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## Springwater Fiber and DRA

The theme of this year's annual Del Ray Artisans and Springwater Fiber Workshop Collaborative Show is art for the home. "Mi Casa, Su Casa" will feature the work of artists from all levels working in a wide range of media. For those applying to be in the show, the emphasis is for the art to reflect what turns a house into a home. Entry forms are available on-line at [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

The opening reception will be held on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (7-10 pm) at the DRA gallery. The exhibit runs through Sunday, March 26.

The show will be juried with multiple prizes to be awarded at the reception.

Come create for a cause! An exciting addition to the opening will be a "Fiber-athon" which will be in full warp mode all evening. Artists from both groups will be creating wearable items to be donated to Katrina Relief or injured military and their families. For further information, contact **Randy Scheessele** at 703.535. 6510 or [randall\\_m.\\_scheessele@hud.gov](mailto:randall_m._scheessele@hud.gov)

## Name your Muse-juror's remarks & more

Juror Joe Kabriel spent several intensive hours choosing 41 works by 25 artists and awarding the following artists four Muse Equal Merit awards:

Paula Lantz "Wandering the Universe"  
Isabella Martire "Canna"  
Karen Schmitz "Begin..."  
F. Belair-Rigdon "In Between"

Mr. Kabriel shared a number of comments regarding the show with its two curators: He was very impressed with the range of media and the fact that artists exhibited a variety and depth of techniques that were "absolutely fabulous." He further stated that he looks for the following when jurying a show:

- A sense of movement with a strong kinetic energy
- Visuals that reach out and demand attention-"snaps or pops"
- Use of conventional elements, line, value, texture, shape and color
- These same elements should be combined with a personal investment from the artist to provide content or concept that is more "than a pretty picture, it should speak of something more."

During the show opening, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the music of "Hearts of Sound" transformed the gallery into a aural wonderland through the combined sounds of their hammered dulcimer, flute and harp. Curators **Richard Wyvill** and **Karen Schmitz** were delighted with the comments made by long-time member **Alice Kale**: "The show was just wonderful!"

Curator and master framer Schmitz would again like to remind DRA artists to please be aware of the framing presentation of their artwork. The framing element alone can really enhance or detract from one's work. Members can look forward to attending some framing workshops conducted by Schmitz in the future.

Special thanks to **Joe Kabriel, Brian Marquis, Hearts of Sound, Theresa Kulstad, Royce Flowers, Susan Slattery, Leslie Wilder, Christopher Wright**, and the **Alexandria Volunteer Bureau** for making the Muses of the first show of 2006 proud!

Contributors this month include:  
**Vivienne Lukacs, Laurel Lukaszewski, 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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## Clean out your closets! Artist Swap Meet & General meeting

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> is THE date for the first General Member Meeting of 2006. And . . . it's the much-anticipated return of the very popular White Elephant Art Supply Swap Meet. So let the scouring of your basements, garages, attics, closets or car trunks begin!

Delicious food and beverages will be served followed by a brief business meeting to update members on DRA happenings. Then it's on to the serious business of "swappin' till you're droppin'! So bring your "stuff" and plan on a 7:30 pm start.

### DRA adopts an art family-hurricane relief



Thanks to various efforts and resources, the Del Ray Artisans gave the gift of hope and \$1000 to The Arts, Hancock County Mississippi to support Katrina relief efforts. From shared donations and silent auction proceeds, to the Holiday Fine Art and Craft Market baked goods and ornament sale, along with some private donations, the DRA community stepped up to give fellow artisans some hope and a reminder that they have friends everywhere.

We plan to continue this effort throughout the year. If you would like to support this please earmark donations for The Arts, Hancock County, MS through the Del Ray Artisans. We thank all who participated and supported this cause in 2005. To learn more visit [www.TheArtsHancockCountyMS.com](http://www.TheArtsHancockCountyMS.com) and click on the Adopt-an-Artist applications. These were submitted by various individuals affected by Katrina, and reveal some compelling stories of loss and recovery.

### Don't miss our Open Studio nights

DRA has Still Life open studio nights Feb. 8-15. Come draw, paint, sketch to your he"arts" desire! There will be several still life set-ups to tease your creative juices. Bring your own supplies and create! See the insert in this newsletter for details. There is no fee for DRA members, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Life Drawing arrives at the gallery on President's Day weekend, Feb 18, 19 & 20, 10am – 8 pm. Multiple models will be available along with a casual atmosphere and friendly folks.

\$10/3hrs, \$20/day, \$50/weekend  
DRA members get 20% discount  
Questions? Call 703.838.4827 or email **Joan Ulrich** at [ulrichclay@aol.com](mailto:ulrichclay@aol.com)



### Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Sale coming in May

The Del Ray Artisans Spring Sale will soon be here. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (moved up one week from its previously scheduled date). The sale is held outdoors in Colasanto Park which adjoins the gallery. All members are invited to participate. Applications and full details will be included in the next newsletter.

Participants must provide their own shelter, displays, tables and chairs. A few spaces are smaller and do not require shelters. Keep the date (May 6) in mind, and finish up all those winter projects.

Send questions or inquiries to **Rob Rudick**, [robrudick@yahoo.com](mailto:robrudick@yahoo.com), 301.270.2323

### In Memory

**Doris Lockard**, former Del Ray Artisan Membership chair, dear friend and sister-in-law of longtime DRA Volunteer chair **Vivienne Lukacs**, (and sister of Viv's husband Richard), passed away peacefully January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, surrounded by her family. Vivienne wrote, "She gave it all she had by having surgery, radiation and chemotherapy but the good Lord wanted her with him. She will be cremated and her ashes buried with her mother and father in Arizona on Saturday."

the Board! We loved having her involved and will miss her greatly. Doris sure knew how to have a good time. I recall our amazement when she came to a DRA gathering on crutches (recovering from a serious injury). Well, she just didn't want to miss the fun!

