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More antics than a roomful of clowns



Autumn is coming! Kick it off! What exactly is Autumn Art Antics? Read on, friends. Picture two people with no clothes on, one male, one female – they are standing in some fallen (Autumn) leaves. Each person is holding a big leaf in front of their pertinent parts. The leaf in front of the male has printed on it "ART". The leaf, in front of the female has "ANTICS". These two people have big smiles on their faces. Why? Because it's Autumn Art Antics time at Del Ray Artisans!

This All Member all media show runs from the Friday, September 8 (7-10 PM) opening reception through Sunday, October 1. This is a perfect way to kick-off your Fall-into-Winter art show season! All art is for sale: come see the best of Del Ray Artisans' works! This wonderful show of 2-D and 3-D art is being curated by **Kathryn Brown** and **Paula Lantz**, both qualified antic artists. Questions? **Paula Lantz** 703.836.0866 or **Kathryn Brown** 703.549.5227

Card-making party, September 10th



Card Party Sundays (noon-4 PM) are one of the coolest ways to stir your creative soul while hanging out, sharing ideas and bonding with other artists. Members, "newbies" and friends, please come to the gallery for another creative jam session! DRA's handmade greeting cards need to be refreshed and restocked. Everyone loves to receive a handmade card, and what is more fun than to express yourself with shared art supplies as well as sharing tasty treats?

Lots of snacks and supplies provided, but you may bring either or both to share. The goal is fun and fresh new cards!

If you have questions, or can volunteer to help, or would like to offer a demonstration of a particular card-making technique, contact **Theresa Kulstad** at 703.283.0399. All you need is your imagination! And don't forget to bring a friend!

Lampwork Glass class

On October 14-15, Lisa St. Martin will bring her working glass studio to The DRA gallery for a two-day workshop. Each participant will have his own workstation. Torches, tools and glass will be provided.

Lisa happily welcomes all skill levels, however this will be an ideal setting for a beginner wanting to try their hand at this ancient craft with minimal investment. You'll have the opportunity to practice shaping the glass beads, with tools (and gravity!), decorating your pieces with fine strands of contrasting colors applied as stripes or dots. As the weekend progresses you'll become more proficient in moving the glass in the flame, forming the beads and blending colors.

As you gain confidence using the materials, you can start imagining and designing your own beads. Lisa will help you think through construction of your design for optimal success.

The experienced student can work with Lisa one-on-one to learn more advanced skills and techniques, so come ready with your current challenges. If you'd appreciate some constructive criticism, bring samples of your work.

Learn more about Lisa St. Martin at her website www.glassbeads.com.

The workshop will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 14-15, 2006 at the DRA gallery. 10 AM-5 PM. Fee is \$185 for DRA members, \$205 for non-members.

All materials will be provided, please bring a sack lunch. Maximum of 8 participants, pre-registration required. To register, contact **Joan Ulrich** at ulrichclay@aol.com or call Joan at 703.660.2382.

Contributors this month include: Joan Ulrich, Jane Deweerd, Kathryn Brown, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery and Dave Nicholson.

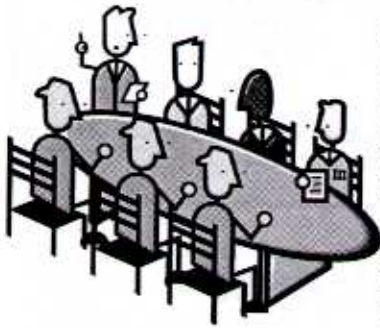
Many thanks to our monthly sponsor: Royce Flowers-for the lovely arrangements seen at every opening

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Board members needed-Elections October 17th



DRA is currently without a full complement of Board members. We also have several board members who will, sadly, be stepping down in 2007. Filling these vacancies is critical to the smooth operation and continued success of DRA.

So bring your talents and enthusiasm to the table by contacting Nominating Committee member **Linda Elliff** (LLEliff@aol.com or 703.360.1265), if you are interested in serving. The current board will meet Sept. 12 to finalize the nominations of the slate of officers for 2007. Annual elections will be held Tuesday, October 17 (7:30 PM).

Slate of Candidates (as of August 30)

PRESIDENT (Officer)	<i>Susan Slattery</i>
VICE PRESIDENT (Officer)	OPEN
SECRETARY (Officer)	<i>Linda Elliff</i>
TREASURER (Officer)	<i>Marlin Lord</i>
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	<i>Karen Schmitz & David Kosar</i>
FUNDRAISING (co-chairs)	OPEN
GALLERY COORDINATOR	OPEN
MEMBERSHIP (co-chairs)	<i>Mara Burk & Jennifer Webb</i>
OUTREACH	<i>Vicki Walchak</i>
PROGRAMS (co-chairs)	<i>Jamee Telford</i>
VOLUNTEER	<i>Barb Boehm</i>
HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST	<i>Cathe Graham</i>
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	OPEN

Now thatsa Pie!

Many thanks to those who made the Annual Pool Party, Cook-out and Pie Contest a well-attended success! The weather was pool-made, the grill, courtesy of Grillmeister **Marlin Lord**, was bakin' and shakin' and the pies just rolled right in ready to be judged.



