



The Well Crafted Word

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Bead it! 3 Opens November 7th

Don't miss it! The third edition of Bead it! opens with a reception on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. Juror Lisa St. Martin has selected amazing beadwork and individual beads from entries received from across the country. Lisa St. Martin has been working with hot glass for over thirty years, and is a Resident Artist at The Workhouse at Lorton.

Don't miss it! At the reception, awards will be given for the best in each category: Wearable Bead Art, Handmade Bead, and Non-Wearable Bead Art.

Don't miss it! Space is still available for the last two bead workshops, "Felt Jewelry" by Barbara Brecher on November 8, and "Easiest Beaded Bead" by Paulette Baron on November 15. For more information, contact Barbara Boehm at barbxb@yahoo.com.

Report - Art on the Avenue

We are pleased to report that the DRA's Art on the Avenue hat-making project was a crowning success! More than 300 children came by bare-headed and left sporting tiaras, crowns, conical hats and colorful triangular hats. We like to think we did our part to add to the festive atmosphere of Art on the Avenue and to inspire interest in "The Art of Making." Coordinator Margaret Slipek created an entire wardrobe of hats, appropriate for every occasion, as she worked with the children during the day. And Margaret also modeled them to inspire greater creativity in the children.

Sincere appreciation goes out to everyone who donated supplies. With your support, children were able to decorate their hats with plastic bugs, faux jewels, yarns and ribbons of every color, glitter, a variety of tissue paper, and an assortment of other engaging materials. An additional note of gratitude goes to Tracy Wilkerson for assembling these materials in good order.

We also wish to thank the volunteers who shared their time and talents to create this art experience for young Alexandrians. A hearty salute goes out to the following volunteers: Peter Marshall, Randy Scheessele, Beverly "Maggie" Tomasello, Monica Wise, Celeste Zabowski, Constance "Connie" Zabowski, Christina Richardson, and John Elliff.

It was fun to work with each of the volunteers and we cannot thank you enough for "stepping up to the plate" to help. That will "cap" off this report about the DRA's hat-making project during the 2008 Art on the Avenue Festival from Margaret Slipek and Courtney Bishop, DRA Outreach Co-Chairs.

Thinking ahead....

Nights are getting longer so it's time to plan ahead for the January show: Nocturne - from Dusk to Dawn.

Art critic William C. Sharp wrote that the chief characteristic of a Nocturne is its reflective, atmospheric quality, "a pensive beauty specific to the whispering shadows of night". Capture this quality in an original work of art and get ready for long winter nights and an exciting exhibit in the new year.

Correction Notice

The date of the Bead it! 3 Felt Jewelry Workshop was incorrectly listed in the last newsletter. The Felt Bead Workshop is to be held on Saturday, November 8 with instructor Barbara Brecher. Details for this workshop and also the Easiest Beaded Bead workshop led by Paulette Baron on Saturday, November 15, are currently at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

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