



# The Well Crafted Word

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June 2006

## A summer to remember

If you have not been looking too closely at the DRA calendar, you are in for an icy-hot summer treat. Over the next 60 days, DRA is offering a rich basket of art-related goodies.

For starters, we've got four new Open Studio life drawing sessions. Next, a first for DRA, an all-abstract art show - ABSTRACT THIS! See further down this page for details. This show is a juried event, so expect a significant showing of works by talented artists.

Adding to the summery goodness, is Art Camp, an annual favorite. Please note in the newsletter the contributions from Mayor Bill Euille and the Divas of Decoupage.

Another first, is a seminar on taxes for the artist conducted by two tax professionals. As part of your membership, this seminar is free. You know you should attend, right? So it's a summer to remember and celebrate all the happenings. Join us ?



## Let's go *holoholo* (out for fun)~June First Thursday!

"... Oh we're going to a Hukilau; A huki huki huki huki Hukilau ...." In keeping with Del Ray's June First Thursday Luau theme, visit the DRA gallery June 1<sup>st</sup>, for Hawaiian dancing presented by the talented dancers of the **Choreographers Collaborative Project**. Two showtimes of 6:45 and 7:45 PM (FREE) will give all the *kānes and wahines* along The

Avenue a chance to watch the professionals and then learn some dance steps of their own! It's hands-on, audience participation FUN. *Mai hilahila* (Don't be shy)! All ages are welcome. First Thursday in Del Ray takes place from 6-9 PM May through September. Visit [www.pwba.org](http://www.pwba.org)

## Multi-cultural Art Camp-kids 9-15 years old

The WOW factor will be big for the 2006 DRA Art Camp to be held July 24-28. This exciting program will include the following projects:

*Colors of the Caribbean Monotypes*-K. Schmitz  
*Express Yourself Pillows*-Cheryl Vandermolten  
*Aboriginal Floorcloths*-Susan Slattery  
*Pre-Columbian Jewelry & Beading*-E. Sanabria  
*Exotic Mermaids*-Toni Warren

*Playing with Paints*-Dianna Diatz  
*Folkloric Mexican Painting*-David Amoroso  
*Building a Dream*-Charlotte Corcoran  
*Percussion Workshop*-Tom Teasley

Enroll your Art Camper today! Download a copy of the Camp brochure / application on-line at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

## Abstract This! show

"The goal of abstract art is to communicate the intangible, that which eludes the photograph and normal seeing." Curtis Verdun (Louisiana artist)

The Del Ray Artisans will have its FIRST all-abstract show with an extra long exhibit time from June 9-July 16 appropriately entitled ABSTRACT THIS!

This will be a FIRST curatorial experience for curator **Jamee Telford**, a new DRA member, recent graduate (May 2006!) of George Washington University (Master's in Museum

Studies) and a brand-new resident of Del Ray! ABSTRACT THIS! will be juried by Stuart Greenwell, former founder and editor of *Articulate* magazine, writer, graphics artist and contemporary, abstract painter and arts advocate.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, June 9 (7-10 PM). A July First Thursday event is also planned for July 6 (6-9 PM). For further information, contact curator: **Jamee Telford** 202.337.0373 or email [wrecker17@yahoo.com](mailto:wrecker17@yahoo.com).

Contributors this month include: Joan Ulrich, Rob Rudick, Vivienne Lukacs, Jordan Wright, 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.

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### DRA sparkles on Del Ray House and Garden tour



The DRA grounds and gallery were invited to participate in this year's Del Ray House and Garden Tour. We were proud to show off our gardens and the more-than-five-years of planning and execution it took to get here. In 2003, in a city-wide ceremony presided over by Mayor Bill Euille, DRA was honored with the Beautification Award for "Public Space Garden."

Continued hard work by volunteers culminated with this year's invitation to participate in the Tour. Dedicated volunteers weeded, planted and tended the gardens so that all can enjoy this oasis. Many donated prized plants from their own gardens.

Flowers and shrubs are blazing with color this retreat in the evenings during gallery openings

year. Our patio area has become a favorite retreat at gallery openings and a destination spot for local families during the week. A new ceramic birdbath has been receiving regular avian attendance.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to those who created this charming retreat and to our new volunteers who are committed to enhancing and maintaining it.

Chapeau doffs to: **Jane DeWeerd**, Committee Chair, **Jordan and Roy Wright**, **Charlotte Landis**, **Becky Heavener** and **Bryan Leister**, **Ellyn Ferguson**, **Tim Bugansky**, **Dale May**, **Barbara Robinson**, **Margaret Holubar**, **Nicole Basso**, and **Alice Eichers**.

Thanks to all who lent a dirt-encrusted hand!



### Thank you Mr. Mayor (signed) the kids from Art Camp

We have received word that newly re-elected **Mayor Bill Euille** will be making a generous donation to support a student's attendance at DRA's 2006 Art Camp.

