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January 2005

Elvis Birthday Dance Party-Saturday, January 8th

ALOHA ELVIS! Get your tiki on with the Del Ray Artisans, Saturday, January 8th, 2005, 8 PM to midnight!

It's a Birthday Dance Party and Art Exhibit (Jan. 8-30) honoring the King's 70th to be held at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria (703.838.4827), featuring the swingin' tunes of The Hula Monsters. Check out their site, <http://www.hulamonsters.com>

Admission is \$15 at the door (no advance ticket sales), and includes the live music and a spread of tempting, tropical fare. Along with the great artwork and entertainment, guests may choose to enjoy world-famous Mai Tais concocted by Master of Mixology David Chan and his wife, Anna, former owners of The Honolulu Restaurant which sadly closed in the Spring of 2004. David and Anna will be

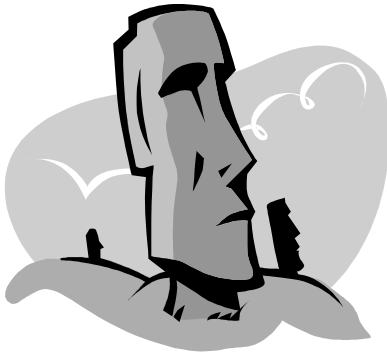
shaking it up all evening long and will also be selling their Time2Tiki merchandise, <http://www.time2tiki.com>, donating a portion of the proceeds to the Del Ray Artisans.

So banish the winter chill, put on your grass skirt or come dressed in the "Elvis Way." For more information, visit www.delrayartisans.org or contact Team Tiki at summerh@erols.com

Also, check out the latest work of web-guru, **Roy Wright**, who has made music for our ears at www.delrayartisans.org

There, under the January event tab, you will be able to hear the soothing sounds of The Hula Monsters' *Cats Island*. Yummy music for our Elvis event.

Thanks Monsters for allowing us to use this track!



Adopt-A-Family huge success

The DRA Adopt-a-Family drive got off to a very late start but finished with a huge bang. All thanks to the enormous outpouring of generosity and holiday spirit of our members and the friends of DRA.

If a little less than 14 days we collected in excess of \$768. Over \$240 came from the sales of baked goods during the Holiday Craft Show and Sale. The remainder was donated from members

and friends of DRA. Additionally, one member assembled a large basket of fruit and healthy teas.

The basket and gift checks were delivered to the designated family before Christmas with the best wishes and warm thoughts of the entire DRA family.

Special thanks to **Charlotte Corcoran**, **Theresa Kulstad**, **Linda Silk** and **Ellyn Ferguson** for their efforts.

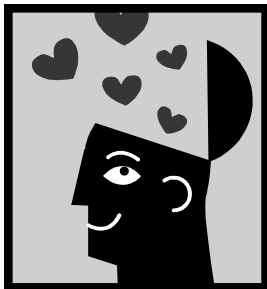
February House of Cards show

Cards Galore will be featured at the February "House Of Cards Show". The February 4th opening runs from 7:00-10:00 PM and will feature handmade cards with all the elements of imagination available. Cards are for sale until February 27.

Card making artists will use many techniques like stamping, collaging, decoupage, painting, sewing, drawing as

well as mixed media and 3D elements. Cards will be themed not just for Valentine's Day but birthdays and the popular "All Occasion".

There will be two Sunday card making parties also, January 16th & 23rd. Curator Karen Schmitz can be reached at 703-317-9340 or schmityk@yahoo.com



Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery**, **Kathryn Brown**, **Linda Silk**, **Karen Schmitz** 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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And a little something us too

Imagine our surprise when DRA was visited by Santa, albeit a little early. The big guy was lugging a super dooper new microwave; oh thank you, thank you, thank you from all the little kitchen gnomes who regularly need to use a nuker during openings.

This gift really was from **Pat Miller**, on behalf of _____. It was her/their way of thanking DRA from our past help with all things Del Ray; such as, Art on the Avenue, Salvation Army food Pantry. We appreciate the thought and the gift.

Mark your calendars and vote

A small but ~~crazed~~ dedicated group have been diligently working to complete revising and refining the draft of the ByLaws that were prepared several months ago. Meetings and discussions have ensued for months.

expected to vote on the ByLaws draft at the February Board meeting. The next step is for DRA members to vote at the General Meeting; scheduled for February 15th. We need your vote or proxy, contact Secretary, Stacy Block at 703.283.4832 or stacy@bluedotcreations.com for a proxy ballot form.

It appears the end is in sight. The Board is

Salvation Army food drive another success

Just a little self-congratulatory pat on the back for each one who made a donation to the Salvation Army food pantry drive.

A heart-felt thank you to everyone that thought of those in the community who could use a little help. We now have been the collection, drop-off site for the past two Salvation Army drives.

Again, DRA members and guests stepped up and made this another very successful endeavour.

What this says loud and clear is that DRA CARES!! Thank you, everyone.

