



The Well Crafted Word

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Want To Participate In Some Monkey Business?

The UpBeat OffBeat Auction—October 17th, 7-10 pm

The main event of the year, the UpBeat OffBeat Auction, is almost here. So don't monkey around and miss out on all the fun!

Besides buying your ticket to attend this wacky evening being held at the Durant Center in Alexandria, there are plenty of other ways for you to participate.

SELL TICKETS – They are only \$15 in advance for an evening of fun and unique art

HAND OUT POSTCARDS – on October 3rd to Art on the Avenue patrons and direct them to the DRA gallery for a sneak peek.

Attend the Auction **PADDLE PARTY** Wednesday October 7th from 7-9 PM at the gallery. We will have a barrel full of monkeys (300 of them) to decorate as festive auction paddles.

DONATE A PIECE OF ART for the Silent Auction.

PROVIDE finger food and / or dessert. Please contact Vivienne Lukacs at viv703@msn.com or 703-979-8996.

HELP on Saturday, October 17th to decorate, set out food, set up the silent auction, tend bar, etc.

VOLUNTEERS GET IN FREE if they are working the event that night. Please contact Kurt Peterson (DRA's second banana) at 703-489-9851 to volunteer.

TICKETS are limited and they are going quickly. They are on sale at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery for \$15 and are available on the website www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or by calling 703-838-4827. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20.

Don't be a monkey's uncle—purchase your ticket today.



The Arts Build Communities – Del Ray Artisans All Member Show

October 2-25, 2009

In this, the third all member show for 2009, Del Ray Artisans reflect on the positive impact of art through a variety of media. DRA members created work inspired by how the arts have enriched the self, neighborhood, connections and world.

Until October 16th this show will feature a sneak peek of furniture refinished for the UpBeat OffBeat Auction. [The auction is on Saturday, October 17th at the Durant Center.] This is an excellent opportunity to preview some of the work available at the auction and to ogle the craftsmanship and creativity of DRA members.

We also have this year's Art Camp artwork on display. Stop by to see all the projects of the eco-friendly, eco-creative camp. Enjoy the bright, fun attitude in the children's work. Thanks to Jen Athanas for organizing the display with the show curators.

Visit the gallery this month to participate in the raffle. Raffle prizes include many gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants, a handcrafted wooden box (perfect as a jewelry box or valet), a licensed copy of QuickBooks Pro 2009, and a weekend stay for two at The Westin Alexandria. There are four separate drawings from the pool of raffle tickets: at the opening reception (October 2nd), October 9th, October 16th and October 23rd. Participate early for more chances to win!

Special thanks to our show sponsor Gaver Nichols Architect, www.gavernicholsarchitect.com; and to the many generous donors of raffle prizes, including: Del Ray Wellness, Eclectic Nature Gift & Garden Center, Lesley Hall and Pete Hall/ UrbanCraftsmen, Los Tios Grill, Mary Longacre/ Custom Accounting Solutions LLC, RT's Restaurant, SunSplash Tanning Salon, and The Westin Alexandria.

"The Arts Build Communities" is a statewide theme established by Virginians for the Arts Foundation. Show curators Dawn Wyse Hurto and Michele Reday Cook, as Del Ray Artisans, are proud to be a part of the greater effort to encourage art appreciation. Thank you to everyone who participated!

What You Can Do For DRA:

VOLUNTEER!

Everything that DRA does depends on the work and creativity of volunteers. We recognize that there are members who step up on a regular basis and we are so grateful. But there are several of you that don't answer the call for volunteer help. You know who you are! What will it take?

Ask yourself, "What have I done for DRA lately?" Remember, fulfilling show obligations as a show participant is not considered part of the 10-hour volunteer pledge. Your 10 hours can be divided into ten 1-hour slots, a full 10-hour day, or anything in between. It's all up to you. Are your professional services something that could benefit DRA?

What DRA Does For You:

- Provides a venue for artists to show and sell their work in a well-maintained, well-exposed, attractive and charming space.
- Hosts multiple shows throughout the year for you to enjoy and/or participate in.
- Hangs and/or displays your artwork in a professional manner.
- Funds printing of postcards and other materials to market our events.
- Publicizes our events through a variety of media, including internet, newspapers, magazines, directories, and tourist brochures
- Funds postage for an extensive mailing list to publicize our shows and events.
- Provides the text and graphic materials for the above-mentioned publicity.
- Funds the receptions for show openings.
- Provides space and instructors for various workshops.
- Provides all members with opportunities to gain professional gallery experience.
- Provides several opportunities for artisans to sell their works in settings other than shows, i.e. at annual market events
- Promotes the exchange of artist opportunities and resources.
- Maintains a mailing list of patrons, members and media outlets.
- Maintains the grounds around the gallery for a warm welcome to patrons.
- Develops and distributes a monthly newsletter
- Maintains a website

Which items on the above list would you let go because there are not enough volunteers? Probably none.

Please step up. It is unfair to do all this without you.

Open Life Drawing

Open Life Drawing continues on selected Wednesdays this fall at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. These open life drawing/painting sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to work from our live models.

October 7, 2-5 pm
October 21, 2-5 pm
November 11, 2-5 pm
November 18, 2-5 pm

The fee for each 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.

Party on Election Night!

