



# The Well Crafted Word

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## *As We Are: The Enduring Nude Opens July 3rd*

**D**RA's July show, *As We Are: The Enduring Nude*, offers members and gallery visitors something a little different this month. First, we have not had a show of figurative art here recently, and we hope to see artists who have not exhibited at our gallery before. We are also featuring a group of artists who have been working with the live model on Wednesdays and will be offering a limited number of matted works on paper for the first time. And because the usual Friday opening falls on the 4th, we will instead host an "end-of-show" bash with food and drink, awards, and for the first time ever, an art auction.

**T**he show opens July 3rd with artists doing demonstrations with the figure. Extended summer hours in the gallery continue during July.

## *Environmental Demonstration - Think Green!*

**J**esse Maines, from the City of Alexandria Division of Environmental Quality, helped kick off the First Thursday preview of THINK Green! with a featured demonstration on the impact of everyday life on our water quality. Jesse was a big, big hit -- the youngsters learned through his visual aids and the adults had many questions about his sample rain barrel. To make your own rain barrel at a workshop led by Jesse on July 12, check the city's website for details on time and location.

**H**eaps of praise and thanks go to Karen Schmitz and Jen Chappell for their successful green opening night using organic and earth friendly products. The environmentally correct exhibit makes us THINK Green!



Jesse Maines (right), City of Alexandria Division of Environmental Quality, talks with Jon Jennelle about how to capture and reuse rainwater, during the June 5 First Thursday preview of the Think Green art show. (Photo by David A. Kosar)

## *Garden Delight*

**O**ur beautiful garden shone in all its splendor as a stop on the Del Ray House and Garden tour. Jordan Wright and her green thumb volunteers had the garden looking its absolute finest. A lovely planter, donated for the occasion by Penny Spivey of The Garden Contessa, delighted visitors.

## *Building Spruced up by Volunteers*

**H**ave you seen the fresh paint in your kitchen and back hall? Little elves, better known as Alexandria City Employees, volunteered to take part in Spring for Alexandria 2008. Employees were given the day off to participate in community service projects. DRA was selected as a project site, and with equipment in hand, the wonderful volunteers from the Sheriff's Department and the Howard Gardner School painted parts of the Gallery and cleaned out the basement under the supervision of Gallery Assistant Tracy Wilkerson. DRA Board Member Courtney Bishop of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau coordinated the entire day of community service. Our grateful appreciation goes to all who helped make our 'to do' list a bit shorter.

**Remember... Art Camp!**  
**July 28-August 1**  
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