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Creative Challenge Again — Opens February 8th

Trapped on a deserted island, the artist is challenged to create art using only a boxful of found objects. It is Survivor: artist-style, pitting thirty talented individuals against each other, the box, and their own-mindset to think and create differently.

That is the premise of the Del Ray Artisans Creative Challenge Art Exhibit on view from Feb. 8 through March 2, 2008. The Opening Reception will be from 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m. on Friday February 8th. A Peer Critique Session will be held on Sunday the 10th, from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Back in October, show curator Linda Silk distributed boxes, wrapped to conceal their contents, to thirty participants of the challenge. Following the rules of the

challenge, each was to refrain from using any of their normal art supplies and fashion the necessary tools and supplies from the contents of their box. The only thing they could add beyond their own creative juices was water.

There are three versions of “the Box”, with ten identical boxes of each version; thus, ten artists of each version are equally challenged; yet the end results are spectacularly diverse.

This exhibit showcasing creative thinking outside the box (ha ha) also has a judging component, with the winner selected by Mark Ward, Deputy Director of the acclaimed American Visionary Art Museum.

Rejected/Accepted Show Opens

The Rejected/ Accepted show opened on Friday, January 11, with an enthusiastic crowd that included the vice-mayor of Alexandria, Dell Pepper. With over 40 artists participating and over 80 works of art on display, the gallery was a visual treat. Some good wine, some delicious snacks, a goodish number of sales and cooperating weather contributed to a very successful opening of the show. If you have not been to see it, it will remain open on the usual gallery schedule until Sunday, February 3. (Pictured below: Lynn Wyvill, Vice Mayor Del Pepper, Richard Wyvill.)



Announcing!

Announcing DRA's new Gallery hours

The DRA Gallery will now be open on Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., when you will find Gallery Assistant Tracy Wilkerson busy at work. Volunteers will continue to staff the Gallery on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m.

Reminder:

Card-making party Jan 26 & 27

It's a card-making weekend! Join us for the card-making party on Saturday or Sunday, January 26 and 27, from noon to 4:00p.m. Techniques and helpful hints will be presented each day from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. A small donation is accepted for materials. Come make your own Valentines!

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