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May 2006

Students' show showcase arriving



One of the largest, most time-consuming (from a preparation standpoint), gallery-packing exhibits is the annual Student Show. This year it opens on May 12th.

Organizer **Linda Silk**, has been busy finishing the details for this show before the hundreds of works are delivered to the gallery.

The week before the opening involves significant amounts of time to organize and hang the show. Please contact either **Barbara Boehm**, Volunteer Chair or **Linda Silk** to lend some assistance. Contact info in the sidebar on page 4.

And mark your calendar for the night of the 12th for the 7-9:30PM opening.

General meeting on May 16th

Join the Board of Directors, fellow members and artists for another quarterly general meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30PM and artist networking opportunity.

As usual, munchies and beverages will be served. Announcements of upcoming activities and other items will be on the agenda.

Score one for Spring !



That darling hoppin' postcard bunny made an appearance in the garden for the March 31st opening reception for the Del Ray Artisans' "Rites of Spring" All Member show where 62 members exhibited 101 works of art!

You might have noticed an elated **Anna Bohlin Sternd** beaming "rainbows all over the gallery" when she found out that her "Seaflovers" mosaic not only won an equal merit award but also sold! Likewise for glass artist **Ron Tickerhoff** who sold "Ocean Wave." "This cobalt blue kiln formed glass is done in a series of strips that takes 3 months to complete," explained Ron. Later in April, Co-curator **Karen Schmitz** made the day for new member **Sharon Schultz** when she told her the painting "Boats in A Greek Harbor" had been sold. **Oldrich Olubar** also received a congratulatory call that his "Spring at the Basin" painting had sold.

Schmitz explains that she knows these sales not only give artists a boost but shows the membership that artwork really can sell at DRA. Total sales, with one week still to go in the month, stood at a over \$2,300.00! Quite the thing to put a spring in everyone's step.

This show had it all!!! Ceramics by **Teresa Haggerty**, wood sculpture by **Alan Becker**, purses by **Jennifer Athanas**, photography by **Fierce Sonia**, organic jewelry by **Courtney Brownell**, even a reflecting pool for **Barb Craley's** stained glass egret & seagull provided by co-curators **Susan Slattery** and **Karen Schmitz**. Three Equal Merit awards for recognition of outstanding work were presented: **Grace Hill** for her oil, "Springtime," **Laurel Lukaszewski** for her black stoneware work, "Neruda's Ode" and **Anna Bohlin Sternd** for her mosaic, "Seaflovers."

Special thanks to poet **M. Magnus** for painting the opening reception with words and bringing his art-loving friend.

Many thanks to all the show's "blossoms" **Brian Marquis**, **Laurel Lukaszewski**, **Linda Eliff**, **Juli Branson**, **Courtney Brownell**, **Jen Chappell**, **David Kosar**, **Irene Hoffman**, **Kathryn Brown**, **Marlin Lord**, **Michele Reday Cook**, **Liz Martinez**, **Nicole Basso**, **Irene Hoffman**, **Charlotte Corcoran**, **Juli Branson**, **Jamee Telford**, **Barbara Boehm**, **Ted Smouse**and....that adorable, magical hoppin' brown bunny!

Contributors this month include: **Jane Deweerd**, **Rob Rudick**, **Barbara Boehm**, **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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Time for that Spring Art sale



The Del Ray Artisans outdoor Spring Art Sale is being held on Saturday, May 6th, from 10am to 4pm, in Colasanto Park adjoining the gallery. So mark your calendars, grab your friends and checkbooks (and their checkbooks!), and come support your fellow Artisans. It's also an opportunity to purchase a unique artistic gift for Mothers Day.

There are 23 artists participating:

Jill Amstutz (painting), **Jen Athenias** (accessories), **Catherine Bott and Courtney Brownwell** (jewelry), **Kimberley Bush** (pottery), **Barbara Chiminello** (painting),

Candace Clifford (photography), **Worth Cooley-Prost** (jewelry), **Barbara Craley & family** (stained glass and jewelry), **Linda Eliff** (jewelry), **Oeone Hammersley** (painting), **Paige Ireland** (photography), **Julie Jernigan** (jewelry), **Jewell Lewis-Terry** (pottery), **Laurel Lukaszewski** (wearable sculpture), **Patti North-Rudin** (jewelry), **Patrick O'Brien** (turned wood), **Michelle Reday Cook** (painting), **Rob Rudick** (photography), **Edith Sanabria** (jewelry and miniatures), **Leah Sturgis** (jewelry), **Kimberley Tyler** (illustrated stationery and lithographs), and **Heidi Varblow** (framed embroidery).

Gallery without Walls opportunity



An opportunity to exhibit to a finely targeted audience has arisen. Don Beyer Motors, Inc., a long-time family-owned and operated business whose owners and customers reside and do business in the City of Alexandria, is making space available to local artists.

