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Del Ray Artisans...
since 1992



A HOLIDAY MARKET OF FINE ART, CRAFTS, FOOD AND GIFTS

The Del Ray Artisans' Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market will be the place to go this holiday season to find everything you need to celebrate—exquisite gifts created by members, festive baked goods to indulge your sweet-tooth, artisan-designed ornaments and lots of good fun!

The festivities (and sales of fine art!) will begin Friday evening, December 1st, with a Preview reception from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, December 2nd, the gallery will open at 10 a.m. and extend its evening hours through the Tree lighting

next door as Del Ray celebrates Holiday on the Avenue. Sunday, December 3rd, hours are noon to 5 p.m.

In conjunction with the Market, our annual Gift Food Sale will tempt you with seasonal treats—a great chance to share your holiday favorites and find new ones, too! Proceeds go to support DRA's Katrina Relief efforts for the artists of Hancock County, Mississippi. *Donations of baked goods are needed.* Questions? Contact **Theresa Kulstad** at tkulstad@verizon.net.

ARTIST GUY RANDO WINS ART IN CITY HALL BEST OF SHOW

Congratulations to DRA member **Guy Rando** whose entry, *Cypress Forest*, was recently awarded Best of Show in Alexandria's Art in City Hall juried exhibition.

Rando's winning piece is one of 80 pieces selected to exhibit in the juried show, which hangs in City Hall located at 301 King Street

in Old Town Alexandria, through March 23, 2007.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your community and fellow DRA artisans—visit City Hall Monday through Friday during regular business hours and Saturdays from 9-12.

DEL RAY DOZEN INVITATIONAL OPENS NOVEMBER 10

The Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show opens with a reception and silent auction on Friday, November 10th from 7-10 p.m.

Participating photographers are **Kathryn Brown, Candace Clifford, Jen Chappell, Sonia Covey, Paige Ireland, David Kosar,**

Marlin Lord, Dave Nicholson, Rob Rudick, Dave Scavone, Fierce Sonia, Eve Stocker, and Lara Tiller.

A photography workshop, "Business Issues for Photographers" is offered on Saturday, November 11th, from 1-3 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/upcoming_exhibits.htm to register.

Contributors this month include:
Barbara Boehm, Mara Burk, Kathryn Brown, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery and Daniel Wise.

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

Thanks to the **Alexandria Commission for the Arts** for its continuing support.

Submission deadline 20th of month preceding (11/20 for November)

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DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING...

and support the **DEL RAY ARTISANS** while you shop!
The Del Ray Artisans are participating in a Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

BARNES & NOBLE-POTOMAC YARD • DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10!

Sunday, December 10 (12-4 PM) - Join us at Barnes & Noble for our FREE Make-your-own Holiday Ornament (or Bookmark) workshop! Kids welcome.

Barnes & Noble will donate 15-25% of your total in-store purchases to
The Del Ray Artisans!

See the enclosed flier with vouchers for all the details



DRA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We thank those of you who have already renewed your membership this year, even though there has been no renewal letter sent out for memberships that expired on 6/30/06. Memberships only expire at the end of June or the end of December.

In case you are not aware, DRA had a mid-year change in Membership Chairs, and there was no one actually in place when the renewal letters would have gone out...

...therefore, we are asking you to accept this notice as this year's "renewal notice" and look at your mailing label to determine whether or not you need to renew at this time.

If you have any questions about your expiration date noted on your label, please contact current Membership Co-Directors **Mara Burk** at maraburk@hotmail.com, **Jennifer Webb** at Mdjm5660@aol.com or Asst. Treasurer **Kathryn Brown**.

DONATIONS TO TED EICHERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Long time DRA member and former Board of Director **Vivienne Lukacs'** beloved husband of 53 years, Richard Lukacs, passed away October 5th, 2006. Donations in his name can be made to DRA's Ted Eichers Memorial Art Fund which supplements a local art student's

college tuition costs.

Eichers Fund donations, cards and other expressions of sympathy for Vivienne and the Lukacs family may be sent in care of the DRA gallery.



