

# The Well Crafted Word

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## Are you out there Art Camp kids?



With just a few weeks to go, DRA's Multi-Cultural Art Odyssey Camp will be "the" creative hot spot for kids 9-15 years old. July 24-28, young artists will be painting, printmaking, beading, sewing, drumming and producing their very own works of art!

Classes will be taught by 9 professional artists and internationally-known percussionist Tom

Teasley. Teasley will present a hands-on percussion workshop and performance on Friday of Art Camp week which will be followed by the Art Camp kids' exhibit.

All this fun for \$250 includes healthy lunches and swimming. Visit our website for a camp application or call **Linda Silk** 703.838.4827.

## Art camp volunteers needed

Volunteers can have as much fun as the campers! This is an excellent way to fulfill your DRA volunteer hours and have a day of making art magic happen for future artists.

To lend a hand July 24-28 (8:30 am-3:30 pm) and experience art-in-the-making, email **Karen Schmitz** [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com) or call her at 703.317.9340.

## Shelley A. Marshall and DRA team again

Once again, DRA will open the gallery to the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation (SAM) arts enrichment program on July 8 and 9.

The program provides 12 promising high school art students with painting supplies and easels along with art instruction from a professional working artist at several area locations. Instruction at the DRA site will be provided by artist Mehran Rashidfarokhy of Alexandria.

The SAM Foundation was established by Donn Marshall following his wife Shelley's death at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Donn wanted to keep Shelley's memory alive as well as help further her dreams.

The SAM Foundation has several other programs that have benefited recipients young and old. Visit [ShellysFoundation.org](http://ShellysFoundation.org)

## Save a Stamp

Unread mail piling up? In an effort to counter ever-rising mailing costs, DRA is offering members the chance to "opt out" of receiving the monthly DRA newsletter via USPS.

Feedback in response to sending the newsletter electronically has been positive. So let us know if we can opt you out on "snail mailing" - email [clbrownewell@yahoo.com](mailto:clbrownewell@yahoo.com).

## Fall member Antics show

Goodbye Summer -- Hello Fall!

Plan now to "harvest" a "crop" of up to three pieces in any medium for DRA's September all-member show. This is a non-juried show curated by **Kathryn Brown** and **Paula Lantz**. Show runs September 8 through October 1.

**Art drop-off:** Sunday, Aug. 27, 4-6 pm and Monday, Aug. 28, 6-8 pm

**Preview:** Sept. 7, First Thursday, 6-9 p.m.

**Opening Reception:** Friday, Sept. 8, 7-10 pm

**Art pick-up:** Sunday, Oct. 1, 4-6 p.m.

Entry form with all pertinent information will appear in next month's newsletter.

Contributors this month include: **Paula Lantz, Karen Schmitz, Theresa Kulstad, 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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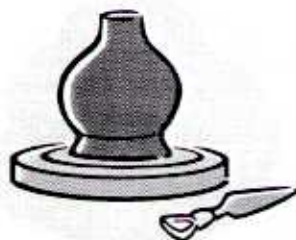
### Board nominating committee

This year's annual DRA elections will take place in October. DRA has formed a Nomination Committee to marshal the process of preparing and submitting returning and potential Board members' nominations to the General Membership at the annual election of officers. Members of the committee are President **Susan Slattery**, Secretary **Linda Elliff**, and Board chairs **Karen Schmitz** and **Barbara Boehm**.

If you are interested in learning more about being part of the action-packed arts community, DRA board positions or what creates the buzz about DRA in Alexandria, give one of our Nominating Committee members a shout.

Please contact: Barbara Boehm  
barbxb@yahoo.com or Linda Elliff at  
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### Silver art clay workshop



Join us Thursday and Friday, July 13th & 14th from 7-10 pm in an introduction to an exciting new medium. Art clay can be sculpted into infinite possibilities like any clay, but once this clay is fired, it becomes an actual silver piece. Our instructor, Dede Mandrell, will provide materials and the

basics by starting us off with a small jewelry project. Each participant will have a completed piece to take home at the end of the class. The fee for the two night workshop is \$185 for our DRA members and \$205 for others. Please make reservations by contacting **Theresa Kulstad** 703.283.0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net.

### Kimonos, Canvas and Collage show



And you didn't think that our Board members had any time for anything other than volunteering for DRA!!! Board members **Linda Silk** and **Theresa Kulstad** will exhibit their adventures in art August 4 - 27.