Land Rover Alexandria on Duke Street is part of Don Beyer Motors, Inc., and is

interested in exhibiting 2-dimensional pieces of work (all media) from local artists.

This is an excellent opportunity for DRA members to reach out to another audience demographic! Artists will receive 100% of any sales.

Contact Heidi Gower-Fici at 703.740.3272 or hgowerfici@landroveralexandria.net

You're likely to hear more



Although **Vivienne Lukacs** is leaving big shoes to fill, **Barbara Boehm** will attempt to fill them as she steps into the DRA Volunteer Chair. A fairly new member, Barbara joined DRA in 2005.

During her non-DRA time, Barbara is an investment officer at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Barbara's artistic endeavors range from glass fusing to printmaking. She not only produces work but enjoys taking classes to enhance her abilities.

As everyone knows, the success of DRA events depends 100% on volunteers. If you would like to help Barbara with volunteer recruitment, please contact her at barbxb@yahoo.com or 703.838.6265.

Breaking the boundaries, abstract art arrives



A contemporary juried exhibition of abstract art is coming to DRA this June and July. The show will be curated by brand new member **Jamee Telford** with help from "those yet to be named."

Non-representational compositions in any medium will be the focus of "ABSTRACT THIS!"

See May newsletter insert and website for further details.

Del Ray House and Garden Tour



The Del Ray House and Garden Tour is May 20th and DRA is delighted to be one of the sites to be featured! Eight homes and the Virginia Commonwealth Bank will be included along with the "award-winning" DRA Garden. Past tours have provided peeks into a variety of diverse homes with fascinating floor plans, color schemes and frequently, interesting art collections, as well as attractive landscaping.

The Tour is sponsored by the Del Ray Citizens Association with proceeds used to benefit the Arts and beautification. Hours are 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tour tickets (\$15) are available at

A Show of Hands, 2212 Mt. Vernon Avenue and at the Del Ray Farmers' Market (Sats. 8 AM-noon) The organizers are seeking volunteers to act as docents and assist with the Tour. Contact Patty Moran 203.683.0683 ext 209 or Delraytour06@excite.com.

The DRA Garden Committee is holding its Spring garden clean-up before the Tour. All interested members are encouraged to come out on Saturday, May 13th between 9 AM and 1 PM for the spruce-up. Please bring gloves and trowels if you have them. Refreshments and water will be provided. Another great opportunity to get to know other members.

2006 Calendar of Events

May 4	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Munchkins on the Avenue theme
May 6	<i>Spring Art Sale</i> (10 AM-4 PM)/ organizer Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
May 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
May 12-28	<i>Student Art Show</i> / organizer Linda Silk
May 16	DRA General Meeting (7:30 PM)
June 1	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Luau on the Avenue theme
June 9–July 16	<i>Abstract Art</i> / Juried exhibit
June 13	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
July 6	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) – Red, White & Blue theme
July 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
July 24–28	<i>Art Camp</i> / K. Schmitz & L. Silk
August 3	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) - Fashionistas theme
August 4 -27	<i>3 Artists– Lukacs, Kulstad & Silk</i>
August 8	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 15	<i>DRA Annual Pool Party</i> (6:00 PM), General Meeting & Pie Baking contest
September 7	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) - Chew on the Avenue theme
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 6-22	<i>Bead II</i> / Juried exhibit / Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878
October 7	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10 AM-6 PM)- Dance & art activities in the gallery
October 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
October 17	DRA Annual Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)
October 27-Nov. 4	<i>Dia de los Muertos</i> workshops / event / exhibit
October 29	<i>Del Ray Halloween Parade</i> (2 PM)
November 10–26	<i>DR Dozen invitational</i> photography exhibit/ curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
November 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
November	Photography workshop
December 1-3	<i>Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market</i> / Juried
December 2	<i>Holiday on the Avenue</i> - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)
December 8-10	<i>Barnes & Noble BookFair fundraiser</i> & hands-on Ornament-making event
December 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)



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Alex Award Call to Artists

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts announces a Call to Artists for creation of the 2006 Alex Awards. Postmark deadline for submission: June 5, 2006. The Alex Awards recognizes individuals, organizations, schools and businesses who have made exceptional contributions to the cultural life in the City of Alexandria.

Artist(s) must work or live in the City of Alexandria. After the 2006 Alex Awards, the selected artist(s) will have a 30 day gallery showing of the artwork as part of an exhibition for the 2006 Alex Awards at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria. Compensation is \$500 per selected work.

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 _____		
<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 __;</p> <p>GALLERY COORDINATOR: Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __;</p> <p>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; MEMBERSHIP: Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; OUTREACH: Community Events/Activities __;</p> <p>PROGRAMS: Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; VOLUNTEER: Telephoning __;</p> <p>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, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.</p>			

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