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Art Camp instructors-Bring it on!!



Del Ray Artisans Art Camp needs teachers for a creative program for kids 9-15 years old. Art Camp is scheduled for July 24-28 and is looking to fill 7-10 paid teaching positions. If you were those ages now, what art classes and projects would you want to get your energetic hands on?

Contact us now with your ideas, skills and projects, so we can prepare a "kid-tastik" Art Camp curriculum for publication. **Linda Silk** at lsilk@worldnet.att.net / 703.533.7689 or **Karen Schmitz** at schmityk@yahoo.com or 703.317.9340.

DRA Art in City Hall

DRA, in collaboration with the City, The Art League and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA), acted on a Mayoral initiative to promote the arts in Alexandria by joining in the inaugural *Art in City Hall* exhibit. In what is promised to be an on-going rotation of art in public spaces, a joint exhibition was installed in City Hall. It runs February - July 21. The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm, and Saturdays from 9 am-noon, closed on holidays.

Planned and executed in a short time period, the original committee was brought together by Janet Barnett, Deputy Director of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and consisted of City staff, Betsy Anderson, chair of the ACA's Public Art committee, **Marlin Lord** and **Kathryn Brown** from DRA, and Linda Hafer and Bridget Walsh of The Art League.

Assistance was provided by The Art League staff, their volunteers, and dedicated volunteers from DRA including **Barbara Boehm**, **Gretchen Brodtman**, **Courtney Brownell**, **Barbara Chiminello**, **Jane DeWeerd**, **David Fromm**, **Paula Lantz**, **Vivienne Lukacs**, **Dave Nicholson**, **Karen Schmitz**, **Linda Silk**, **Amy Slack**, and **Susan Slattery**.

The City provided for professional installation, printing and hosted a lovely reception. Both DRA and The Art League are jointly supplying the funds for the monetary Awards: Best in Show \$250, 2nd Place \$150, and 3rd Place \$100.

The juror, well-respected Washington artist M.V. Clark, is founder and currently co-director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in D.C. His paintings are held in prestigious collections including the Corcoran and the National Gallery of Art. Mr. Clark selected 135 pieces from the 265 submitted, choosing the works destined for awards and honorable mentions. DRA award winners are:
3rd Place - **Donna Carter**, with Honorable Mentions to **Jen Chappell**, **Cathy Messina**, **Gaetano Rando**, and **Karen Schmitz**.

The exhibit is being well-received by both City personnel and visitors to City Hall. It has, and will continue to, raise the visibility of DRA by reaching new audiences in our community. Help support DRA and art in Alexandria by visiting the show, telling a friend, and perhaps even thanking the Mayor!

Spring All member show headed your way

Spring will be sprung early with the Del Ray Artisans' All Member Show opening on Friday, March 31st. *Rites of Spring* will showcase the blossoming and full bloom talents of DRA's creative membership. Call for entry is included in this newsletter. Curator contacts for this show: **Karen Schmitz** 7703.317.9340 or **Susan Slattery** summerh@erols.com

Work in all mediums will be presented March 31 through April 23. Drop-off of artwork will be Sunday, March 26 (4-6 pm) and Monday, March

27 (6-8 pm). Don't miss this, as the next all member show will be in September.

Two MORE April events to look forward to:

1) *Rites of Spring Toga Party & Dance*
A spirited "Animal House" style closing event on Friday, April 21 (8-midnight)

2) Member **Leslie Rousseau's** Master's thesis exhibit *From the Edge*, April 28-30 following DRA's Spring show. Show opening: Friday, April 28 (7-10 pm).

Contributors this month include: **Kathryn Brown**, **Linda Silk**, **Rob Rudick**, **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.

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Hit me with your best shot-Planet Cupid

Love was in the air and one could hear the "ooohs" and "aaahhs" when people saw the DRA gallery decked out for *Planet Cupid*. Someone coined it "the Jetsons-meet-the-Sweetheart-Dance!" The cool lounge effect was created through the collective brains and energies of **Debbie Mezzetta** and **Charlotte Corcoran** with the help of so many volunteers that it would take up too much space to print! We thank you all! We also thank the record number of card making participants who created almost 200 valentine cards the weeks leading up to Cupid. Visitors orbited the gallery viewing one-of-a-kind arty Valentine cards, handmade jewelry, customized underwear, pottery, bookmarks and candles. Fabulous chocolates by Jason Andelman of "Artisan Confections" were a big hit with art

lovers who bought every box of the exotic treats which feature the works of local artists on each delicious bite!

And speaking of chocolate....**Susan Slattery** and **Juli Branson** put together a beautiful array of goodies to be dipped through the amazing and aromatic chocolate fountain. The hot raffle item was a "basket of pleasures" that made the winner both blush and smile. It all set the tone for a wonderful Valentine's celebration. **Theresa Kulstad** would like to thank her committee of **Juli Branson, Angela Calos, Charlotte Corcoran, Linda Elliff, Vivienne Lukacs, Debbie Mezzetta, Patti North-Rudin, Karen Schmitz, and Susan Slattery**, along with ALL of the volunteers who helped her with this fundraiser.

Call for entry Annual Spring Sale

The third annual *Spring Art Sale* is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 (10am-4pm) in Colasanto Park which adjoins the gallery. Building on the success of the past two years, we need your participation to make this happen. It's a great opportunity to display your new creations as well as clear out your studio of artwork in need of a new home. All participants must be members of Del Ray Artisans, and all work sold must be created by the artist. Complete the enclosed insert to sign up for the Art Sale.

