



The Well Crafted Word

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Spring All Member Show Opens April 13 Special Events, Activities Will Rock

In addition to encouraging our members to explore the suggested theme of “words” in their artwork, *Words, Art, and Poetry*, the spring DRA all member show, is featuring several special activities that rock both the right and left sides of the brain, including a visit from Bwana Papyrus. But before we tell you about those, here are a few important dates.

Receiving dates for submissions for the spring show are: **Friday, April 6, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.**, and **Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.** Submit up to three pieces of which

at least one will be exhibited. Works not included must be picked up on **Sunday, April 9 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Unless notified that ALL your works were accepted, you must pick up unselected work.

Show dates are April 13-29. The opening reception is Friday, April 14, 7-10 p.m. Cash awards will be presented by juror and local artist Jean Schwartz. Schwartz has a BA degree in fine art from Upsala College and a certificate from L’Ecole du Louvre in art history, specializing in 19th century French painting and architecture and sculpture of the Middle Ages. She studied drawing at L’Academie de La Grande Chaumiere also in Paris, and earned a certificate in landscape design from George

Washington University. She worked as a landscape designer for 12 years. Schwartz has had solo shows in Paris, upstate New York, North Carolina, and in the Washington, DC area.

Her work can be seen at the Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory. Recently, she was in the Vision Show for Falls Church Arts and had works ex-

hibited at the Dega Gallery in McLean. Visit her Web site at www.jeanschwartzpaintings.com.

The success of our show is dependent on

you, our members, who provide invaluable support. Sign up sheets to help on this show will be available on the receiving days. Help is needed in the areas of gallery sitting (participating artists are required to sign up for gallery sitting times), hanging, providing food for the opening reception, etc. Remember, we are an all-volunteer organization, and besides, it’s fun.

In keeping with the “words” theme and the fact that April is Library Month, DRA and the Friends of the Duncan Library formed a collaboration for this year’s spring show.

First up is an on-going, fundraising book sale in the gallery. Book donations are accepted at the gallery on the receiving dates or regular gallery hours.

Donate Your Used Books

Clear out those bookshelves and donate used books to our book sale during the April all-member show. Proceeds benefit both DRA and the Friends of Duncan Library. Bring your books to art receiving or drop them off during regular gallery hours. Unsold books will be donated to the library. Contact Candace Clifford at jclifford@earthlink.net.

Message from DRA President, Linda Elliff

The Del Ray Artisans is a vibrant organization, with many fantastic activities and events taking place. I am pleased to help continue these programs by taking over as President from Susan Slattery, who contributed amazing leadership.

From national outreach for Mississippi artists to showcasing our own members’ talents and skills, we are completing outstanding projects at DRA, and we need the help of each of you to continue these successes. This is an all volunteer organization and we are calling on all members.

I am continually impressed with all that DRA accomplishes. Thanks go to the dedicated Board Members, past and present, who spend countless hours making this organization so effective. Their commitment and achievements are incredible, and you witness the results every time you come to an opening or attend a workshop or other event. Read the Newsletter and check the Web site to find many opportunities to get involved with Del Ray Artisans. It’s an exciting time for us!

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