



The Well Crafted Word

Del Ray Artisans
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September 2005

Autumnal-The Measure of the Season

In 1819 John Keats penned a poem called "To Autumn" which still beautifully paints this season in 2005. "...close bosom-friend of the maturing sun, Conspiring with him, To set budding more, and still more, later flowers for bees, Until they think warm days will never cease."

Or consider this short quote "Season of mist and mellow fruitfulness..." This captures the essence of the popular Fall Member Show "Autumnal" talents from September 9-October 1. The exhibit will have evening

hours on two Thursdays with First Thursday, September 1 (6-9pm) and Thursday, September 8 (6-9pm).

As a BONUS, the show has been extended to include the 10th Annual Art on the Avenue Festival Saturday, October 1st (10AM-6PM) with hundreds more eyes measuring our members' art. From noon to 4:00PM the gallery will feature free dance performances by CCP, "quick sketches" of children by Angela Maray and a hands-on workshop for making holiday gift paper and tags.

Pool Party and Pie...Waaay Cool !

Even on a rainy Tuesday with only two lone swimmers at Del Ray Artisans' annual Pool Party, August 16th, over 75 members, friends and neighbors came to the join the fun! **Marlin Lord** had the grill sizzlin' with delicious New York wieners served up with a scrumptious summer spread. There was a quiet hush as the much-coveted *My Oh My! I Love Pie* contest judges were selected. New members **John Herman** and **Norman Zalfa** and DRA Volunteer chair

Vivienne Lukacs were delighted to have the extremely "difficult" job of judging the 9 homemade pies.

1st Place: **Lilia & Bianca Lo**

"Apple Coconut with Raisins & Cranberries"

2nd Place: **Jen Chappell**

"Pecan Pie with a Yankee Twist"

3rd Place: **Eileen Powell**

"Chocolate Cream Pie"

All in all, the food was fab, members mingled and a good "pie" was had by all!

AfterSPLASH

The artists of SPLASH extend many thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success. First on the list are the **Choreographers Collaborative Project** dancers for their delightful SPLASH-themed performances on First Thursday. Secondly, without the invaluable assistance, artistic touch and expertise of the following people SPLASH wouldn't have SPLASHED at all: **Charlotte Corcoran, Brian Marquis, Roy Wright, Christopher Wright and Richard Wyvill;** AVB volunteers **Raymond Ejiofor, Reed Griffith, Martinia Rich and Zaneta Tutuh!**

The Friday opening reception was fun and ran smoothly, thanks in no small measure to reception volunteers **Colleen Sherlock,**

Sharon Reilly, Kathryn Brown, Brett Chappell, David Kosar, Marlin Lord, Tina Mullen, Ayse Ongun, Rob Rudick, Ted Smouse and Kimberly Tyler. **Royce Flowers'** amazing floral arrangement looked as though it was freshly picked from the Frida Kahlo portrait in the show. Rave reviews for goodies provided by **Theresa Kulstad** and Herman Mejias, owner of Los Tios.

A few SPLASH stats:

Silent Auction – \$310

Sales – \$2,300+

Pieces exhibited – 45 (15 per artist)

First Thursday attendance – 75

Opening attendance – 200+

Pool Party attendance – 75+

Contributors this month include:
Vivienne Lukacs, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery, Linda Silk 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.

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Creative Camping at Del Ray Artisans

From July 25th through 29th, nineteen young artists aged 11-15 camped at the Del Ray Artisans gallery, as part of DRA's annual outreach program, Art Camp. The group created an amazing collection of artwork under the tutelage of six extremely talented and patient teachers. **Dianne McClagherty** introduced them to the art of calligraphy, **Beverly Hansen** taught decoupage, Jewel Lewis-Terry taught pottery and **Charlotte Corcoran** had them stamping, stenciling and learning decorative painting techniques. **Margaret Wohler** held a nature drawing session, and **Dianne Diatz** was a bundle of energy with wire sculpture and mixed media mosaics!

