

# The Well Crafted Word

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February 2005

## Your vote is needed....come to the swap meet too!

As we mentioned in last month's *Well Crafted Word* the ByLaws that have been under development are now ready for members' approval. Please either mail a proxy vote, see the last page for the form, or plan to attend this very important meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30PM.

It is necessary to have sufficient votes to form a quorum and allow the voting to proceed. Without your vote or in-person attendance the voting can not take place. PLEASE, please either mail your vote or stop by the Gallery on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

And to tease and entice you to attend we've cooked up another fabulous swap meet. Back by popular demand, this art swap gives everyone a chance to clean and clear out those unused or "what was I thinking" materials.

Bring your old, tired or in need of TLC art materials and swap them for some new, exciting and wow-inducing castoffs from someone else's art bin.

Vote, swap supplies, eat and be merry.

## February showcases hand-made cards

Watch as the Gallery gets transformed into a floor to ceiling showroom of one-of-kind, handmade greeting cards during the February House of Cards show. And they all are for sale. There will be a visual taste treat of cards to delight and tickle your funny bones. So plan to embrace your inner card desires with this show.

Cards covering many themes will be presented; from romantic Valentine's Day to birthdays and the ever popular "all occasion". Check out how the minds

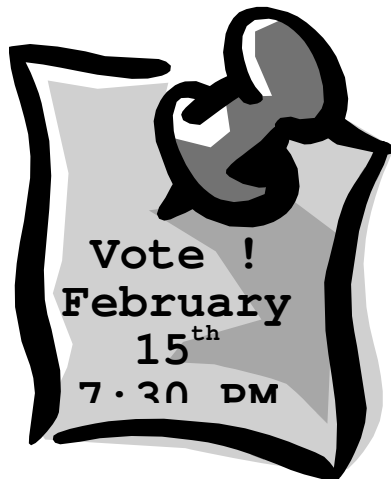
of the Del Ray Artisans function when applied to this particular artform. See samples of decoupage, rubber stamping, sewing, paper layering, hand painting, embossing and 3D work.

Curator **Karen Schmitz** has been channeling the talents of artisans to create this "hallmark" card show which runs February 4th-27th. Please stop by gallery Saturdays 10am-4pm and Sundays noon - 4pm to purchase cards for the entire year. The opening reception is Friday, February 4, 2005, 7:00-10:00 PM.

## March collaborative show

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2005 collaboration with the Springwater Fiber Workshop. The show is titled Art by the Yard and will be an interesting exploration of fabric arts from the weavers of Springwater and the Del Ray Artisans.

Artists, it is not too late to prepare an entry for this show. Drop off date is February 28. See last month's *Well Crafted Word* for the Call for Entry or contact **Linda Silk** at 703.533.7689. There will be multiple awards, including cash.



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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**Submission deadline**-20<sup>th</sup> of month preceding (2/20 for March)  
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## Peanut butter, bacon and banana sammies-NOT



What do you get when you combine fund-raising, live music, tiki libations, an art show and a birthday party for The King? Well DRA found out that you get crowds, big crowds. It was a nunui le'ale'a la hanau pa'ina (big crowded fun birthday party) and signature event.

Elvis himself couldn't have thrown a better party! The Aloha Elvis! 70th Birthday Dance Party was "the ticket" January 8th, with standing room only crowds (Thanks to great *Washington Post* coverage). Elvis-Tiki-Honolulu Restaurant fans decked out in their finest tropical attire lined up down the block.

Good thing the weather was downright balmy for January. Besides the cool art and funky tiki decor, guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, dancing to the swingin' sounds of The Hula Monsters, excellent Tiki libations mixed up by the Chans, owners of the former Honolulu Restaurant that was displaced permanently by the

new Wilson Bridge. All this plus the chance to win cool raffle and trivia prizes. Team Tiki is already talking about plans (at a larger location!) for next year's Birthday Party, so mark your calendars now. Viva Las Elvis - "Elvis Eve," Saturday, January 7, 2006. Watch the DRA website [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) and newsletter for updates.

Team Tiki - **Jen Chappell, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery and Ted Smouse** would like to thank the following people for their help in making Aloha Elvis! a big success: The Chan Family, The Hula Monsters, Edible Arrangements, The ReMix, **Charlotte Corcoran, Amy Eggers, Eilyn Ferguson, Irene Hoffman, "John and Jila," Theresa Kulstad, Katy Musser, Art Scarano, Christopher Wright**, and our "kitchen angels from PA" - Jen's mom, sis and nephew, plus all the other volunteers who helped in ways big and small. We couldn't have done it without you!

