



The Well Crafted Word

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Mixed Media Multiplied

Mary Louise Clifford

Picture this: Sand sprinkled on wet acrylic paint. Mosaic tesserae, colored pebbles, shells, and twigs arranged into something surprising. Paper, cardboard, charcoal, and pastels combined to make a relief sculpture.

Don't just picture it. Curator Jeanne Tiffit urges you to use your creative ingenuity to produce original work for the Mixed Media Multiplied show at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery June 26 to July 19, 2009. Use a combination of three or more traditional media and materials to create a unified two-dimensional or three-dimensional work of art that embodies a new and unexpected visual experience. A number of DRA members produce various kinds of mixed media art works, demonstrating extraordinary imagination and ingenuity. This is an opportunity for other members to experiment with some combination they've never tried before. Every DRA member is guaranteed at least one work will be exhibited, as long as it qualifies as a true mixed media work. If a theme helps to spark your ideas, think "summer!"

Exhibitors must be current members of DRA to submit work. Entry fee is \$3.00 each for up to three original works. You may enter art not for sale (NFS) or priced to sell. All entries must be ready to hang securely or display. Deliver and pick up your sold and unsold work on the designated days and times.

Exhibitors must sign up for a gallery-sitting time slot during the run of the show. Help is needed as well at intake (June 21 and 22, 6 - 9 p.m.) and hanging (June 23 and 24, day and/or evening at volunteers' convenience), including, possibly, rides to the gallery.

Receiving will be on Sunday and Monday, June 21 and 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Pickup date for work not included in the show is Wednesday, June 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This will be the second all-member show for 2009. The opening reception at the Gallery is on Friday, June 26, 7 - 10 p.m. Bring your friends to this event, which is free and open to the public. There is handicapped access.

Del Ray-cers Take Your Mark!

Grab your friends and family and sign up for the Amazing Del Ray-ce on Saturday, June 6, from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Ray-ce against other participants to answer as many questions as you can, guided through Del Ray by the Amazing Del Ray-ce clue book. The Ray-ce will take place from 2:30-4:00 p.m. and the winning teams will be awarded prizes at a dessert reception from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the DRA gallery. Register for this fun-filled Amazing Ray-ce on the DRA website: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org; the cost is \$10/adult and \$5/children under 17.

Look also for your chance to buy raffle tickets for the fabulous prizes donated by local Del Ray businesses; tickets may be bought at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. Proceeds from the Amazing Ray-ce will benefit the Del Ray Artisans and the Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden. For questions, please call Del Ray Artisans at 703.838.4827.

UpBeat OffBeat Auction Update

We now have all the pieces of furniture. Act now to select your piece. During the months of June, July, and August, artists will be creating the masterpieces for the live auction. Photos of the finished masterpieces will be available in September.

Please contact Kurt Peterson at kpeterson@gmail.com with questions or contributions.

Your Spring Cleaning = Art Camp Supplies

Help kids find the surprising joy in making crafty projects from recycled, re-purposed and up-cycled materials. We need your 'trash' to make our 'treasure'!

Supplies we are looking for:

- Used plastic report covers
- Leather or satin cording, can be new or used
- Small metal objects, such as keys and washers, to be used for wind chimes
- Used balls of aluminum foil
- Pringles canisters, or similar tubular container, with lids
- Campaign signs, complete with metal stand

Please remember, the theme is eco-friendly, so these items should be used, not bought new. However, Art Camp will gladly take some items that you already have but have not been able to put to use.

In addition, donations are needed to sponsor a camper for this wonderful experience. Any and all donations are welcome no matter what size.

Lastly, volunteers are always needed for this fun week. Please consider volunteering your time, it goes toward your membership requirement for the year and toward good community feeling, forever.

There are forms online for registration of campers. If you wish to make a donation or volunteer your time, please contact Jen Athanas directly at 571-332-0181 or jenathanas@hotmail.com.



L-R Maeve Bradley, Julia Wagner, Anna Wolz create summer memories,

Artists' Trading Cards Happening in June

Better known as ATCs, these mini artworks are created for artists to share with other artists. The fun is that all talents are welcome to participate by creating, trading and socializing.

On Friday night June 19th DRA will have its first ATC event at 7 pm - hosted by uber-talented Theresa Kulstad.

Artists' Trading Cards have only two rules:

- ATCs are exchanged and not sold
- ATCs must be 2.5"x 3.5" or 64 x 89mm

Basically they are the same size as common playing cards, think miniature collages, drawings, paintings, etc. In fact, you can get a deck of cheap cards (\$0.99), lightly sand off the glossy finish, paint a gesso base and let your imagination and media soar! "Your sky is the limit".

If you have ATCs to share and exchange please bring them for trade or just stop by DRA and see why these groups are being formed and cards are being shared all over the globe. Special treats and rewards for swappers bringing pet themed ATCs to celebrate our "Bond for Life" exhibit!

Free Friday Fun! See you on Friday, June 19th at 7 pm.