Volunteers were on hand each day along with delicious lunches provided by **Caboose Cafe**. Special thanks to **Theresa Kulstad, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery**, and AVB volunteers and interns: Claudia Bruzzo, Bridget Donahue, Raymond Ejiofor, and Martinia Rich.

DRA was also very fortunate to receive some very generous financial support from several sponsors: **Alexandria Hyundai, Community Partners for Children**, DRA member **Ellyn Ferguson**, and **Jack Taylor** of **Jack Taylor Toyota**. This made it possible to offer scholarships to some of the youth who participated. Thank you all!

DRA Board members needed-Election October 18th

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

So bring your talents and enthusiasm to the table by contacting Nominating Committee members **Theresa Kulstad** (tkulstad@verizon.net) or **Vivienne Lukacs** (703.979.8996). The board will be meeting in early September to discuss current chair positions' responsibilities and the addition of new chairs.

2005 – 2006 Calendar of Events



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. 7-29	<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
Jan. 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

Call for Entries-Arlington Arts Center

DRAWING: TRADITION AND INNOVATION
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: OCTOBER 7
Exhibition Dates: November 15, 2005 to
January 7, 2006

All artists living or working in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, or Delaware are invited to enter. Drawings in any media on any kind of ground will be considered.

No size restrictions, but work must fit through a standard double doorway. Outdoor works will also be considered.

Artists may submit slides or CD, an application form, resume, and application fee. For more information or to download a prospectus, www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703.248.6800.

Adopt a Park-fulfill your volunteer commitments

We have been doing exceedingly well since the program started April 2. We have lost only a couple of points thanks to you all who have helped. We are on the final leg for this years program but we desperately need volunteers for upcoming dates.

It is an easy way to earn over \$900 for DRA. It also is a way to fulfill some of your 10 annual hours commitment to DRA. Many dates remain unfilled. Please contact **Marlin Lord** at 703.683.1112 or mgliaia@aol.com Please help out DRA and your community.

Gallery Without Walls

Interested in showing your artwork in the newest "Gallery without Walls" location - Fireflies Restaurant?

Please note that they have a new email address: marylisa.fireflies@verizon.net

Del Ray Artisans well represented

The Regional Artists Juried Exhibition will return as part of the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, September 10-11, in Old Town Alexandria. The exhibition will take place on historic Market Square, 301 King Street, in conjunction with a full lineup of artists who will perform at Market Square, the Alexandria Marina, and on the waterfront at King and Union Streets.

The Festival, which is produced by Howard Alan Events, Ltd. of Plantation, FL, and the Juried Exhibition, which is produced separately and locally, will be held Saturday, September 10, 10 am– 7 PM, and Sunday, September 11, 10 am – 5 PM. They are both free to the public and will be held rain or shine.

"The Regional Artists Juried Exhibition" is an exciting opportunity for local artists to reach a wide audience of art lovers..." said Leon Scioscia, Chair of the Alexandria Festival of the Arts planning committee and Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, which sponsors the exhibition.

Thirty-five Northern Virginia artists were selected for the exhibition. A "Best of Show" and three "Honorable Mentions" will be announced during the Festival weekend. Artwork exhibited will be available for purchase during the festival and available for pick up on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM.

Thirteen of the participating artists are Del Ray Artisans members:

Sonya Gavankar
Beverly Hilbert
Paula Lantz
Angela Maray
K. Alexa Murphy
Patrick O'Brien
Cynthia Ray
Lisa Schumaier
Laurel Stevens Lukaszewski
Elaine Thorp
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Joan Ulrich
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Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshops Rescheduled

The Durwin Rice Decoupage Workshops scheduled for August 27 and 28 were postponed. (See original announcement in the August "Well Crafted Word"). The workshops have been rescheduled for Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 at the

Durant Center. For more information, please contact Vivienne Lukacs, 703-979-8996 or viv703@msn.com.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

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Title _____	Name(s) _____		
Corporation Name _____			
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Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____	Email _____
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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