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Deck the halls-y'all

Artists, come celebrate the holidays in creative style! Members are invited to apply to this year's *Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market* to be held December 2nd and 3rd in the DRA gallery. An application is enclosed in this newsletter. Jurors will select a maximum of 20 diverse artists in order to create an exciting holiday marketplace. The timing of the event will coincide with Del Ray's *Holiday on the Avenue* featuring festive luminarias placed along "The Avenue" and annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony next door to the gallery.



The deadline for applications is Friday, October 20th. All DRA members in good standing (Have you performed your annual volunteer hours yet?) are invited to apply. Artists who may not have a large inventory of their own are welcome to recruit another member to share a space. The application should be completed in both names with one artist designated as the contact.

Last year the special evening Preview Reception was such a rousing success, we are doing it again for 2006! The event features seasonal libations, and will be held Friday, December 1st, from 7-10 PM. Additionally the gallery will remain open late Saturday, December 2nd, to welcome guests from the tree-lighting event.

A Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with the Market. Donations of baked goods, pre-priced and festively-presented will be gratefully accepted. Questions? Contact **Theresa Kulstad** tkulstad@verizon.net

Market participants will need to help with this exciting weekend: poster /postcard distribution, decorations. Other volunteers are needed for set-up, as gallery sitters and more (work off those volunteer hours!). Please contact **Barb Boehm** at 703.838.6265 or barbxb@yahoo.com.

Board Elections – Tuesday, Oct. 17

The annual DRA elections will be held Tuesday, October 17 (7:30 PM). Mark your calendars and come to cast your vote. Refreshments will be served. A few board chairs remain open so if interested in serving on the 2007 board, contact Nominating Committee member **Linda Elliff** (LLEliff@aol.com or 703.360.1265).

Slate of Candidates (as of September 30)

PRESIDENT (Officer) *Susan Slattery*
VICE PRESIDENT (Officer) OPEN
SECRETARY (Officer) *Linda Elliff*
TREASURER (Officer) *Marlin Lord*

ASST. TREASURER (Officer) *Kathryn Brown*
COMMUNICATIONS *Daniel Wise*
FACILITY (co-chairs) *Karen Schmitz & Ron Blank*
FUNDRAISING (co-chairs) OPEN
GALLERY COORDINATOR OPEN
MEMBERSHIP (co-chairs) *Mara Burk & Jennifer Webb*
OUTREACH *Vicki Walchak & David Kosar*
PROGRAMS (co-chairs) *Jamee Telford*
VOLUNTEER *Barb Boehm*
HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST *Kathe Graham*
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE OPEN

Contributors this month include: Joan Ulrich, Jane Dewerd, Kathryn Brown, 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.

Oct. WCW edited by: Dave Nicholson
Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (10/20 for November)
New Editor: Daniel Wise
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Changes in Newsletter Staff

Stay tuned next month for the editing efforts of new WCW Editor and DRA member **Daniel Wise!** Articles for the Nov. WCW should be sent to: danlwise@verizon.net He will be joined by an enthusiastic new Mailing Diva - **Jewell Lewis-Terry**.

Our globe-trotting WCW Editor **Dave Nicholson** is "retiring" after many late-night

hours spent editing WCW articles in hotel rooms across America and beyond. This is Dave's "swan song" issue so please enjoy!

And there's more - **Mart Larson**, Mailing Diva of many, many years, is "retiring" as well. Sincere and multiple Thank yous from all of us and rest well on ye laurels!

Autumn Art Antics-All member show wrap-up



The Antics were in full swing for the month of September. The gallery was filled with a wide range of artwork by 60 of our members. We had sales transacted even before the Opening Reception started! And was it packed. We even did the first DRA video interview. Co-curators **Paula Lantz** and **Kathryn Brown** were filmed by Roy Wright, virtuoso webmaster, who then posted the resulting video on the DRA website. The autumnally-themed flower bouquet by **Royce Flowers** was stunning.