Doris was one cool lady, a talented artist and had a great sense of humor. As soon as she relocated back to Alexandria after many years in living in Arizona, she immediately became a DRA member. Next thing we knew she was on

The family does not wish people to send flowers. They prefer that a donation be made to the American Cancer Society designated for PANCAN (pancreatic cancer).

Members and others are also welcome to make a donation in Doris' name to our Ted Eichers' Art Scholarship Fund.



## Virginia Commission for the Arts-grant review panelists

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is looking for grant review panelists for FY 06-07. Anyone interested will need to attend 1-2 days of meetings in late April and have read the grants prior to the meetings.

For more information see the Commission's website at [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov) or contact Peggy Baggett, Executive Director at 804.225.3132.

## 2006 Calendar of Events

January 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
January 6-29	<i>Name Your Muse</i> / <b>Juried</b> exhibit / <b>curator Richard Wyvill</b>
January 22 & 29	♥ <i>Card making Party</i> (noon-4:00 PM) / <b>Theresa Kulstad</b> 703.914.1517
February 3-4	<i>Cupid</i> ♥ event / <b>Theresa Kulstad</b> (Fri. 7-10PM) (Sat & Sun.12-5PM)
February 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
February 8-25	Art workshops / open studios / Lehman lecture/ <b>organizer Joan Ulrich</b> 703.683.3620
February 21	DRA General Meeting & White Elephant Art Supply Swap Meet (7:30 PM)
March 3-26	<i>Mi Casa, Su Casa</i> -Springwater Fiber & DRA / <b>Juried</b> / <b>curator Randy Scheessele</b>
March 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
March 20	Del Ray Citizens Association <i>Meet 'n Greet</i>
Mar. 31-Apr. 23	<i>Spring All Member Show</i>
April 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
April 21	<i>Rites of Spring Toga Party &amp; Dance</i> / <b>Corcoran, Mezzetta, Schmitz &amp; Slattery</b>
April 28-30	<i>Master's Thesis exhibit</i> - <b>Leslie Rousseau</b> 703.461.0631
May 12-28	<i>Student Art Show</i> / <b>organizer Linda Silk</b>
May 6	<i>Spring Arts &amp; Crafts Sale</i> / <b>organizer Rob Rudick</b> 301.270.2323
May 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
May 16	DRA General Meeting (7:30 PM)
May 20	<i>Del Ray House &amp; Garden Tour</i>
June 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. Preview of <i>Abstract Art exhibit</i> (6-9 PM)
June 9–July 16	<i>Abstract Art</i> / <b>Juried</b> exhibit / <b>curator Laurel Lukaszewski</b> 703.837.0543
June 13	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
July 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. Choreographers Collaborative Project performances (6-9 PM)
July 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
July 24–28	<i>Art Camp</i> / <b>T. Kulstad &amp; L. Silk</b>
August 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. Preview of <i>exhibit</i> (6-9 PM)
August 4 -27	<i>3 Artist show</i> – <b>Lukacs, Kulstad &amp; Silk</b>
August 8	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 15	<i>DRA Pool Party</i> (6:00 PM), General Meeting & Pie Baking contest
September 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. Preview of <i>Fall All Member Show</i> (6-9 PM)
Sept. 8–Oct. 1	<i>Fall All Member Show</i>
September 9-10	<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Sept. 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
October 7	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10 AM-6 PM)- Dance & art activities in the gallery
October 6-29	<i>Bead II</i> / <b>Juried</b> exhibit / <b>Barbara Brecher</b> 703.548.2878
October 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
October 17	DRA Annual Elections & General Meeting (7:30 PM)
October 29	<i>Halloween Parade</i> (2 PM)
November 3–26	<i>DR Dozen</i> <b>invitational</b> photography exhibit / <b>curator Rob Rudick</b> 301.270.2323
November 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
November	Photography workshop
December 1-3	<i>Fine Art &amp; Fine Crafts Holiday Market</i>
December 2	Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)
December 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
December	Cookie Swap / Ornament workshops



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**Member news**

DRA member **Sue Murray** is exhibiting her photography at The Charles Sumner School, Museum and Archives, 1201 17th St., NW, Washington, DC from January 12 - June 23. Contact Sue for more details at dsm514@yahoo.com.

DRA member **Richard F. Wyvill** is having a solo exhibit of recent works at the Fisher Art Gallery in the Schlesinger Center at NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. The exhibition runs from March 20 - April 29, with a reception held Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

**Join DRA as an artist or supporter**

<b>MEMBERSHIP FORM</b>		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Title _____	Name(s) _____		
Corporation Name _____			
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Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	Email _____	
Artist <input type="checkbox"/>	Media <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> Mailings__ Newsletter__ Public Relations__ ; <b>FACILITY:</b> Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __ ; <b>FINANCE:</b> Grants __ ; <b>FUNDRAISING:</b> Solicitation__ Special Events __ ; <b>GALLERY COORDINATOR:</b> Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __ ; <b>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:</b> Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __ ; <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __ ; <b>OUTREACH:</b> Community Events/Activities __ ; <b>PROGRAMS:</b> Art Camp __ Class Instructor __ ; Member Events __ ; <b>VOLUNTEER:</b> Telephoning __ ; <b>JUST ABOUT ANYTHING</b> __</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
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