Special appreciation goes to **Barb Boehm, Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Theresa Kulstad, John Marcovic, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery, and Joan Ulrich** for their help before, during and after the party.

1st place Pie award went to **James "Birthday Boy" Locke** for his "Del Ray Farmers Market Peach Pie" James won dinner for two at DRA fave Los Tios. Thank you to Los Tios for the gift certificate!

2nd place winner was **Pat Taylor** for "Pat's Pecan Pie." Pat took home a gift certificate for Artfully Chocolate, Del Ray's newest business owned by DRA member **Eric Nelson**.

3rd place "Frozen Custard Lemon Meringue Pie" winner (and now member!) **Gail Parnell** reports "Wow, what a fun evening.... never dreamed my good ole frozen lemon custard pie would come in 3rd. I certainly have enjoyed the folks and events at DRA and was delighted to win a membership. This is a group that has enhanced the community and I'm pleased to join you." Needless to say, she was excited about winning and also took home an artfully painted rolling pin (created by **Theresa Kulstad**) which will be passed on to next year's winner.

One DRA volunteer's look at what helping means

"Once again, we brought all recyclables home, did not even leave a cigarette butt on the grounds. It was our pleasure to serve the community, the DRA, and the environment," states member **James Locke**.

James was asked how to involve more folks in DRA's Adopt-a-Park project. James responded with the following: "My wife Carol suggested that the top reason [to get involved] is being able to keep all the money found during a clean-up period. Like the \$20 bill she found last night (not true but sounds good). A second reason is "Civic Pride" doing something for the community. When others see what we are doing it just may give them a little kick in their (ed. Hoofed quadruped pack animal with renowned bad temper) to do the same. If not at that park, then elsewhere."



"Finally," says James, there IS a financial benefit to [the City] in that we do it for free. The City does it for a price, i.e. someone is collecting a wage. If one multiplies this [DRA earns a small annual stipend] by various other locations within the city, it adds up to a sizable chunk of tax dollars saved. As homeowners... we would rather have reliable fire, police, parks, etc. by simply saving the City from having to spend said money towards having to do the clean up.

"More than that [there is the] PRIDE of knowing....our community of Del Ray is cleaner. As participants, it makes [us] feel a bit taller and better knowing we are helping to maintain our City and community showing others that we really care about our surroundings."

DRA to assist in surgical recovery September 23rd



Here's an opportunity to take part in a unique activity which will make a big difference in the lives of others. *The Recovery Cover*, named by our own **Theresa Kulstad**, is used by post-mastectomy patients during the initial surgical recovery period. Originally designed by nurses in Georgia, the easily assembled fabric Recovery Cover helps to attractively disguise the surgical drain.

Saturday, September 23 DRA will host a Recovery Cover Project day 10 AM - 5 PM in

the gallery. Drop by anytime and join the "Sewing Bee." **Alice Eichers** will be on hand to provide patterns and materials, along with coordinator **Jane DeWeerd** and **Springwater Fiber**. Participants are encouraged to bring lightweight colorful cotton remnants and grosgrain ribbon to be used. Please let friends, survivors and groups helping cancer survivors know about this event. Please join us, all ages are welcome. Help make cancer patients' lives easier and more positive. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

2006 Calendar of Events

Sept. 7	1 st Thursday (6-9 PM) - Chew on the Avenue theme
Sept. 8-Oct. 1	<i>Autumn Art Antics</i> / Fall All Member Show, / Kathryn Brown & Paula Lantz
Sept. 9-10	<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Sept. 10	Card Making Party (noon-4 PM) Barb Boehm & Theresa Kulstad
Sept. 12	Board Meeting (special start time 6:00 PM)
Sept. 16	Workshop "Oil painting: Starting from scratch"
Sept. 23	<i>Recovery Cover</i> Project (10AM-5PM)/ Jane Deweerd 703.548.2612
October 7-22	<i>Bead It!</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 13	Opening reception (7-10PM) <i>Bead It!</i> 2
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> invitational photography exhibit/ curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
November 11	The Business of Photography workshop / Rob Rudick, (1-3:00 PM)
November 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
December 1-3	<i>Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market</i> / Juried
December 2	Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)
December 8, 9 & 10	Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR & Bookmark-making Party (at B&N-Potomac Yard)
December 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)



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11th Annual Art on the Avenue – October 7th

Along with 45,000 other art and music lovers, DRA is looking forward to the Art on the Avenue festival which takes place along Mt. Vernon Avenue! We will be open 10 AM-6 PM with *Bead It!*2 on display and "hands on" art activities for kids. Mask making is being considered and, from noon -1 PM, there will be exciting dance

performances by the **Choreographers Collaborative Project**.

If you are interested in leading an art activity or volunteering to assist (teens welcome) email **Susan Slattery** at summerh@erols.com or call 703.922.7290.

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__;</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__;</p> <p>Household \$50__; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10__; Dues payable to DEL RAY ARTISANS</p> <p>and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn.: Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.</p>			