We would like to thank our members who pitched in above and beyond the call of duty (as 2 hours of sitting or other tasks are considered required, we are trying to only include those who did more, forgive us if we

missed your name). **Glynis Berger, Barb Boehm, Candace Clifford, Charlotte Landis, Cyndi Lederer** and her boyfriend Adam, **Donnalyne Lefever, Marlin Lord** (gallant banner hanger), **Brian Marquis** (postcard designer), **Kurt Peterson, Vivian Raveling, Marina Reiter, Debra Singleton, Fierce Sonia, Tally Tripp, Daniel Wise** and **Janice Yahres**.

Also, a donated plate of hot appetizers was provided by our favorite "after reception" restaurant, **Los Tios Grill!** Many thanks!

If you missed the photo and article in the Sept. 14th *Alexandria Gazette Packet*, check our copy in the gallery! To everyone who gave of themselves by volunteering, a big thank you! It's times like these that make us love you all.

Ever wonder how to sell that great photo?

Know the feeling of having a great image, but not quite knowing how to get it published, credited, and make some bucks from it, all while protecting your rights?

Yes? Then come meet Keith Barraclough for a conversation all about business issues for photographers. This one-time session will be held on Saturday November 11th, from 1-3 PM with plenty of time for group discussion afterwards. This event is free for DRA members, \$20 for non-members.

Barraclough has worked as a teacher and professional photographer for 17 years. As a freelance professional, he works for many editorial, corporate and commercial clients: The Washington Post Magazine, Time Out New York, Discovery Channel (Travel Channel, Animal Planet, Science Channel), Wolf Trap, The European Union and more! He presently teaches a photo business course at NOVA (Alexandria Campus). For more information visit: www.keithbarraclough.com

Art Camp thrives for all

"Oh the Joy!!" of 25 children making art aplenty at the 2006 Multi-Cultural DRA Art Camp! It was a pleasure to not only visualize but to teach and volunteer as well. Camper Fionna's mom Kate said "What a wonderful underrated value DRA's art camp is!".

Her daughter, as well as all the other campers "thrived" making everything she/they could get their creative hands on! Jasmine's mom was "thrilled" to have her daughter attend as a scholarship recipient. "She had a terrific time, much better than another camp experience she had....She just loved splashing in the pool too".

Del Ray Artisans extends a BIG THANKS to all who helped make this a BEST-ART-CAMP-EVER EXPERIENCE! And a very special thank you to Cynthia Lazo of Whole Foods in Alexandria for their \$500 donation for healthy lunches for the campers.

Also an Art-full THANKS to our scholarship donors: The Honorable Mayor William D. Euille, Community Partners for Children, Potomac West Business Association (Alice Kale Scholarship), Tom Teasley (and his corporate sponsors) and an anonymous donor.

Big Teacher and Volunteer Thanks to:
Jen Athanas, Jill Aubry, Amoret Bunn, David Amoroso, Barbara Boehm, Juli Branson, Donna Carter, Megan Cook, Charlotte Corcoran, Sonia Covey, Jane DeWeerd, Dianna Diatz, Sue Dick, Amy Perlman Gura, Mary Cole Henshaw, David Kosar, Theresa Kulstad, Mary Lagnaoui, Liz Martinez, Debbie Mezzetta, Edith Sanabria, Karen Schmitz, Sara Sertic, Linda Silk, Susan Slattery, Ted Smouse, Susan Stayer, Jane Stockdale, Tom Teasley, Cheryl Vandermolten, Vicki Walchak, Toni Warren and all the other helping hands!

Art Camp 2007 here we come!!!!



Put de lime on de Coconut Tree-or a variation thereof



This year DRA members will again have the opportunity to create unique ornaments for sale during the Holiday Market. Artists will choose from a variety of wooden "blanks." The finished ornaments will be displayed on an in-gallery holiday tree. Interested members may stop by DRA now to pick up ornaments.

to select up to three ornaments. Ornaments are \$1.00 each -payable at time of pick-up.

