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Artists and Gardeners

On Earth Day, many Del Ray Artisans hung up their smocks and aprons and donned their overalls to ready the DRA garden for the new season. With Jordan Wright as the lead green thumb, it was the best turn out ever with nearly 20 volunteers—several of whom kept at it late into Sunday evening. Jordan exclaims, “Everyone had great fun!”

The DRA gardeners planted 23 new plants into the garden including Nandinas, Hydrangea, and Azaleas. They divided, transplanted and repurposed several other spe-

cies and Ron Blank and Roy Wright labored all day to install the drip hose under the sidewalk. Thanks guys for correcting a potential hazard.

Huge thanks go to: Margaret Slipek, Joyce Starvis, Jane DeWeerd, Ellyn Ferguson, Alice Eichers, Kimberly Tyler, Joyce Wagner, Ron Blank, Dale May, Pat Oliver, Charlotte Landis, Karen Schmitz, Catherine Huddleston, Angela Wright, Jacob Clark, Roy Wright and Pedro—who at 5 feet tall is the hardest working garden assistant pound for pound—cheers and gratitude to all!

Invite all of your friends and family to enjoy the gardens and the goodwill that they bring to the Gallery, its guests and to the Del Ray community at large.

If you have plants that you would like to donate to the garden, please contact Jordan Wright at 703.549.1548. Both sun-loving and shade-loving annuals and perennials are needed to fill out the garden.

Happy “Art Camp” Campers Kids • July 23-27

July’s Del Ray Artisans Art Camp is looking for a few Happy Camper Kids for “Kids Creative Arts Adventure” July 23-27 for ages 8-12. Coordinators Karen Schmitz and Donna Bryne have developed a FUNderful program including painting, print making, drawing, sewing and even writing and performing a short filmed skit.

This super value even includes a swim & splash along with a healthy lunch for \$275 with a special early-birdie rate of \$250 be-

fore June 15. Registration at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Also, this is a fun way for DRA members to help fulfill their volunteer hours helping young artists while even learning a few creative techniques for themselves!

Members & friends wishing to volunteer or donate to a “happy camper” scholarship please contact Donna at dbmarketing@verizon.net or 703.839.3673 or Karen.schmitky@yahoo.com.

Wish You Were Here... A Travel Show for June

Get your boarding passes ready for the travel show, *Wish You Were Here...*, at the Del Ray Artisans. All Aboard for a journey that explores artists’ travel experiences, both near and far, real and imaginative, through drawings, paintings, journals, mixed media, and ceramics. See the preview during First Thursday on June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

There is a rumor that Las Vegas Elvis and Hollywood Marilyn may make an appearance at the Friday, June 8 opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m. So, let’s dress with a travel destination in mind... pith helmets, cowboy hats & chaps, Kimonos and Hawaiian shirts are encouraged!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. for an Artist Journaling Workshop by Co-curator Brian Z. There is a \$10 supply fee. Register online at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

For information, contact curators Joe Daily at joeartizan@verizon.net or Brian Z at 703.343.5745, b_z_jazz@excite.com.

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