Revenge of the Sequel – Entry Deadline is July 24

By David A. Kosar

Revenge of the Sequel, the first of its kind exhibition in the country, is a juried art show providing artists the opportunity to unleash their talents to create an image(s) that depicts and conveys their uninhibited and unabashed versions of a sequel. You, the artist, are essentially creating the concept and image of a sequel to any movie (underground, mainstream, etc.), play, book, opera, television show, a sequel of sequel, or whatever you think lends itself to becoming a sequel. The sky's the limit on this, and the only restriction is your imagination. This is an all media exhibition open to all artists (videographers should contact the curator for additional details before proceeding).

Although the show opens in September, the reason for the July 24 submission deadline is because the review of artwork is being done differently, with time needed to complete this process. Artwork entered must be submitted on CDs, no slides (though, this not the first time DRA has done this). The juror for this show is Jean Schwartz, a well-respected Northern Virginia artist who has had solo shows in Paris, upstate New York, and Washington, D.C. Her works also have been exhibited in numerous galleries in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Schwartz received her degree in fine art from Upsala College and a certificate from LEcole du Louvre in art history. She also studied drawing at L'Academie de La Grande Chaumiere in Paris and has a breadth of knowledge of various art forms, techniques, and media. Entry fees are: DRA members, \$20; non-members, \$30. Artists may submit up to



three images for the nonrefundable entry fee. If you want to submit more than three works, you may do so for an additional \$10 per image. Artists accepted are required to gallery sit during show dates. All artwork must be for sale. Show dates are September 4-27. Curator is David A. Kosar, 703-836-5483, david.kosar@verizon.net.

The call for entry is included in this edition of the newsletter and may also be found on the DRA Web site at www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Re-String Your Bling! Workshop

Remember that earring that you were sure you'd find its mate? That necklace that you were so convinced would come back in fashion but hasn't? Perhaps that lone earring and the throw-back necklace could be re-purposed, recycled and re-fashioned into a brand new piece! This is not about repairing the pearls that were passed down through the family, but a way for you to take your unworn costume jewelry and make it rock! Students will bring in broken and/or outdated jewelry as well as any tools for jewelry they may have on hand from home.

The ever high-energy jewelry designer, Jen Judd will cover some basic beading/wire-working skills (stringing, crimping, simple loops, wrapped loops and jump rings) as well as lead a discussion about the different types of materials (beads, metal, wire) available. She will focus on different price levels so you will learn your options, providing handouts with the basics plus a reference list for future use. Jen's work can be seen in the Spring issue of "Stringing" magazine as well as her website www.jenjuddrocks.com.

After getting through some basic instruction, Jen will work one-on-one with students to develop design and help with technical solutions. The class fee of \$35 will include some "make and take" supplies including beading wire, crimps, clasps, pins, hooks and work surfaces (pads and stringing trays).

Prior to class, for those enrolled, discount coupons for two local bead merchants-Bead Obsessions in Old Town Alexandria and Off the Beading Path in Occoquan will be provided. There will be additional basic supplies/tools available for purchase directly from Jen. She is encouraging everyone to bring jewelry and any supply (beads, wire and tools) they may already have on hand for a trade or swap.

This class is intended for adults of any skill level and is handicap accessible.

Register online at www.thedelrayartisans.org or by phoning Theresa Kulstad at (703)283-0399. Be advised that space is limited.

DATE: June 12 (Friday)

TIME: 6:30-9:00 PM

LOCATION: The Del Ray Artisans Gallery 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22302

FEE: \$35 for DRA members and \$40 for non-members with additional supplies available for purchase.

Open Life Drawing/Painting

If you haven't attended one of our life drawing/painting sessions at the Del Ray Artisans this year, now would be a great time. Each session we have a live model that challenges us with either short or long poses. The sessions that focus on short poses provide a unique opportunity to practice capturing the essence of a pose with drawings so quick you hardly have time to think. During the long pose sessions you will find ample time to work in paint, do detailed studies of the figure or work on more complex compositions.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

Renewal

New Member

Name _____
Title _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Additional Name _____

Organization/CorporationName _____

Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

e-mail _____

Artist Media _____

Patron

- \$1,000 Platinum
- \$500 Gold
- \$250 Silver

Patrons are considered Active Members and have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.

Active Member

- \$75 Household
- \$50 Individual
- \$25 Senior (62 & over)
- \$25 Student/Disabled (circle one)

All Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.

Friend

- \$35 Friend of Del Ray Artisans

Friends may participate in workshops, classes, and programs as members. Friends do not have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.

All membership levels above receive DRA mailings, including the newsletter

I would like to receive DRA mailings: electronically via regular mail both ways

I would like to make an additional donation to Del Ray Artisans in the amount of \$_____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the Del Ray Artisans Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship in the amount of \$_____.

