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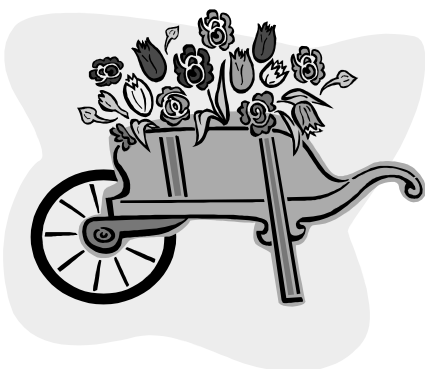
2nd Annual Spring Outdoor Art Sale

The 2nd Annual Del Ray Artisans Spring Outdoor Art Sale will be held Saturday, May 7th, (the day before Mother's Day), 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. The sale will take place in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, which adjoins the DRA gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. Twenty-two DRA members are banding together to show and sell their creations "aux pleine air."

Sale coordinator **Rob Rudick** hopes that DRA members will bring their friends and their checkbooks to support this event! It's a great opportunity to see a lot of art from a lot of artists, many of whom will offer unframed or matted work priced lower than framed pieces. The timing of the sale will also afford buyers a chance to buy one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day.

Spring Sale Artists

Beverly Aucoin-Fabric Arts
Michele Banks-Painting
Dawn Bernard-Photography
Kimberly Bush-Pottery
Michele Reday Cook-Painting
Barbara Chiminello-Painting
Charlotte Corcoran-Painted Furniture / Accessories
The Craleys-Stained Glass & Jewelry
Carol Davenport-Painting
Linda Elliff - Jewelry
Rebecca Gordon-Jewelry
Paige Ireland-Photography
Jewell Lewis-Terry-Pottery
Mike Marno-Photography
Robin Robinson-Jewelry / Accessories
Rob Rudick-Photography
Edith Graciela Sanabria-Jewelry
Lisa Schumaier-Pottery
Leah Sturgis-Jewelry
Ron Tickerhoff-Glass
Christopher Wright-Sculpture
Dick Wyvill-Painting



May General Member Meeting-Hats off to volunteers

Come and Be Appreciated at the General Member meeting, Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30PM. The theme is Volunteer Appreciation. Relax, kick back, enjoy pizza and celebrate (or pat yourself on the back) DRA's strong spirit of volunteerism!

Participate in the "Give 'n Get" (a warm, fuzzy feeling) by bringing an item to donate to the residents of Alexandria's Carpenter's

Shelter. We'll be collecting and delivering them to the shelter. See list below for their specific needs at this time:

canned tuna	canned soup,
regular ground coffee	drink mixes
condiments	kids' cereals
SpaghettiOs	dish towels
cold medicine	hairbrushes
baby food	diapers



Annual Student Show to arrive

DRA's gallery space will be filled with exciting artwork from nearly two hundred Alexandria students May 6-29. Since 1997, DRA has sponsored this exhibition of artwork by students from Minnie Howard School, F.C. Hammond Middle School, George Washington Middle School, and T.C. Williams High School.

The show, curated by **Linda Silk**, is the result of a yearlong collaboration of Alexandria's 6th-12th grade art teachers, their students and the Del Ray Artisans. It's a win-win situation: emerging artists

have an opportunity to exhibit in a public setting while the community has a chance to see what young artists are creating today. Ribbons will be awarded in a variety of media by a judging panel of professional artists.

The exhibit opening reception will be held Friday, May 6th, 7-9:30 PM. The recipient of the DRA-Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship will also be announced during the reception. A show preview will be held May 5th, during First Thursday in Del Ray (6-9:00 PM).

Contributors this month include: **Rob Rudick, Jane Deweerd, Barbara Brecher, Susan Slattery, Dave Nicholson** and **Kathryn Brown**.

Many thanks to our monthly sponsor: **Royce Flowers**-the lovely arrangements seen at every opening

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

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Bead It! Bead It! Bead It!



Bead n. 4. A small perforated body, spherical or otherwise, of glass, amber, metal, wood, etc. used as an ornament, either strung in a series to form a necklace, bracelet, etc. or sewn upon various fabrics. *Oxford English Dictionary*

Beads are coming to the DRA gallery! On June 3rd Bead it! opens with a collection of handmade beads plus wearable and non-wearable bead art. The show runs until June 26. The opening reception, June 3rd (7-10PM), will feature a demonstration of glass beadmaking!

Bead artists from around the country will be represented. This show is being sponsored by DRA along with Alexandria's Arts Afire, a nationally recognized glass gallery, representing glass and bead artists from around the world. A second sponsor is **Imagine Artwear**, a crafts

gallery in Alexandria representing the best in American crafts. The judge for this juried show is Susan P. Klauck, Director of Arts Afire Glass Gallery.

There will be a first prize of a \$100 gift certificate for each of three categories (handmade bead, wearable bead art and non wearable bead art). The certificates are from Arts Afire, Imagine Artwear, and Michaels Arts and Crafts.

Barbara Brecher, curator for the show, is excited about the prospect of having Del Ray Artisan members plus local and national bead artists represented in the gallery. If you are interested in entering work or working on the show please email Barb Brecher, barb@brecherdesign.com. Drop-off of artwork at the gallery is May 23 and 24 (5-8 PM). The Bead it! call for entry is available on-line at delrayartisans.org.