Wearable art will be wafting through the gallery in the form of hand-painted kimonos by Linda Silk. Silk is a graphic designer whose passion for art extends into several

several community projects involving children and the arts.

The show will also feature oil paintings and collage pieces by Theresa Kulstad. Her paintings explore a variety of subject matter while her collage work is a more intuitive process. Opening reception is Friday, August 4 7-10:00 pm. For a preview, join them on First Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-9PM.

### In-A-Gadda-Da-Bead-it!



Bead it! is back to rock the gallery! Bead it! 2 will open on Friday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00PM.

Once again, bead artists from around the country will be represented in this juried show. Last year over 100 pieces were entered with 60 juried into the show. A nationwide call for entries will be sent to bead artists, bead publications and beading organizations. The entry form will be in the

August issue of the DRA newsletter. The categories will remain the same as 2005: handmade beads, wearable bead art, and non-wearable bead art. There will be prizes for first place in each category

If you are interested in volunteering to help put this show together, or want more information please contact **Barbara Brecher** at barb@brecherdesign.com. Please put Bead-It! in the subject line.

## Pie in the sky or fool in the pool ?



No, it's just pie on the Avenue and time to cool in the pool! It's our second annual DRA Pie Baking contest at DRA's annual Cookout and Pool party, **Tuesday, August 15, at 6 PM.**

Any pie, made any way. Whether it's Grandma's signature recipe or your own secret creation, **GO FOR IT!** An entry form is included in this newsletter, 'cause everyone

wants a piece o' pie! Especially the judges!! Take a dip, have a sip and come be a part of what's happening at DRA, plus you might have a chance to be one of the judges!

Hot dogs and snacks will be on the menu, and of course, if you're lucky, a piece of prize-winning pie. Don't forget - swimming starts at 6 pm! Families are welcome.



## Pat Miller-New Chair of Alexandria Commission for the Arts

One of DRA's own, **Pat Miller**, was recently selected to assume the position of Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Pat is the founder of the hugely successful Art on the Avenue festival, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year.

Pat contacted DRA President, **Susan Slattery**, and expressed her interest in receiving input from our members about the Commission's activities and the Arts in Alexandria. Email [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net)

## 2006 Calendar of Events

July 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) – Red, White & Blue theme
July 8-9	Shelley A. Marshall Foundation student workshops
July 11	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
July 12	Life drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)
July 13-14	Silver Art Clay workshop
July 24-28	<i>Art Camp / K. Schmitz &amp; L. Silk</i>
July 26	Life drawing open studio (7:00-10:00 PM)
August 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) - Fashionistas theme
August 4 -27	<i>Kimonos, Canvas and Collage / Kulstad &amp; 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
Sept. 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday (6-9 PM) - Chew on the Avenue theme
Sept. 8-Oct. 1	<i>Fall All Member Show / Kathryn Brown &amp; Paula Lange</i>
Sept. 9-10	<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Sept. 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sept. 16	Workshop "Oil painting: starting from scratch"
October 6-22	<i>Bead II / Juried exhibit /Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878</i>
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 14-15	Workshop "Lampwork glass with Lisa St. Martin"
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 <b>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 / Juried</i>
December 2	Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)
December 8,9 & 10	Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR & Ornament workshop
December 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)



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**New junior DRA member**

**Courtney Brownwell**, DRA Membership Chair, and her husband signed up a new DRA family member, Trey Alexander, on Tuesday June 13th. His stats: 8lbs, 10oz, 20 inches, healthy, and super cute!

Young Trey joins his two brothers at the Brownwell hacienda. According to inside sources, "Courtney is feeling great and doesn't look at all like she has just had a baby!" Must be something about the water in Del Ray.

**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</b>, I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of <b>10 volunteer hours</b> 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><b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> Mailings __ Newsletter __ Public Relations __; <b>FACILITY:</b> Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __; <b>FINANCE:</b> Grants __; <b>FUNDRAISING:</b> Solicitation __ Special Events __;</p> <p><b>GALLERY COORDINATOR:</b> Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __;</p> <p><b>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:</b> Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; <b>OUTREACH:</b> Community Events/Activities __;</p> <p><b>PROGRAMS:</b> Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; <b>VOLUNTEER:</b> Telephoning __;</p> <p><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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