## 2005 Calendar of Events



Feb. 4-27	<i>House of Cards Show</i> – <b>Karen Schmitz</b> <a href="mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com">schmityk@yahoo.com</a>
Feb. 15	General Member meeting & Artists' Swap Meet (7:30 PM)
Mar. 4-26	<i>Springwater Fiber Workshop Collaboration</i> –DRA co-curator <b>Linda Silk</b>
Apr. 1-3	<i>12 Story</i> multi-media exhibit, preview of national show
Apr. 8-24	<i>Spring All Member Show</i> – Curators <b>Jane DeWeerd &amp; Leslie Wilder</b>
May	<i>9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Show</i> – <b>Linda Silk</b>
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> – <b>Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery</b>
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<sup>rd</sup> Annual Del Ray Dozen Exhibit</i> – Curator <b>Rob Rudick</b> 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)

## Winter, cold, snow...and a card making party

Never doubt the intrepid nature of some artists. Despite the worst weather of the season, the Sunday after the storm saw the Gallery populated by 8 fabricators making cards and sharing frivolity. All cards were being prepared for the upcoming

House of Cards show that opens with a Friday night reception, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Make a date to see the show and bring a list of cards you'll be needing. These cards are not just for show, they are for sale also as part of DRA's fund raising efforts.



## Mural artist opportunity

The Office on Women's Domestic Violence Special Pals Program is seeking an artist (or artists) to paint a mural on the shelter's back yard fence for their playground.

If you are interested, please call Betsy Greene at 703.838.4911 or e-mail [betsy.greene@alexandriava.gov](mailto:betsy.greene@alexandriava.gov)

## Calls for Entry

A short list of upcoming exhibitions in and around the local area. Please use the contact information as noted to obtain additional information.

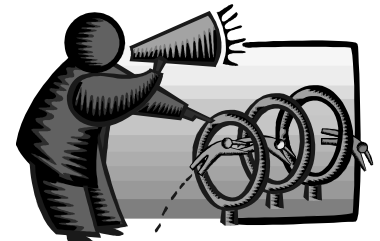
Bethesda Painting Awards  
Deadline for slide submission-March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Entry fee, \$ awards  
[www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org)

Radford University  
Deadline-April 30<sup>th</sup>  
No entry fee or \$ awards  
[www.radford.edu/~rumuseum](http://www.radford.edu/~rumuseum)

In Focus Photography  
Deadline-April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Entry fee and \$ awards  
[targetgallery@torpedofactory.org](mailto:targetgallery@torpedofactory.org)

Containers/Contained  
Deadline April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Entry fee and \$ awards  
[targetgallery@torpedofactory.org](mailto:targetgallery@torpedofactory.org)

SYNERGY  
No entry fee or \$ awards  
[www.evolvingperceptions.com](http://www.evolvingperceptions.com)



## Gallery Without Walls

Two new opportunities for members. One, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, contact **Susan Slattery** and two, The Sundae Times, a Giffords Ice Cream shop, at 2003A Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Contact the owner, Laura, in person. DRA members **Paige Ireland, Alice Kale** and **Leslie Wilder** already have shown their artwork in this location.

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# Proxy Ballot Voting Form

Ballot for members not attending the Del Ray Artisans General Meeting, February 15, 2005.

**Your Name:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**E-mail address:**

**Signature:**

Please send me a copy of the ByLaws: YES NO

Save the postage, I'll read it on the website at www.delrayartisans.org: YES NO

**PLEASE VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.**

**I support the following recommendation for the Del Ray Artisans Board of Directors.**

**The Board recommends that you approve the ByLaws of the Del Ray Artisans as drafted and approved by the Board of Directors. YES NO**

**Mail your signed Proxy form to: Stacy Block-Secretary, Del Ray Artisans, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22301.**

NOTE: Mailed Proxy Ballots must be received before 5:00 PM, February 14, 2005.

If a member prefers to deliver a Proxy Ballot form in person, but is unable to stay for the actual vote, it may be done so at the beginning of the meeting, 7:30 PM, February 15, 2005, at 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria VA 22301.

Tell us how we're doing!

What you love:

What you don't love:

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