DON'T MISS DEL RAY ARTISANS' FINE ART & FINE CRAFTS HOLIDAY MARKET

DEC. 1 ~ FRIDAY RECEPTION 7-10 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 ~ OPEN 10 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ~ 12-5 PM

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2007 DEL RAY ARTISANS BOARD

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PEER CRITIQUE AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Do you ever wish you had a group of friends with whom you are comfortable asking for honest and constructive feedback? Well you do—The Del Ray Artisans!

Join us Sunday, November 12th from 5-8 p.m. in the DRA gallery. Bring a couple pieces, complete or in progress, that you'd like to

discuss and receive constructive criticism from your peers.

The facilitator will keep things moving and ensure all feedback is constructive. For more information, please contact **Michele Reday Cook** at mredaycook@mac.com or **Daniel Wise** at danwise@verizon.net.



SEEKING HOLIDAY MARKET ELVES

Plans for the DRA Holiday Market are well underway and we are looking for members to help in all aspects of this fun event, including: poster/postcard distributions, decorations, bake sale staff, preview

reception, and more. What a festive way to earn those volunteer hours!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Barb Boehm** at 703.838.6265 or barbxb@yahoo.com.

A GENTLE REMINDER TO EXHIBITING ARTISTS

The Board would like to remind all exhibiting artists about the scheduled pick-up time given at the end of a show. We try to make it clear on each Call for Entry that pick-up is to begin after the end of gallery hours on the last day of the show. Typically (although this is not a guarantee for all shows), pick-up is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. on the last day of the show, and sometimes on the Monday following.

We bring this to your attention because we have experienced a great deal of trouble in the last few shows with artists wanting to pick up their works before 4:00 p.m. on the last day, and even as early as the day before. Please don't expect to sit the gallery on the Saturday prior to the Sunday, which is the last day of the show, and expect to save a trip by taking your work home then!

We do not do this to be punitive... we do it for the same reason that we ask purchasers not to take the art they have paid for before the end of the show—so that any one who comes to see the show, even on the last day, actually gets to see the show in its entirety! Many empty spaces on the walls make us look very unprofessional, and you deprive yourself (and others) from having your work viewed in an exhibit professionally hung.

In any show, if you are not able to come at the scheduled times, it is your responsibility to call the curator, prior to those times, in order to schedule another time, or make arrangements with family or friends to come during the scheduled times. We are sorry that there are limitations, but please remember that they are in place for all of our benefit.

2006 Calendar of Events

November 10–26 *DR Dozen invitational* photography exhibit/ curator **Rob Rudick** 301.270.2323
November 11 "Business Issues for Photographers" with Keith Barraclough (1–3:00 p.m.)
November 12 Card-Making Party (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) **Theresa Kulstad** tkulstad@verizon.net
November 12 Peer Critique 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
November 14 Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
November 16 Special Reception for Jim Hartmann, City Manager (7–9:00 p.m.)

December 1-3 *Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market / Juried*
December 2 Holiday on the Avenue - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display (6:00 p.m.)
December 8, 9 & 10 Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR & Ornament workshop
December 12 Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
December 24 Fine Arts Market



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Card-Making Sunday, Nov. 12

A Card Making Party Sunday (11-3 PM) is one of the coolest ways to hang out, share ideas and bond with other artists! Come make cards for the gallery and enjoy snacks and a creative vibe. Food and supplies provided, but feel free to bring more! Questions? Contact **Theresa Kulstad** at 703.283.0399

Life Drawing – Nov. 15 & 29

DRA has scheduled two Wednesday nights, November 15 and 29 (7-10 p.m.), for our continuing series of drop-in life drawing at the gallery. Cost is \$8 for DRA members, but it is open to all. So invite friends (\$10 non-members), bring a favorite CD, drawing supplies, and an easel if you need one.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

Renewal New Member

Title _____ Name(s) _____
First Middle Initial Last

Corporation Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____
e-Mail

Artist Media

Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a 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: 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: \$500 Gold Corporate; \$250 Silver Corporate; \$35 Friend of DRA; \$35 Active Artist;
 \$50 Household; \$10 Student/Senior/Disabled