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“Wish You Were Here” Runs Through July 8

Where were you on Saturday, June 8? We bet you wish you were here at the Del Ray Artisans gallery for the opening of our latest exhibit, *Wish You Were Here*. A friendly crowd celebrated the works of 39 local artists. In all, 82 works covered a wonderfully diverse range of art media representing 2-D and 3-D forms of creative expression. Included in the exhibit are travel journals that consist of written books, photo albums, and watercolor records of the architecture and natural surroundings of exotic travel destinations.

Notable works include “The Perfect Accessory,” which features a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like. The image gar-

nered extra attention by the attendance of the model who is a professional Marilyn impersonator. People were also delighted to find that the painting has interchangeable “wigs,” for an interactive component. The painted door, “Where Birds Fly,” by Marcie Wolf-Hubbard also stood out, literally and figuratively with its use of collage and bold colors. Some unique hand felted works by Holly Cable and found object metal assemblages by Noah Williams ignited responses from gallery goers. The show has an incredible amount of aesthetically strong works. One is sure to find inspiration and delight. *Wish You Were Here* runs through July 8th.

DRA and CCP Will be Dancing in July

The fireworks may be over but sparks will be on foot as The Choreographers Collaboration Project (CCP) performs at the DRA for the July 5 First Thursday Event starting at 7 p.m. The dance “Feast on Your Life” will be the launching of a 10-month dance project inspired by the Del Ray community to coincide with the 100th anniversary (2008) of the neighborhood. (See “Love History?...” on page 3.)

For this 2008 project called “Del Ray on the Move” Mary Jo Smet is looking for DRA photographers. For more info please contact her at msmet1@verizon.net.

Let the Art Camp Adventure Begin!

This year’s DRA Art Camp is ready for kid creativity July 23 through 27. Registration is open until July 9 and we expect a full house of young artists taking this weeklong art journey. Art Camp Coordinator Karen Schmitz is very excited about this nearly sold-out program that will include his-story and her-story assemblages and a fiber arts project with Assistant Coordinator Donna Byrne that

will include a “creature feature” filmed performance.

Members and friends wishing to contribute to special handpicked scholarship candidates can please do so by contacting Donna at 703.532.8254/dbmarketing@verizon.net. Register online at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org. Volunteers are needed to help with projects and lunches.

Mashup with First Thursday

Pottery, jewelry, monoprints and encaustic painting are among the many art forms represented at the Del Ray Artisan’s August show “Mashup!”

The term “mashup” originated in the music world when artists created a montage of unrelated forms of music to create a new composition. Artists Barbara Boehm, Juli R. Branson, Linda Elliff and Joan Ulrich thought this was the perfect description of the melding of their very different media.

They are working together to create cross-media artworks to be raffled off, in addition to offering their individual works for sale. The opening reception of Mashup!, a four-artist show, is Friday, August 3, 7-9 P.M., with the show running until August 26.

For a sneak preview, the public is invited to attend a First Thursday event, on August 2. All of Mount Vernon Avenue will be alive with programs on the theme of Health & Wellness.

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