

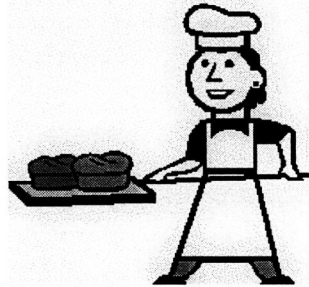
The Well Crafted Word

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HOLIDAY MARKET

The place to be the first weekend in December is at the DRA Gallery! The 13th annual Holiday Market will be open December 5 - December 7. The Market offers unique handmade fine arts and crafts from 17 vendors, one-stop-shopping for all your holiday needs, and delicious Bake Sale items to benefit the Arlandria Health Center. Of course, free admission to browse! And the Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony is in the park next to the Gallery on Saturday at 6pm. The crafts include photography, greeting cards, wood turning, pottery/ceramics, jewelry (glass, beaded, polymer clay, sterling silver wire and others), fabric, and paper crafts. All vendors are DRA artist members and all crafts are handmade.

The Opening Reception is on Friday, December 5, from 7 - 9:30pm. The vendors will be open for business and there will be lots of holiday food and conversation! The Holiday Market continues on Saturday, December 6, from 10am - 6pm. There will be a tree lighting ceremony at 6pm in the park past the parking lot. On Sunday, the fun continues from 12-4pm when the Holiday Market will close for its last day this year! On Saturday and Sunday of the Holiday Market, baked good and packaged food appropriate for hostess gifts and gift giving will be sold at the annual Bake Sale. Come join in the festivities.



BAKE SALE GOODIES

Once again, the Holiday Market will feature a delicious Bake Sale. So while you are baking up goodies for Thanksgiving, make some extras to bring to the Bake Sale! This year, just like last year, the proceeds benefit our neighbors at the Arlandria Health Center.

We need cookies, brownies, muffins, loaves, cakes, candies and any of your favorite, homemade and delicious goodies. Food donations **MUST** be packaged and priced when dropped off.

You can drop off baked goods during Gallery hours on Thursday from 12-4pm, Friday from 12-7pm or during the Opening Reception from 7-9pm. We also need helpers to work at the table during the Market on Saturday, December 6 between 10am and 4pm, and Sunday, December 7 between 12 and 4pm. Please contact Tracy Wilkerson (703-567-3434 or tlwideas@comcast.net) if you have any questions or if you would like to help out at the Bake Sale.

The World through the Blade of Scissors

This unique exhibit opens on December 12 and continues into the new year until January 4, 2009. This special display of papercuttings from the Guild of American Papercutters is combined with works from Del Ray Artisans. Art works created with a blade, from collage to fabric to decoupage to clay, will join intricate papercuttings. You will marvel at the detail achieved with knives or scissors.

Opening reception is Friday, December 12, 7 - 10 pm. Treat yourselves to this show during the holidays!

REMINDER

All members please check your mailing labels as many renewals are coming up at the end of December.

Our thanks to Self Storage Plus, 2520 Oakville St., Alexandria, for their donation of storage space.

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