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SPLASH features Choreographers Collaborative Project

As the Dog Days of August nip at your heels, take the heat off and join SPLASH artists for a First Thursday exhibit preview, August 4th (6-9 PM) at the DRA gallery!

Featured will be dance performances by the Choreographers Collaborative Project at 7 and 7:45 PM. CCP will debut SPLASH-

themed pieces choreographed by CCP founder **Janet Stormes**:

"Your Attitude Towards Cuttlefish"
- performed by a group of CCP's young dancers

"Beach Ball Bully"
- performed by **Melanie Tung & Janet Stormes**,
to music by Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs.



Dive into SPLASH August 5th

The art of SPLASH (August 5-28) is as varied as the three participants' artistic sensibilities: **Jen Chappell** enjoys "making photographs of things that speak to me. Even if you dislike a photograph, I have done my job. . . I have created an emotion."

Contemporary monotype and mixed media painter **Karen Schmitz** has been experimenting with monotype techniques she refers to as IVGs, "Instant Visual Gratification." She says her "freshest work comes when I expect the unexpected."

Primarily a painter, **Susan Slattery**, has been known to work in other media, but most enjoys ". . . putting a brush filled with paint on canvas, on walls and just about any object both stationary and in motion."

The opening reception for SPLASH will be held Friday, August 5th from 7-10 PM. All are welcome.

Gallery hours:
Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM
Sundays Noon-4 PM.



1st Annual My oh My I love Pie Contest

Calling all Bakers of Pies! Step up to an exciting pastry challenge and win the first-ever *My oh My, I Love Pie Contest!* The competition is open to the public, with bakers of all ages encouraged to enter.

Please deliver your entries to the DRA gallery Tuesday, August 16th by 7:30 PM (during the Pool Party). Enter your homemade pastry artistry-be it a cream pie, fruit pie, frozen pie, pot pie, meat pie, fried pie, meringue pie, custard pie, ice cream

pie or pie in the sky-all are welcome. Entries will be judged upon a variety of criteria including overall appearance, flavor, crust quality (if applicable) and, of course, CREATIVITY!

As for the pie-craving public - are your tastebuds tingling yet? YOU could be selected to be one of three judges of this Contest! So don't be shy, here's a chance to taste some pies - come and help pick a winning entry!

Contributors this month include:
Theresa Kulstad, Jane DeWeerd, Martin Angebrannt, Vivienne Lukacs, Marlin Lord, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery, and Dave Nicholson.

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

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

Edited by: **Dave Nicholson**
Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (8/20 for September)
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More splishy ~ splashy News-Aug. 16 Pool Party

Jump In! The art and the water will be cool and refreshing at this DRA annual Pool Party, Tuesday, August 16th. The early start time (6-7:30 PM) will give you a chance to swim or dangle your tootsies before the sizzling selection of hot-doggies and summer snacks we'll be diggin' into (7:30-9:30 PM).

Members are encouraged to bring warm friends, big appetites and artistic enthusiasm.

Plan to cool by the pool, then stick around to mingle with members, pick winning pies, hear about upcoming DRA happenings and view SPLASH.

September All Members Show

Finally it's here! The much-anticipated Fall All Member Show, *Autumnal: The Measure of the Season*. Members will exhibit their recent creations, or old favorites, in any subject or media at the Friday, September 9th (7-10 PM) opening reception. Bonus -DRA art will be hanging in the gallery Saturday, October 1st during

Art on the Avenue along Mt. Vernon Avenue (10 AM-6 PM)! Hundreds of eyes will measure this season of your art that day.

First Thursday preview: September 1(6-9 PM) . Members have two evenings to drop off artwork, Sunday, August 28th and Monday, August 29th both from 6-8 PM.



DRA Board members needed

Due to serious illness and a move overseas, DRA is currently without a full complement of Board members. Among the positions open are Secretary and Membership. Filling these vacancies is critical to the smooth operation of and.

continued success of DRA. So bring your talents and enthusiasm to the table by contacting Susan Slattery at 703.922.7290 or summerh@erols.com. Here's your chance to learn about the inner workings of a successful nonprofit!

Card making party Sunday, August 7, Noon-4ish

Fellow Artisans come to the gallery for another creative jam session! Our handmade greeting cards need to be refreshed and restocked. Everyone loves to receive a handmade card, and what is more fun than to express yourself with shared art supplies as well as sharing TASTY TREATS? It's kind of a creative potluck! Lots of snacks and supplies provided, but you may bring either or both to share.

Card Party Sundays are one of the coolest ways to stir your creative soul while hanging out, sharing ideas and bonding with other members and friends. We'll have creative challenges and perhaps a demo or two to inspire you! Contact **Theresa Kulstad** at 703.283.0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net. No previous experience necessary. All you need is your imagination! And bring a friend!



