



The Well Crafted Word

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TC Williams HS Art Show Opens May 2nd

From the 2nd through the 18th of May, you are cordially invited to discover the emerging talents of the TC Williams HS National Honor Society Members. This is the 11th annual student exhibition at DRA, and the 2nd year featuring National Honor Society Members. 30 TCW Juniors and Senior will show their work. A sneak peek at a few works is enough to tell you this is some show. Please join us for another amazing exhibit.

DRA Designs Float!

On Saturday, May the 3rd the Town of Potomac Centennial Parade will wind its way down Commonwealth Avenue. The parade will include marching, music, celebrities, and of course, what would a parade be without one, a float. When Carol Bailey and Gayle Reuter, the Co-chairs for the parade, needed a crack team to design the float they called on the Del Ray Artisans. Ellyn Ferguson, the DRA representative to the Centennial Committee asked for volunteers and Marlin Lord, Kate Graham, Charlotte Corcoran, Juli Branson, Jen Chappell and Teresa Kulstand took the challenge. Over dinner at Los Tios, the team joined by Ellyn Ferguson and Christina Richardson, designed a float that will astonish and amaze the hundreds of parade goers lining Commonwealth Ave. Be sure to be there at 10:00am on Saturday the third of May.

June is THINKING Green!

Thinking Green is a hot topic everywhere and in June the Del Ray Artisans will showcase some of the areas hottest eco-thinking artists as they interpret THINK Green! in their own art. Think about Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Rethink.

Eco-artist Alison Sigethy will juror this show which truly fits her green lifestyle & "art" style. Alison uses recycled glass inspired by the environment and her love of the water connected with her gold metal kayaker world travels. This summer she will be part of the Arctic Voice Expedition Team, kayaking to remote settlements in the arctic region and documenting the stories of the Inuit people and how the climate change has effected their lives. Visit www.arcticvoice.org.

For this juried show there will be no entry fee for work entered. Only if your work is accepted will you be asked for a participation fee for each accepted piece of artwork.

The THINK Green! exhibit runs June 5- June 29, 2008. See DRA newsletter for Call for Entry or www.TheDelRayArtisans.org Curator Karen Schmitz schmityk@yahoo.com/703-317-9340 will also conduct a workshop called: Junk Mail Collage on June 22.

Spring Outdoor Art Sale - Saturday May 3rd

Your opportunity to see and purchase a wide array of artwork and fine craft items from Del Ray Artisans members is at the Spring Outdoor Art Sale on Saturday, May 3, from 10 am - 4pm. Featured will be over twenty artists, displaying original works in a variety of 2D and 3D media on the grounds adjacent to the DRA Gallery. The timing of the sale will afford art buyers a chance to purchase unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day. The Spring Outdoor Art Sale is part of the Town of Potomac Centennial festivities, which includes an old-fashioned parade up Commonwealth Avenue in the morning. For more information about the Spring Art Sale, contact Rob Rudick at 301.270.2323.

2009 Call for Show Proposals

It's time to start planning our 2009 calendar. Every year DRA strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. If you have an idea for a show that supports these goals, please consider submitting a show proposal. All proposals will be reviewed by the show proposal committee who will make recommendations to the Board for final approval.

The proposal form is available on our website www.thedelrayartisans.org and the deadline for submission is August 1, 2008.

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