

The Well Crafted Word

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REJECTED/ACCEPTED

The tradition of showing art work that had been previously rejected has a long history. As early as the 1830s, Paris art galleries had mounted small-scale, private exhibitions of works rejected by the Salon jurors. In 1863, the event was sponsored by the French government. In that year, artists protested the Salon jury's rejection of more than 3,000 works, approximately 60% of those submitted, far more than usual.

"Wishing to let the public judge the legitimacy of these complaints," said an official notice, Emperor Napoléon III decreed that the rejected artists could exhibit their works in an annex to the regular Salon.

Despite the criticism of many critics, the show did provide exposure to many artists who were not famous then but are now. Del Ray Artisans is having its own show of rejected work in January. It will be called

Rejected/Accepted. We have all had the experience of having our work rejected by show jurors. Jurors, unfortunately, like the critics of old are looking for what they expect to see. If they see something different, they often reject it because it is not what they were looking for. This show is for that work, the work that is in the studio, leaning against the wall, waiting to have its genius recognized.

To qualify for this show, any kind of rejection will do. So get your best rejected work ready for exhibition, sign it, frame it and bring it to drop off on January 5 from 2 to 4 pm or January 6 from 4 to 6 pm. Since one of the primary aims of this show it to exhibit new work, it is requested that work previously exhibited at DRA not be included and nothing that has won a prize is qualified.

I HEART Weekend January 26 & 27!

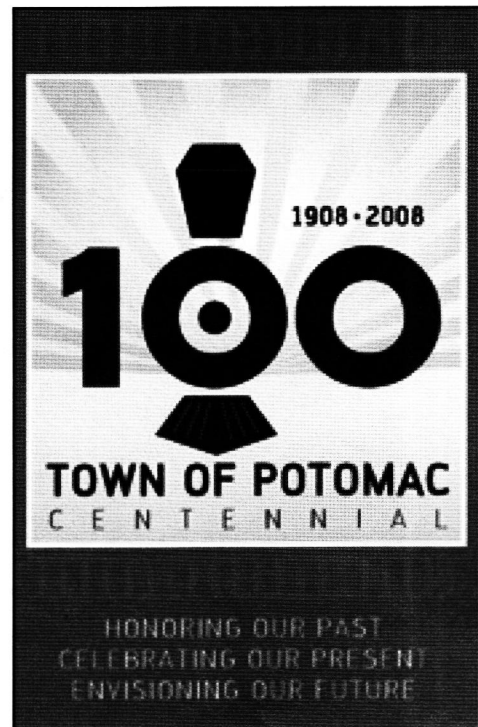
Get ready for a luv'n weekend at DRA mak'n valentines for your own loved ones! Create your own amore cards: Saturday, January 26 (noon-4pm) and Sunday, January 27(noon-4pm) with special mini demos between 1pm-2pm each day! Learn some basic techniques using stamping, collaging and embossing along with special "helpful hints" that will stimulate your own artworks in 2008! Cardmaking

hostesses Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz will guide and encourage all with a small suggested fee for materials. "It's a Win/Win & Grin" cardmaking experience with only one requirement ...YOU! Come listen, learn and make your own love cards SWAK.

Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com and Theresa at 703-283-0399/tkulstad@verizon.net

Eichers Fund Donation

Founding Member Marlin Lord has just celebrated his "20/70". These numbers represent two landmarks in his life and that of the community: 20 years of his own architectural firm and 70 years of living! Congratulations Marlin! In honor of these celebrations, Del Ray Artisans has received a generous donation of \$70 for the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund from friend and client Donna Walker James. Thanks Donna!



Call for Entries

Calling all local artists to exhibit the Spirit of Del Ray! Del Ray Artisans celebrate the Town of Potomac Centennial with artwork representing the spirit of our Del Ray neighborhood. See our website for details or contact Seana Gallagher at seana1011@mac.com.

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