2005 – 2006 Calendar of Events

Aug. 4	First Thursday-Lights, Camera & Fashion (6-9 PM) Choreographers Collaborative Project performances (7 & 7:45 PM)
Aug. 5-28	<i>SPLASH!</i> exhibit – Chappell, Schmitz & Slattery
Aug. 7	Card making party (noon-4/5 PM)
Aug. 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Aug. 16	<i>Annual DRA Pool Party</i> (6 PM) & <i>Pie Contest</i> (deliver by 7:30 PM)
Aug. 27-28	<i>Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshop</i> -Durant Center
Sept. 1	First Thursday-How to ____? (6-9 PM)
Sept. 9-Oct.1	<i>Autumnal: The Measure of the Season</i> , Fall All Member show
Sept. 10 & 11	Alexandria Festival of the Arts (Sat. 10-7 PM / Sunday 10-5 PM)
Sept. 13	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 1	Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM)
Oct. 7-30	<i>3rd Annual Del Ray Dozen</i> exhibit– curator Rob Rudick
Oct. 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 18	DRA General Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)
Nov. 4-27	<i>Washington Woodworkers' Guild Collaborative</i> show co-curator Martin Angebrannt 703.521.7703
December	<i>Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale</i> – Liz Martinez & Linda Silk
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Jan. 7	<i>VIVA Las Elvis</i> Birthday Party



Outstanding Citizen Award and DRA garden maven

Congratulations to long-time DRA member **Jane DeWeerd** who was selected by the City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission to receive the 2005 Outstanding Citizen's Award! The award was presented at the City's Birthday celebration July 9th at Oronoco Bay Park.

The Commission's award letter praised Jane's "commitment to the beautification of

the City and especially to the Del Ray Artisans." Further, the letter recognized Jane for spending "numerous volunteer hours teaching children to garden, tutoring them and driving senior citizens to appointments."

Through Jane's efforts, "the grounds around the gallery are well-maintained and provide a beautiful gateway to the Art Center."(sic)

Divas of Decoupage to host return visit

Durwin Rice, celebrated author of "The New Decoupage" and frequent guest on various HGTV shows is coming to town. The Divas of Decoupage are hosting his workshops on August 27th and 28th at the Durant Center on Cameron Street.

This is the second time Rice has visited DRA with his popular workshop. Contact **Vivienne Lukacs** 703.979.8996 or viv703@msn.com for more information. To learn more, visit Durwin Rice's website at www.durwinrice.com



"Still life, Landscape and other Perspectives" - Nov. 4-27

DRA's second collaboration with the Washington Woodworkers Guild will fill the gallery floorspace with beautiful 3-D works in November, 2005. The gallery walls won't be ignored either, as there

will be a juried DRA members' selection of artwork on display. See the enclosed Call for Entry for specifics. Questions? Contact curator **Martin Angebrandt** at 703.521.7703.

Late-breaking splishy splashy News

FireFlies Restaurant (1501 Mt. Vernon Avenue) has invited DRA artists to hang their artwork in month-long blocks in the restaurant. FireFlies is a popular place with lots of wall space where artists will get noticed! Artists deal directly with buyers in the event of a sale, as FireFlies

does not take a commission. Sign up now as the open time slots can go quickly. As of press time August was still available, though! If you're interested in a great opportunity to get your work seen around town, contact Marylisa Lichens 703.548.7200 or fireflies7200@aol.com.

2006 Cherry Blossom Festival Art Contest

The Cherry Blossom trees that surround the Tidal Basin in Washington, DC are the inspiration for the National Cherry Blossom Festival and for the 2006 National Cherry Blossom Festival Art Contest as well.

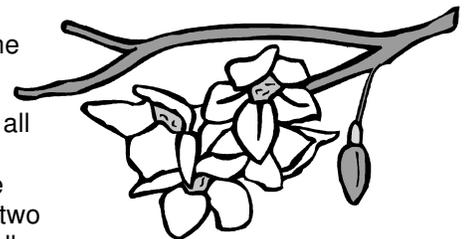
Celebrate the cross-cultural exchange between Japan and the US by entering your traditional, contemporary, impressionist, abstract or computer-generated 2D works of art. Quality of work will be the foundation of judging criteria. Artists must submit works that depict the many facets of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, including but not limited to cherry blossoms, Washington, Spring-

time and the Japanese influence on the Festival.

Qualifications: This contest is open to all artists wishing to submit an entry that adheres to the guidelines. Art must be original and completed within the last two years. Flatwork will be considered in all media except photography.

Deadline: August 31, 2005.

How to Apply: For complete information on entry procedures, please visit: <http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/cms/index.php?id=703>



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Gardeners ahoy-August 13th

August Garden Spruce-up scheduled. Sat., Aug. 13th (rain date-14th). Come out and help keep our landscaping respectable. And spend the morning with the City's 2005 Outstanding Citizen **Jane DeWeerd!** Many "regulars" are on vacation, so you're really needed! Bring trowel and clippers if you have them.

If you have questions or suggestions, call **Jane DeWeerd** at 703.548.2612. Jane mentions you're always welcome to "freelance" garden whenever you go by the garden and see something that needs attention. A big "thank you" to all our hardworking garden volunteers!

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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>			

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