

# The Well Crafted Word

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## Bead me up Scotty

Start your beading now! Bead it! 2 is back! Bead it! 2 will run from October 7-October 29, 2006. The gallery reception will be on October 13 from 7-10 pm.

Once again we are expecting entries from all over the country. The 2006 entry form is included in this newsletter.

Enter in one, two, or all three categories (a maximum of 3 entries per category). Each category will be juried for entrance into the show as well as best in category prize:

• **Handmade Bead:** This bead may be made of any material but must be handmade by the entering artist.

• **Wearable Bead Art:** This category may use purchased beads, i.e. beads not made by the artist.

• **Non-wearable Bead Art:** This category may use purchased beads, i.e. beads not made by the artist.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this show or needs further information please contact **Barb Brecher** at [barb@brecherdesign.com](mailto:barb@brecherdesign.com). Please put bead- in the subject line.



## 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 pm. For a preview, join them on First Thursday, August 3, 6-9 pm.



## Starting from scratch-oil painting

Award winning artist and lifelong oil painter **Barbara Chiminello** will lead an informative workshop for anybody who would like to try their hand at oil painting. Barbara will present information for any beginner to get started, and then we'll have a few hours left over for hands-on action!

This session will be held at the gallery on Saturday, September 16, from 10 AM- 2 PM. Bring a sack lunch and dress for mess!

Program will include:  
-an overview of materials and supplies (complete with a shopping list for your first trip into the daunting aisles of the art supply store!)

- demystifying the various grades of paints and brushes
- preparing the canvas
- handling the materials, color mixing, applying paint to canvas
- proper safety and clean-up procedures

The group will work from a simple still life set-up, and Barbara will guide you through the process.

This program will be **free** to DRA members, \$15 fee to non-members. Space is limited to 5 participants, pre-registration is required.

For more information, and to sign up please contact Barbara directly. 703.836.0596 or [barbarachim@gmail.com](mailto:barbarachim@gmail.com)

Contributors this month include: Joan Ulrich, Barb Brecher, Juli Branson, Barbara Chiminello, Jordan Wright, Theresa Kulstad, Rob Rudick, 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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### All members show-Autumn Art Antics



Autumn is coming! Kick it off with DRA's semi-annual member opportunity to exhibit artwork in any medium in any subject – join the "Art of Making" in the Fall All Member non-juried show! Up to 3 works may be submitted with no entry fees, and at least one piece will be selected by the Curators from each member's works.

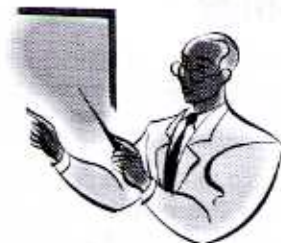
So bring your freshest "crop" and be a part of our multi-media showcase of our multi-talented artists!

See the enclosed Call for Entry for the details, dates and guidelines. Questions? Contact: curators **Paula Lantz** 703.836.0866 or **Kathryn Brown** 703.549.5227

### Help Keep DRA Abuzz!

Featured on WETA Neighborhoods series, articles in the Washington Post, Alexandria Gazette-Packet, Alexandria Times, the Del Ray Sun, and publications in Baltimore, Richmond and Fredericksburg! DRA has done a fabulous job of creating quite a buzz in the DC area.

Help keep that momentum going! As 2006 draws to an end, DRA is looking for members to fill open positions on the Board for 2007. These open spots include: Archives, Communications, Membership



Outreach chairs and Program Co-Chair. This is a great opportunity to make an impact in the local arts community, build your resume skills, meet new people and generally have a whole lot of fun.

The Nominations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for Board elections that will be held at DRA's annual meeting in October. If you're interested or want to learn more, please contact: **Barbara Boehm** barbx@yahoo.com or **Linda Elliff** at lleliff@aol.com or 703.360.1265

### Shelley A. Marshall and DRA team again

Once again, DRA opened the gallery to the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation (SAM) Arts Enrichment Program one weekend in July.

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 was provided by artist Mehran Rashidfarokhy.

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

### Two grants from Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Word has been received that both of the grants submitted by DRA to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts have been awarded.

Our first-time request for a technology grant was awarded in the amount we had requested. This amount must be matched by DRA as part of the grant's requirements. A replacement for the borrowed computer now in use will be the purpose of this grant.

The other grant was for badly-needed funds to add to DRA's operating fund. It is through grants of this nature that DRA can continue to bring all the art, fun and goodness to the Avenue.

Serious kudos to those who helped pull these grant requests together; **Juli Branson, Kathryn Brown, Susan Slattery, Marlin Lord and Dave Nicholson**





## Pool, pie...pool, pie...pool, pie...pool, pie, pie, pie



It's the annual Del Ray Artisan Pool Party, Pie Baking Contest and Cookout for our members, on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Swimming starts at 6PM followed by refreshments, snacks, hot dogs and if you are lucky, a slice of prize winning pie. Come and join in the fun. Families and SOs are welcome as well.

Meet DRA Board and committee members to hear what's going on in. Will your pie be "best in show" or "best in dough"? You may even be lucky enough to be a judge in our pie contest unless, of course, you are a winning entry! Pie must be submitted no later than 7:30 pm to be in the contest.

## Tool time-gardening



DRA Gardening Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 9, from 8 am – noon. Refreshments and food provided. Bring garden tools if you have them.

Please contact **Jordan Wright** at 703 549-1548 or email to [jordanwright@comcast.net](mailto:jordanwright@comcast.net) if you will be joining in the fun!

## 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 &amp; 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>Autumn Art Antics / Fall All Member Show, / Kathryn Brown &amp; Paula Lantz</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</i> exhibit / <b>Barbara Brecher</b> 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 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</i> <b>invitational</b> photography exhibit/ curator <b>Rob Rudick</b> 301.270.2323
Nov. 11	Business Issues for Photographers with Keith Barraclough, 1:00-3:00 PM
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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**Rob Rudick magazine profile**

The work of DRA photographer **Rob Rudick** was featured in the July-August issue of *Elan Magazine*. The article highlighted Rob's striking automotive images and included seven pictures from this series.

Also included was his picture "Alpaca Grazing", shown in last year's Del Ray Dozen Photography show. A July exhibit of his work at the Byrne Gallery in Middleburg complemented the article.

**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>			