This is just one more way that DRA and you, our members and supporters, are giving back to the community.

### Divalicious donation to Art Camp

Because several of their members have enjoyed teaching and helping with Art Camp in the past, the **Divas of Decoupage** have donated \$500 to Art Camp 2006.

Their donation will pay for two scholarships enabling two artistically-minded young people to enjoy the Del Ray Artisans' Art Camp experience this year.

If you are interested in learning more about decoupage, the Divas meet monthly (Saturday morning) at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center.

For more information, contact **Vivienne Lukacs** at 703.979.8996 or at [viv703@msn.com](mailto:viv703@msn.com).

Many thanks to the Divas for their generosity!



### Summer Life drawing sessions-Open Studios

Following the popular life drawing Spring sessions, we've added another set of Open Studio nights for the summer. Remember, members receive a discount on the models' fees. Just another perk of membership!

These Open Studio sessions will be drop-in long and short poses. All skill levels are welcome.

Dates are: June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26 with a possible August session.

Please join our friendly group from 7:00-10:00 PM, \$8 for DRA members, \$10 non-members.

Questions? Contact **Joan Ulrich** via email at: [ulrichclay@aol.com](mailto:ulrichclay@aol.com)



## You're an artist, why think about taxes?

DRA will introduce two tax pros, Dick White, CPA and Pasha Veres, EA, who have teamed up to help our members face issues that relate to good business practices, recordkeeping, and that \*%!#@# Schedule C!

Please join us Sunday, June 25 when Dick and Pasha will speak at the gallery from 1-2:30 PM. They will discuss all things scary

about being in business as an artist, and put your mind at ease. They will stay after the program to take questions.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get clear on taxes! This event will be free to DRA members, \$20 fee to non-members. To see the CVs of our presenters, check the DRA website: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## Volunteers and Scholarships for Summer Fun

The Art camp team is looking for scholarships for kids and daytime volunteers to assist teachers and help with a healthy lunch and SWIM time. This is a terrific opportunity for DRA members and teens to fulfill volunteer

hours while having creative fun with a future generation of artists! Contact: **Linda Silk** 703.838.4827 /[lmsilk@worldnet.att.net](mailto:lmsilk@worldnet.att.net) or **Karen Schmitz** 703.317.9340 [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com)

## 2006 Calendar of Events

June 1  
June 9-July 16  
June 13  
June 14  
June 25  
June 28

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) – Luau on the Avenue theme  
*Abstract Art / Juried* exhibit  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)  
Life Drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)  
You're an artist, why think about taxes? seminar (1-2:30 PM)  
Life Drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)

July 6  
July 11  
July 12  
July 24-28  
July 26

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) – Red, White & Blue theme  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)  
Life drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)  
*Art Camp / K. Schmitz & L. Silk*  
Life drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)

August 3  
August 4 -27  
August 8  
August 15

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) - Fashionistas theme  
*3 Artists- Lukacs, Kulstad & Silk*  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)  
*DRA Annual Pool Party* (6:00 PM), General Meeting & Pie Baking contest

Sept. 7  
Sept. 8-Oct. 1  
Sept. 9-10  
Sept. 12  
Sept. 16

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) - Chew on the Avenue theme  
*Fall All Member Show*  
*Alexandria Festival of the Arts*  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)  
Workshop "Oil painting: starting from scratch"

October 6-22  
October 7  
October 10  
October 14-15  
October 17  
October 27-Nov. 4  
October 29

*Bead II / 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)  
Workshop "Lampwork glass with Lisa St. Martin"  
DRA Annual Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)  
*Dia de los Muertos* workshops / event / exhibit  
*Del Ray Halloween Parade* (2 PM)

November 10-26  
November 14  
November

*DR Dozen* *invitational* photography exhibit/ **curator Rob Rudick** 301.270.2323  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)  
Photography workshop

December 1-3  
December 2  
December 8,9 & 10  
December 12

*Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market / Juried*  
Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)  
Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR & Ornament workshop  
Board Meeting (7:00 PM)



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**Looking for a few good photographers**

The curators for the annual Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show have some slots to fill for this year's November show.

They will be reviewing photographers' portfolios at the gallery on Thursday, June 29, starting at 7:00 PM.

Any DRA member who did not participate in the 2005 show, can apply. (Many participants from last year's show will be returning.)

Please contact **Rob Rudick** 301.270.2323 or email [robrudick@yahoo.com](mailto:robrudick@yahoo.com) to schedule an appointment.

**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 _____			
Address _____			
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 _____	
<p><b>Dues:</b> Gold Corporate \$500 __; Silver Corporate \$250 __; Friend of DRA \$35 __; Individual \$35 __; Household \$50 __; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10 __. Dues payable to <b>DEL RAY ARTISANS</b> and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn.: Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.</p>			

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