2005 Calendar of Events



Jan. 8	<i>Elvis' 70th Birthday Dance Party</i> (8-midnight) summerh@erols.com/703.317.9340
Jan. 8-30	<i>Aloha Elvis Show</i> –Curators Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery & Smouse
Jan. 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Jan. 16 & 23	Card-making Parties (noon-4 PM) –Contact Karen Schmitz 703.317.9340
Feb. 4-27	<i>House of Cards Show</i> – Karen Schmitz schmityk@yahoo.com
Feb. 15	General Member meeting & Artists' Swap Meet (7:30 PM)
Mar. 4-26	<i>Springwater Fiber Workshop Collaboration</i> –DRA co-curator Linda Silk
Apr. 1-3	<i>12 Story</i> multi-media exhibit, preview of national show
Apr. 8-24	<i>Spring All Member Show</i> – Curators Jane DeWeerd & Leslie Wilder
May	<i>9th Annual Student Show</i> – Linda Silk
Jun.	<i>Juried Exhibit</i>
Jul.	<i>Multi-artist Invitational Exhibit</i>
Jul. 25-29	<i>Art Camp 2005</i>
Aug.	<i>Splash Exhibit</i> – Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery
Sept.	<i>Fall All Member Show</i>
Sept. 10 & 11	Alexandria Festival of the Arts
Oct. 1	Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM)
Oct. 7-30	<i>3^d Annual Del Ray Dozen Exhibit</i> – Curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
Nov. 4-27	<i>Washington Woodworkers' Guild Collaborative Show</i>
Dec. 3 & 4	Holiday Arts & Craft Sale (9 AM-4 PM)
Dec. 10 & 11	Holiday Arts & Craft Sale (9 AM-4 PM)

It's not too late for a tax deduction

As you complete your year-end tax planning, remember you have until January 31, 2005, if you wish to make a charitable donation.

You may make a donation to be used for general DRA activities or you may designate your donation to be added to our scholarship endowment fund, the Ted Eichers Memorial Scholarship Fund. In either instance you will be able to deduct the full amount of your donation on your 2004 tax return.

As DRA enters its 14th year, our commitment to our community continues to grow and expand. Read about our support for the Salvation Army food pantry and our first ever Adopt-A-Family drive elsewhere in this issue. These are sponsorships and do not use any DRA funds, only donations from caring members.

This is in addition to our sponsorship of the childrens' summer ArtCamp, ongoing art exhibits, special sponsorships, like the

Call for entries-photographers

The Ellipse Photo Show arrives January 20th and runs through February 26th.

Call for Entries are due January 4th and are to be delivered in person to: The Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington VA 22203 along with a \$15 entry fee.

Art & Mentoring Program seeks artists

SOHO: Space of Her Own serves at-risk, low-income girls, ages 12-16. It is an art and mentoring program, based on the television show, *Trading Spaces*. Girls and mentors together attend workshops in art and design and then work together to remodel girls' bedrooms.

A one-year commitment to mentoring is required, as is a criminal background check and attendance at three mentor orientation sessions. Workshops are held Tuesday evenings Feb.15-April 26, 5:30-8:00 PM. Remodeling weekends are generally a lot of hard work.

March "Art by the Yard" call for entries

Check out the Art by the Yard call for entries insert. This show is a collaboration of DRA with the Springwater Fiber Workshop.

Shelley A. Marshall Foundation and multiple collaborations with other Alexandria, Virginia and/or regional arts groups.

Together, with your financial support, we have continued to be a fresh voice for the arts as well as a conduit for educating and entertaining not only gallery visitors but the community as a whole.

A very much appreciated donation of \$500 was received during the howlingly successful Mask-scara event from Annandale patrons. Additionally, an anonymous donation has been received for a 2nd year for the Eichers endowment fund.

Please make your contribution payable to Del Ray Artisans and indicate whether it is for general operations or the Eichers endowment fund. Postmarks must be made by January 31, 2005, to qualify for your 2004 returns.

Exhibition is open to all amateur or professional photographers in Virginia, Maryland, DC, or West Virginia.

A total of \$1,500, in the form of three \$500 Juror's Choice Awards will be presented. Further info available at 703.228.7710.

Depending on the conditions of the rooms and the organizational skills of individual mentors, rooms can take up to 30 hours to complete.

If you are interested, simply show up at the first orientation meeting (6:00-8:00 PM, a light dinner is served) on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 to be held at The Art League Annex (corner of Duke & Union Streets in Old Town). For more information, contact Program Coordinator, Linda Odell, 703.838.4144. Attending the meeting does not oblige you to participate.

There will be Judge's Awards plus additional awards presented

Contact **Linda Silk** at 703.533.7689 or **Randy Scheessele** at 703.535.6510..



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Credit Union news alert

Be looking for a mailing from Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union that will describe services available to Del Ray Artisans members. Credit Unions are not open to the public so these services

are only available to DRA members. If you do not receive this mailing, please let us know by e-mailing or calling the Treasurers (see contact info on the sidebar on this page).

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 _____
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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 _____	
Dues: Gold Corporate \$500 ___; Silver Corporate \$250 ___; Friend of DRA \$35 ___; Individual \$35 ___; Household \$50 ___; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10 ___ Dues payable to DEL RAY ARTISANS and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn.: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.			

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