



# The Well Crafted Word

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## A MEGA-Art Camp Thanks!

The Del Ray Artisans Art Camp crew graciously thanks the following DRA members, businesses and friends for their scholarship donations to a hugely successful summer art camp.

- Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota
- Community Partners for Children
- Divas of Decoupage
- Jim Wickman & Daniel Wise
- Tom Conrad
- Deb Sikes
- Anonymous (Silent Auction Project)
- Kevin Reilly-Alexandria Hyundai
- Evie Ewing Scholarship
- Jane Deweerd
- Rossie Kelly
- Leslie Wilder
- Ela Work

Several special scholarship recipients were referred to DRA's camp from: The Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, "SOHO-Space of her Own" (mentoring low-income, at-risk girls) and the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

Also, Coordinator Karen Schmitz and Asst. Coordinator Donna Byrne (Yipper Skipper) would like to give "Kamp-Kudos" to the following art camp friends: Jen & Bret Chappell, Jen Athanas, Mark Byrne, Juli Branson, Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Marlin Lord, Glenna Gallagher, Sharon "Girlie" Reilly, Deborah Odell, Jay Bowyer of F.Shumacher Co., Amoret Bunn, Jordan & Roy Wright, John Crouch Tobacconist, Trader Joe's of Alexandria, and David Kosar.

PLEASE Keep your eyes open for a zestful exhibit of some of the young artist's summer camp projects at the Septembers All Members Show. FUN-tastic!

## FUN-DAY Sunday is August 19

YES, DRA members and friends mark your calendars for a FUN-DAY Sunday general meeting on August 19 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This brings DRA's most popular general meeting outside and inside with tasty BBQ and the renowned "OH MY! That's Good Pie!" Contest!

This is the 3rd year for this delicious pie competition that rates desserts on appearance, taste and creativity, but what we consider to be even a greater prize is that three lucky attendees of FUN-DAY Sunday will become

"PROFESSIONAL PIE JUDGES!" Oh My! Can you taste it? We do LOVE Pie!

Pie contestants are asked to bring their culinary masterpieces by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 19. Prizes and the infamous purple "rolling pin" award will be presented at 5:30.

Remember to save your appetite for an old-fashion DRA-style BBQ complete with fixin's, beverages, homemade pies and even the visual "tastes" of the August "Mashup" exhibition.

Now that's what we call a FUN-DAY Sunday—DRA Style!

## August is an Art Mashup

Mashed Potato Martinis are featured for guests at the opening reception for *Mashup: Solos and Collaborations* on August 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Artists and board members Barbara Boehm, Juli R. Branson and Linda Elliff and former board member Joan Ulrich collaborated on various cross-media artworks that will be raffled off at the close of the show on August 26. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5 at the gallery. The term "mashup" originated in the music world when artists created a montage of unrelated forms of music to create a new composition.

Pottery, jewelry, monoprints, encaustic paintings and more are for sale through the month of August during regular gallery hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Join Jill Amstutz for a special program, "At Home in Your Life," at First Thursday, August 2 at 7 p.m. Jill will also present a workshop, "Your Life Is Art," on Saturday, August 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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