Our fall General Membership Meeting and Election is Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:30pm. And, because Halloween is right around the corner, what better way to get into the mood than get into costume?

We will have a pizza supper and a short meeting to elect leaders for 2010, followed by a Halloween costume contest where you can vote on your favorite costume. This is a meeting not to be missed!

The slate of candidates for office will be mailed to all DRA members in advance of the meeting.

PARTY!

Art Camp Delights to be Displayed

As part of the all members show, The Arts Build Communities, works made by young artists during the DRA camp will be on exhibit. Items created from recycled materials were made during the Art Camp over the summer. From hand-made books to garden wind chimes to Artist Trading Cards created by the kids, all the projects will be shown. Come and get inspired to create eco art yourself!

As part of the show, the Art Camp will be raffling off T-shirts made by campers. All proceeds will go to next year's camp. Take home a truly one-of-a-kind piece, support young artists and show off the goods around town! Raffle tickets can be purchased during The Arts Build Communities opening reception (Friday, 10/2, 7 – 9:30 pm) and throughout the run of the show.



Making a t-shirt bag

Truly in the spirit of arts building communities, public art created by campers can be viewed by all. Garden stepping stones painted with nature and environmental themes and sealed with low VOC cement gloss have been re-installed in the Mt. Vernon Community School's garden. Located directly along the side of the school, next to the playground on E. Uhler Avenue, the stones can be enjoyed by the whole neighborhood. Stop by and take a look.



Making a book

Correction: Art camp neglected to give a HUGE THANK YOU to two very important people who were indispensable to the running of the program: Eileen O'Brien and Tracy Wilkerson. We are extremely sorry for the oversight and again, thank them for their assistance with camp.

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 newsletterI 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 |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising | <input type="radio"/> Grants | <input type="radio"/> Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Gardening | <input type="radio"/> Volunteers | <input type="radio"/> Outreach | <input type="radio"/> Shows |
| <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**Kudos: Art in City Hall Juried Exhibition**

Please join us in recognizing the following award winners in the Our Town show which is currently on exhibit at Alexandria City Hall. The exhibit run through January 8, 2010.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts Award of Merit

Alternative Transportation
Lisa Schumaier

The Art League Award of Merit

Tired Soldier
Nina Tisara (DRA member)

The Del Ray Artisans Award of Merit

Morning on Union Street
Alice Kale (DRA member)

Torpedo Factory Artists Association Award of Merit

Waterfront Park
Lynne Russillo (DRA member)

Honorable Mentions

North Lee Street
Ned Egan (DRA member)

Short Order Cook
Gwen Lewis

Morning Ritual
Cathy Messina (DRA member)

Alley Beside Friendship Fire Station
Sam Miller

Under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge
Eileen O'Brien (DRA member)

Purse Dog
Lisa Schumaier

Two Houses, High Street
Nina Schwartz

ATCs....By The Dozen!

DRA's third ATC swap is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 from 2 – 4 pm. This swap's theme is "Things That Come in Dozens", inspired by the upcoming "Del Ray Dozen" photography show opening in November.

Our last swap was themed "Illuminations" inspired by the title of the August Board member show. Artisans interpreted the theme in a variety of ways. Some chose lettering and some chose images of light bulbs and some just illuminated colorful patterns. If you are curious and/or want to swap, come and play.

Participants bring the makings for their 2.5"x 3.5" works of art and assemble them at the event. We will also have blank cards available for anyone game. Any medium qualifies and we welcome sharing techniques. So, since there is a theme, the supplies you bring should include images or elements that would reflect anything with the "things that come in dozens" theme, even though you may use as much artistic license with that as you wish! Think eggs, donuts, roses....whatever!

When we finish up, we swap what we've made and pick a date and theme for our next play date!



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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
Editor: DRAeditor@gmail.com

Membership Notice: Please check your newsletter label to see if your membership has expired. Renew today.

Del Ray Artisans 2009 Calendar

October

1 First Thursday Del Ray – Gallery open until 9 pm
2 - 25 **SHOW All Member Show: Arts Build Communities** curator Dawn Wyse Hurto
dawn@dawns.com
3 Art on the Avenue 10 am-6 pm
4 ATC swap “Things That Come in Dozens”
7 Open Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
7 Auction Paddle Decorating Party, 7-9 pm
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
17 UpBeat OffBeat Auction 7-10pm
at The Durant Center
21 Open Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
27 General Member Meeting & Election, 7:30pm

November

6 - 29 **SHOW Del Ray Dozen**, curator
Rob Rudick/robrudick@yahoo.com
Card Making Event, 12-4 pm
8
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11 Open Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
14 Photo Workshop 1-3 pm
18 Open Life Drawing, 2-5 pm

December

4 - 6 Holiday Market
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm

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Looking for Timely Event Announcements?

In case you didn't know, you can receive weekly DRA and other regional artist event announcements via email. This is a great way to stay informed about all our activities, become aware of any late-breaking news and learn about other regional events.

Please visit, www.TheDelRayArtisans.org, and sign up for it [at the bottom left of our home page].

Welcome New Members

Jerry Harke
Photography

Tangela G. Roe
Paper crafting

Mary Breslin
Photography

John Shettel
Active

Thank You

Special thanks to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Alexandria for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization

Many thanks to Royce Flowers for providing such spectacular arrangements for our opening receptions.

