



The Well Crafted Word

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Picture Me! Opens September 12

The deadline for entries is approaching! *Picture Me! The Artistic Self-Portrait in the 21st Century* exhibition opening reception is September 12th. Invite all your fellow artists and friends to come and see your work. You are planning to be a part of this exciting member only show, aren't you?

Self-portraits have been an artistic expression of self for centuries, in paint and sculpture and now new media are allowing artists to redefine the self-portrait as witnessed in the millions of pixilated images that are e-mailed, IM's, posted on Facebook and printed from the home computer everyday. How do you define self-portrait?

Picture Me! is your opportunity to portray yourself as your truly are, wish you were, or pray that you are not. You may submit works in any style or medium, up to three original works of art with a guarantee that one will be accepted and that you will be an exhibitor in this show. This show is an exciting way for members who have never exhibited before to submit original works of art and to see them displayed.

Every artistic endeavor you begin and complete becomes an image of how you view the world and in some sense is a self-portrait. Creating self-portraits is a way of digging deeper into yourself and using that new knowledge to break through obstacles and challenges in your chosen media of artistic expression.

Submit up to three (3) original works for the paltry entry fee of \$2.00 each from 12 - 4 pm on Sunday, Sept 7, or 6 - 8 pm on Monday, Sept 8, and then come to the opening reception and join the celebration of creating.

Card Pickings are Slim – Help Restock!

Our cards are being purchased by the handfuls! That's great, but our supply is getting low. Just in the nick of time come the card making superheroes leading the charge to restock the shelves. And what fun it will be! If you have participated in a card party before you already know what goes on – challenges, contests, helpful hints and tips, mini demonstrations and as always, yummy snacks. The inspiration is contagious. You learn while you create, and at the same time you contribute some volunteer hours to DRA. Don't miss out!

Join us on Sunday, September 21, noon to 4 pm for Del Ray Artisans' next Card Making Party, for however long you can stay. You never know, someone like Andrea Roane might just choose your card – yes, she did find a card she liked while at the Gallery to film the interview.

Lee-Fendall House and Del Ray Artisans Benefit

On October 19, Del Ray Artisans will tip our hats to the tradition of Oktoberfest by holding a joint beer tasting with Lee Fendall House. Craft Brewed Events will select 8 beers to sample, four different styles from Germany and their US counterparts, pair them with a light appetizer buffet, provide style and tasting notes, and finish off the day with a door prize drawing and raffle.

Tickets are \$40 and include a hand painted beer glass decorated by a Del Ray Artisan or Lee Fendall House member. Craft Brewed Events will provide staff to explain the beers. Tasting runs 2-5 PM on the grounds of Lee Fendall House. Profits from the beer tasting benefit the Del Ray Artisans and Lee Fendall House.

Join us on Tuesday, September 16, from 7 - 9 pm. at the Gallery to hand paint a beer glass that will be given away as a souvenir at the beer tasting. Beer glasses and other materials will be provided. Artists can also decorate the beer glasses at home and return them to the Gallery. Awards for the best beer glasses will be announced at the beer tasting on October 19. More details will follow in our weekly email announcements.

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