Please indicate committees you are willing to serve on, to meet your 10 hour volunteer commitment:

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| <input type="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Website | <input type="radio"/> Publicity | <input type="radio"/> Archives | <input type="radio"/> Administrative | <input type="radio"/> Financial; |
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| <input type="radio"/> Programs | <input type="radio"/> anything DRA needs. | | | | | |

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: DEL RAY ARTISANS. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301 or pay online at www.thedelrayartisans.org

Student Art Show Opening and Scholarship Recipient

The DRA Gallery hosted the 12th annual T.C. Williams High School student art show opening on Friday, May 1, 2009. Approximately twenty five junior and senior members of the National Art Honor Society selected 3 to 5 pieces each, and mounted the entire show in a couple of evenings, doing most of the work and making most of the decisions themselves. The opening was crowded and festive. Visitors included parents, grandparents, and friends of the exhibitors, as well as a number of drop-ins.

DRA's annual Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship was awarded to TCW senior Isabel Pollack who had two drawings and three mixed media works in the show, displaying her varied artistic talents. Isabel will attend George Mason University. Her name will be added to the Eichers plaque which hangs in the gallery. She will also be given a one year complimentary membership in Del Ray Artisans. We look forward to seeing more of Isabel's work at DRA!

Bring your supplies and come join us in the gallery from 2-5 pm on the following days in June: **June 8 – short poses** **June 15 – long pose (for painting)**

The cost for the three hour session is \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or katherine@katherinerand.com or check our website at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Show Yours for 2010

Next year is right around the corner and Del Ray Artisans needs to fill its calendar with shows that keeps our creative juices flowing with DRA style. Got Ideas?

- How about "What's Your Bag?" What do you think about an exhibit of purses, satchels, containers, which could even be stretched open to include drawings, photographs and paintings of bags.
- How about "MOD"? Modern styling or abstract and bright. Just simple MOD! Show your interpretation.
- How about "Picture My Poem". Artists visually interpret a poem or haiku. Perhaps a collaboration with poetry groups.

You get the picture. This is a fun process and the show committee is here to also help you finesse your idea. 2010 proposals are needed by August 31st and forms are available on our website.

Need help? Contact: Karen Schmitz (schmityk@yahoo.com), Michele Reday Cook (mreday-cook@yahoo.com), Ron Tickerhoff (rontickerhoff@apta.org), Jeanne Tift (jldtiff@cox.net), or Monica Wise (moniwis@yahoo.com).



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Gallery Hours:
Thurs: noon-4 pm/ First Thursdays (open until 9 pm)
Fri: noon-9 pm
Sat: 10 am-9 pm
Sun: noon-6 pm
The gallery is open during all events and performances

Submission Deadline : 5th of the month
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Del Ray Artisans 2009 Calendar

June

- 22 - June 21 Bond for Life, Christina Richardson, curator
Christina@figaroconsulting.com
- 4 First Thursday Del Ray, Gallery open until 9 pm
- 6 Amazing Del Ray-ce! Fundraiser with
Lee-Fendall House 2:30 - 5 pm
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm *Short poses*
- 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Restraining Your Bling Workshop 6:30-9:00 pm
- 15 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm *long pose for painting*
- 19 Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) 7:00-9:00 pm
- 20 Music in the Park, Mt. Vernon Rec Center Field
- 26 - July 19 All Member Show: Mixed Media Multiplied,
curator Jeanne Tift, *jldtiff@cox.net*

July

- 2 First Thursday Del Ray, Gallery open until 9 pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 27 - 31 Art Camp

August

- 6 First Thursday Del Ray
- 7 - 30 Board Member Show
- 9 General Member Summer Get Together 4 - 6:30
- 11 Board Meeting, 7 pm

Peer Critiques will be scheduled as special events.

March - June 2010: Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts Event

September

- 3 First Thursday Del Ray, Gallery open until 9 pm
- 4 - 27 Revenge of the Sequel, David Kosar, curator
David.Kosar@verizon.net
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 19 Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser in the Park
- 20 Card Making Event, 12-4 pm

October

- 2 - 25 All Member Show: Arts Build Communities
curator tba
- 3 Art on the Avenue 10 am-6 pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 17 UpBeat OffBeat Auction The Durant Center
- 20 General Member Meeting & Election, 7:30pm

November

- 6 - 29 Del Ray Dozen, Rob Rudick, curator
robrudick@yahoo.com
- 8 Card Making Event, 12-4 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm

December

- 4 - 6 Holiday Market
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm

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An Invitation from the Divas of Decoupage

The Divas of Decoupage, whose members include DRA members Ellyn Ferguson and Vivienne Lukacs, extend the following invitation to anyone interested in decoupage or arts and crafts:

Please join us at our Saturday, June 20th meeting at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2601 Commonwealth Avenue. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to noon.

We are looking for a few good ideas for our 2009 art project. All things black and white was the theme for our last project's individual pieces which were displayed in local libraries.

For more information, please contact Ellyn Ferguson at 703-549-2660 or *elferguson@netzero.net*.

Welcome New Members

Neelam Solanki
Painting, Drawing

Arra Ann Mazor
Printmaking

Thank You

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Many thanks to Royce Flowers for providing arrangements for our opening receptions and to Self Storage Plus, 2520 Oakville St., Alexandria, for their donation of storage space.

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