Questions, contact **Rob Rudick** at 301.270.2323 or robrudick@yahoo.com. Artists must provide their own shelters and tables as this is a rain or shine event. So pray for sun!

A few spaces are smaller and do not require shelters. Artists may share a booth. Space may be limited, so respond early. We are looking for a diversity of mediums. A fee of \$35 plus 10% of sales is required. A few volunteers are needed to help with the sale and to design a poster for the event.

A volunteer for all time-Vivienne Lukacs

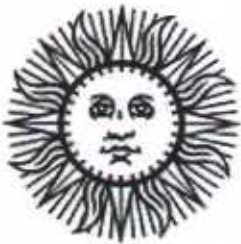
As we went to press we received notice that one of our championship Board Chairs, **Vivienne Lukacs** is resigning.

As Vivienne Lukacs steps down from the DRA Board of Directors, the words "THANK YOU" should be ten feet tall when describing all the hard work and dedication Viv has contributed to the Del Ray Artisans during her 8 years on the Board as Volunteer Chair. A DRA member since 1996, she mentions among her many accomplishments the three times she served as Furniture committee co-chair with DRA's bi-annual OFFBEAT Auction. "That was my favorite! I really loved working with the furniture."

Truthfully, Viv has probably had her hands on everything that DRA has ever done! This would

include Art Camp, Art on the Avenue, the Farmers Market, dozens of exhibits and fundraisers, Durwin Rice's decoupage workshops and, of course, recruiting hundreds of volunteers. "She got me," says Karen Schmitz "as I painted a yellow bug chair for the OFFBEAT Auction!"

Busy Viv hopes to have a little more time to enjoy some of her loves: her husband Richard of 53 years, her four children + six grandkids (3 big / 3 small), her new beach condo, the Divas of Decoupage and **Alice Kale's** watercolor class. So, when you see the DRA dynamo at the next DRA event, please give her a big hug, a thank you and tell her these four magic words which will make her day: "I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!"



Huey Lewis says, "I want a new T-shirt design!"



The "I WANT A COOL DRA T-SHIRT CONTEST" has been extended and, yes, s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d to a final submission date of Sunday, April 9. Several delightful entries have been received, but more are needed for this creative cotton competition. Designs should have a strong visual image. The words "Del Ray Artisans" do not have to appear on your (color or b/w) original design, but the DRA logo and/or web address may be added later.

The winner will receive a week's worth (7) of cotton T-shirts featuring the winning design. The contest is open to everyone and multiple entries are encouraged. Original designs can be dropped off or mailed to:

Del Ray Artisans' T-Shirt Contest
2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301
Designs in electronic formats (JPEGs, GIFs or PDFs) can be sent to **Dave Nicholson** f8photog@yahoo.com and **Karen Schmitz** schmityk@yahoo.com. Questions, call Karen at 703.317.9340.

2006-07 Calendar of Events

March 3-26
March 13
March 14
Mar. 31-April 23
April 11
April 15
April 21
April 28-30
May 4
May 6
May 9
May 12-28
May 16
June 1
June 9-July 16
June 13
July 6
July 11
July 24-28
August 3
August 4 -27
August 8
August 15
September 7
Sept. 8-Oct. 1
September 9-10
Sept. 12
October 6-22
October 7
October 10
October 17
October 27-Nov. 4
October 29
November 10-26

November 14
November
December 1-3
December 2
December 12
December

Mi Casa, Su Casa -Springwater Fiber & DRA /Juried
Del Ray Citizens Association *Meet 'n Greet* (7:30 PM)
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Rites of Spring- Spring All Member Show
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Farmer's Market opens
Rites of Spring Toga Party & Dance (8 PM)
From the Edge - Master's thesis exhibit - **Leslie Rousseau**
1st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Munchkins on the Avenue theme
Spring Art Sale (10 AM-4 PM)/ **organizer Rob Rudick** 301.270.2323
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Student Art Show / **organizer Linda Silk**
DRA General Meeting (7:30 PM)
1st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Luau on the Avenue theme
Abstract Art / **Juried** exhibit / **curator Laurel Lukaszewski** 703.837.0543
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
1st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Red, White & Blue theme
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Art Camp / **T. Kulstad, K. Schmitz & L. Silk**
1st Thursday (6-9 PM) - Fashionistas theme
3 Artist show – Lukacs, Kulstad & Silk
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
DRA Annual Pool Party (6:00 PM), General Meeting & Pie Baking contest
1st Thursday (6-9 PM) - Chew on the Avenue theme
Fall All Member Show
Alexandria Festival of the Arts
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Bead It / **Juried** exhibit /**Barbara Brecher** 703.548.2878
Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM)- Dance & art activities in the gallery
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
DRA Annual Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)
Dia de los Muertos workshops / event / exhibit
Del Ray Halloween Parade (2 PM)
DR Dozen **invitational** photography exhibit/ **curator Rob Rudick**
301.270.2323
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Photography workshop
Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market / **Juried**
Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Cookie Swap / Ornament workshop



2007

January 6

Elvis Birthday Party fundraiser

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Thank you for the Eichers fund donations

Several donations have been made to the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund. Some of these have been in **Doris Lockard's** name, to commemorate our dear former Membership Director. An additional donation was received in the name of Helen A. Lord, made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohrer to honor the passing of

Marlin Lord's mother, who turned 90 on January 2nd, 2006. She lost a fortunately brief battle on January 30th. Helen Lord was an accomplished poet and artist. Further donations are gratefully appreciated. Make checks payable to the Del Ray Artisans, noting "Eichers Fund" and your chosen sentiments.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Title _____	Name(s) _____		
Corporation Name _____			
Address _____			
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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