside, so watch for announcements regarding Summer of '05. If you might be interested in being part of this, contact Susan Slattery at summerh@erols.com or 703.922.7290.

**2004-05 Calendar of Events**



- Sept. 2 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Preview of *Fresh for Fall* (6:00-9:00 PM)
- Sept. 10-26 *Fresh for Fall* (DRA All-Member Show) – Co-curators **K. Schmitz & D. Lockard**
- Sept. 11 & 12 *Alexandria Festival for the Arts* (10:00 AM-5:00 PM)
- Oct. 1 - 24 *ThinkAsia* – Curator **Darlene Wood-Harvey** 941.266.4430/
- Oct. 2 *Art on the Avenue* (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 *Mask-scara Fundraiser* Contact **Theresa Kulstad** 703.283.0399.
- Nov. 5–28 *Del Ray Dozen Photography Show* – Curator **Rob Rudick** 301.270.2323
- Nov. 9 Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
- Dec. 4 & 5 *Holiday Art & Craft Show* (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
- Dec. 11 & 12 *Holiday Art & Craft Show* (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) Contact **Liz Martinez** at 703.901.1308 or **Linda Silk** 703.533.7689
- Dec 14 Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

**2005**

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

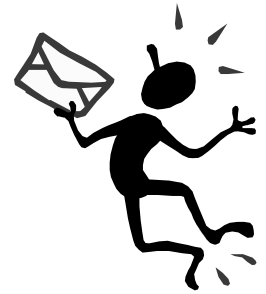
## Alexandria Commission for the Arts grant award

Notice has been received that DRA has been awarded an Operational Grant by the City of Alexandria in the amount of \$7,700 for fiscal year 2004-05.

Our sincere thanks to the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of the Del Ray Artisans.

This year's award represents 100% of the amount applied for in our application. Successful grant applications may be funded between 10-100% of the amount requested.

The funds will allow DRA to continue to offer Del Ray, Alexandria and the community-at-large, diverse, interesting, fun and educational exhibits, performances and classes.



## The Spirits are Stirring. . .

The vision for Mask-scara is crystallizing as plans are coming together for another amazing celebration at Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Many hands are at work creating one-of-a-kind Mask Art for our first Halloween fundraiser set for Saturday Night October 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM – midnight. 30th. Theme baskets will be part of the Trick or Treat Raffle. Over the next few weeks you can get involved by gleaning

just the right treats to fulfill someone's Halloween fantasy. We're looking for gggoblins to complete starter baskets around such moods as "Ragin' Cajun" "Dinner & A Movie" "Cafe Ole" "Spa-in-a-Basket"...you get the picture. Who ya gonna call . . . to adopt a basket?  
**Theresa Kulstad** 703.283.0399 or tkulstad@starpower.net

## Fall for the Arts - Festival of the Arts & Art on the Avenue

Volunteers are needed for the Festival of the Arts, September 11 and 12 in Old Town. Contact **Debbie Anderson** 703.838.4343 or [Debbie.Anderson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Debbie.Anderson@alexandriava.gov) Volunteers will work in 3-hour shifts; assisting with vehicular and pedestrian traffic control, serving as greeters and

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Avenue in Del Ray, Saturday, October 2, also needs volunteers. Join a fun-loving group of volunteers who have made this community event the success it is today! Contact **Pat Miller** at [pmiller@freedomanswer.net](mailto:pmiller@freedomanswer.net).

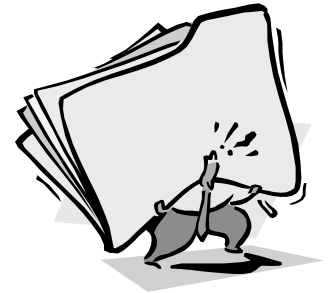
## Review of DRA financial records

The Board of Directors, at its July meeting, voted to begin an annual financial review of DRA records.

Board President, **Susan Slattery**, appointed a three-member panel to meet with the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer to review the financial operations of DRA.

The panel, **Linda Silk, Karen Schmitz** and **Dave Nicholson**, reviewed all aspects of DRA's financial operation and issued a report to the Board.

Recommendations on improving how expenses are recorded and reported were made. The Treasurers are to implement these changes immediately.



## All-media Salon 2004

The Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive in Arlington, is holding a juried all-media exhibition for artists who live, work or maintain studios in Arlington County. Up to three submissions of two and three-dimensional artwork in all media may be submitted for judging.

Jurors are Jayme McLellan and Victoria Reis, co-Founders and co-Directors of Transformer, a DC-based non-profit visual arts organization.

Drop-off is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional info available at 703.228.7710.

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## Lending library

Did you know that DRA has a small lending library? There are a number of books on the arts and technique that may be checked out for use. Next time you're in the gallery, ask to be directed to the library area.

## Walk to fight Breast Cancer

Alexandria's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer needs YOU! Volunteers are being sought to assist with this event which will be held at Cameron Run Regional Park Saturday, October 23. Contact the Alexandria Office on Women 703.838.5030 for more information.

## Join DRA as an artist or supporter

<b>MEMBERSHIP FORM</b>		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 _____		
<b>Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA</b> , I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of <b>10 volunteer hours</b> 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:			
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> Mailings__ Newsletter__ Public Relations__; <b>FACILITY:</b> Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __; <b>FINANCE:</b> Grants __; <b>FUNDRAISING:</b> Solicitation __ Special Events __;			
<b>GALLERY COORDINATOR:</b> Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __;			
<b>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:</b> Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; <b>OUTREACH:</b> Community Events/Activities __;			
<b>PROGRAMS:</b> Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; <b>VOLUNTEER:</b> Telephoning __;			
<b>JUST ABOUT ANYTHING</b> __			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<b>Dues:</b> Gold Corporate \$500__; Silver Corporate \$250__; Friend of DRA \$35__;			
Individual \$35__; Household \$50__; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10__. Dues payable to <b>DEL RAY ARTISANS</b> and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn.: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.			

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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