Final drop-off of ornaments: Thurs., November 30th (6:30-8:00 PM). Ornaments must be delivered ready-to-hang. Bring your price list, we'll provide the pricing labels.

Welcome New Membership Co-Chairs

We sadly bid adieu several months ago to Membership chair **Courtney Brownell**, who relocated with her family to North Carolina (we'll miss you!). Two DRA members, **Mara Burke** and **Jennifer Webb** have assumed the Membership Co-chair positions and will soon be delving into the task of

keeping our members and our mailing lists updated and in order, along with other membership-related activities. If you are interested in serving on the Membership committee, please feel free to contact Mara (703.922.2030 / maraburk@hotmail.com) or Jennifer 703.323.0340 / MDJM5660@aol.com.

In Memoriam

We are very sad to announce that DRA Treasurer **Kathryn Brown's** father passed away Wednesday, September 6th. The Brown family has not specified any memorial funds, but DRA has received a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bill and Pat)

(Bill and Pat) Rohrer as a memorial in honor of Mr. Bill Brown. The money will go to DRA's Ted Eicher's Memorial Art Scholarship Fund.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent in care of DRA, addressed to Kathryn Brown.

2006 Calendar of Events



Sept. 20 - Mar. 23, '07	<i>Art in City Hall, Bi-Annual, Juried Exhibition</i>
October 10	<i>Art in City Hall Opening Reception (5:00 - 6:45 PM)</i>
October 7-29	<i>Bead It! / Juried exhibit / Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878</i>
October 7	<i>Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM) - Dance & art activities in the gallery</i>
October 10	<i>Board Meeting (7:00 PM)</i>
October 13	<i>Opening reception (7-10PM) Bead It! 2</i>
October 14-15	<i>Workshop "Lampwork glass with Lisa St. Martin"</i>
October 17	<i>DRA Annual Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)</i>
October 29	<i>Del Ray Halloween Parade (2:00 PM)</i>
November 10-26	<i>DR Dozen invitational photography exhibit/ curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323</i>
November 11	<i>"Business Issues for Photographers" with Keith Barraclough (1-3:00 PM)</i>
November 14	<i>Board Meeting (7:00 PM)</i>
November 16	<i>Special Reception for Jim Hartmann, City Manager (7-9 PM)</i>
December 1-3	<i>Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market / Juried</i>
December 2	<i>Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 PM)</i>
December 8, 9 & 10	<i>Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR & Ornament workshop</i>
December 12	<i>Board Meeting (7:00 PM)</i>

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Art in City Hall bi-annual juried exhibit

Following on the heels of the first very successful and well received Art in City Hall exhibit, the second show is off to a wonderful start! Again gracing the 2nd floor of Alexandria's City Hall, 80 works hang thanks to countless hours of volunteer effort by many DRA members, and those of the other participating arts groups: The Art League,

Springwater Fiber Workshop and the Torpedo Factory Artists. You should have received your postcard announcement by now -- please note that there is a correction (due to a last minute change...) the Opening Reception will actually start at 5:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM Renewal New Member

Title _____ Name(s) _____
First Middle Initial Last

Corporation Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

Artist Media _____

Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as an DRA Active Artist 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:

COMMUNICATIONS: Mailings Newsletter Public Relations ; **FACILITY:** Gallery Maintenance Gardening ; **FINANCE:** Grants ; **FUNDRAISING:** Solicitation Special Events ; **GALLERY COORDINATOR:** Curating/Co-curating Hanging Shows ; **HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:** Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks ; **MEMBERSHIP:** Data Input Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation ; **OUTREACH:** Community Events/Activities ; **PROGRAMS:** Art Camp Class Instructor Member Events ; **VOLUNTEER:** Telephoning ; **JUST ABOUT ANYTHING**

Signature _____ Date _____

Dues: Gold Corporate \$500 Silver Corporate \$250 Friend of DRA \$35 Active Artist \$35
 Household \$50 Student/Senior/Disabled \$10

Dues payable to **DEL RAY ARTISANS** and mail with this form to:
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