2005 Calendar of Events



May 5	First Thursday-Foods of Del Ray (6-9 PM)
May 6-29	9 th Annual Student Show – Curator Linda Silk
May 7	Spring Art Sale – Rob Rudick 301.270.2323 (10 AM-5 PM)
May 14 & 15	Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair (Sat. 1-6 PM / Sun. 10 AM-5 PM)
May 17	DRA General Meeting (7:30 PM)
Jun. 2	First Thursday-It's a Kid's Life (6-9 PM)
Jun. 10-26	Bead It! Show – Curator Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878
Jun. 5-9	Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival 703.892.2776
Jul. 7	First Thursday-Red, White & Blue (6-9 PM)
Jul.	Multi-artist Invitational Exhibit
Jul. 25-29	Art Camp 2005
Aug. 4	First Thursday-Lights, Camera and Fashion (6-9 PM)
Aug. 5-28	Splash Exhibit – Chappell, Schmitz & Slattery
Aug. 16	Annual DRA Pool Party
Sept. 1	First Thursday-How to (6-9 PM)
Sept. 9-Oct. 2	Fall All Member Show
Sept. 10 & 11	Alexandria Festival of the Arts
Sept. 25	DRA's BBQ'n for Art fundraiser – Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
Oct. 1	Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM)
Oct. 7-30	3 rd Annual Del Ray Dozen Exhibit– Curator Rob Rudick
Oct. 18	DRA General Meeting and Elections (7:30 PM)
Nov. 4-27	Washington Woodworkers' Guild Collaborative Show Co-curator Martin Angebrannt
Dec.	Holiday Arts & Craft Sale (9 AM-4 PM) – Liz Martinez & Linda Silk

Kids - Art Camp '05 is coming!

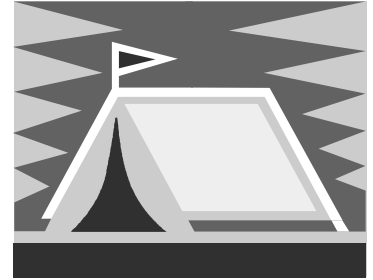
Attention all campers! Kids, explore your creativity by signing up for DRA's Art Camp. Join a group of professional instructors for a week of adventure into the coolest happenings in art! The camp is geared to youth 9-15 years old who would like to try their hand in the arts.

Art Camp runs July 25-29, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. The fee of \$250 includes all activities, supplies, lunch and afternoon snack.

Registration must be received by July 11.

DRA is committed to making this camp accessible to any child 9-15 years of age. Financial standing is not an obstacle for participation; sliding scale fees are available. Teens can also earn volunteer credit.

To inquire about fees or ask questions regarding Art Camp, contact Linda Silk at 703.838.4827.



A Summer of First Thursdays

You know summer can't be far away when First Thursdays start! First Thursdays are held the first Thursday of each month, 6-9:00 PM, through September along Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.

Businesses, along with a special venue set up in the Farmer's Market (Corner of Oxford & Mt. Vernon Avenues) parking lot, will feature music, food and other activities.

2005 First Thursday Themes

- May 5** - "Foods of Del Ray"
restaurants & businesses on the Avenue
- June 2** - "It's a Kid's Life"
children, families & friends on the Avenue
- July 7** - "Red, White & Blue"
a Nation's celebration, with pets, on the Avenue
- August 4** - "Lights, Camera, Fashion"
beauty & fashion on the Avenue
- September 1** - "How to..."
professional & service businesses on the Avenue



Spring All Member Show a Hit in Many Ways

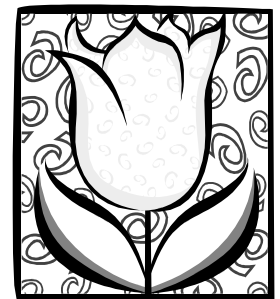
The annual spring show attracted 126 works, including drawings, fabric, ceramics, glass, models and paintings. There was an unusually large array of photographs. There was room to display 109 pieces. Curators, **Leslie Wilder** and **Jane DeWeerd**, were very pleased about the large number of submissions from new members. Five works were sold.

Volunteers **Michelle Reday Cook**, **Dick Wyvil** and **Marie Nierenberger** donated considerable time to hanging the show. Many thanks to them. Also, a very special thank you to designer **Brian Marquis** for his wonderful April postcard design.

In line with the springtime theme, two members provided excellent evening presentations. Del Ray florist **Royce Cohen** demonstrated flower arranging techniques in a variety of containers using many tools of the trade.

She demonstrated bouquets suitable for large formal gatherings, buffets and coffee tables. Royce illustrated how, with flowers and many kinds of greens, she uses color, shape and texture to design strikingly artistic creations. DRA is fortunate to be able to enjoy her floral talents at our show openings, as Royce provides us with colorful arrangements cleverly keyed to the exhibit themes.

Del Ray artist, teacher and illustrator **Alice Kale** demonstrated painting flowers from life in watercolor. She discussed key factors such as brush strokes, color mixing, composition, background and cropping. She showed examples of unusual formats which can produce interesting works. There were also examples of her portrait and local scene work, including some from her illustrations for the annual Del Ray calendar sponsored by the Potomac West Business Association.



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Funside Forum at gallery May 20th

The Del Ray Artisans gallery will host the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association's monthly Funside Forum Friday, May 20, 8:00-9:30 AM. (Please note this is a morning event.)

St. Elmo's and other restaurants will be providing some tasty treats for early risers! Come mix, mingle and help show off our gallery to our guests who haven't visited DRA before!

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
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Corporation Name _____			
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Artist <input type="checkbox"/>	Media <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
<p>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:</p> <p>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 __</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<p>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.</p>			