

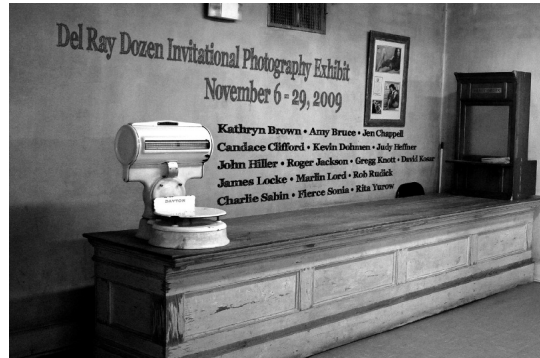
# The Well Crafted Word

a monthly publication of the **Del Ray Artisans...since 1992**

[www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org)

## Return of the Del Ray Dozen

The Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show returns to the gallery on Friday, November 6th, and will run until November 29th. This all-photography show will showcase the work of sixteen photographers: Kathryn Brown, Amy Bruce, Jen Chappell, Candace Clifford, Kevin Dohmen, Judy Heffner, John Hiller, Roger Jackson, Greg Knott, David Kosar, James Locke, Marlin Lord, Rob Rudick, Charlie Sabin, Fierce Sonia, and Rita Yurow.



They will be presenting a variety of works with subjects including landscapes, interiors, and abstracts. Kathryn Brown and Judy Heffner will display Del Ray themed works. Greg Knott will show large colorful triptychs on canvas, and Marlin Lord will prove that the rumor of the demise of black and white photography is premature. Exhibits will also feature work from local poet BRASH. The opening reception will be Friday, November 6th, 2009 from 7-10:00 PM.

A special photography workshop on Ink Jet Transfer Process, presented by Amy Bruce, will be held on Saturday, November 14, from 1-4 PM. See page 3 for more information and visit the DRA website for information and to register. (Limited spaces, Over 18 years old, Fee.)

## 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, the proceeds will benefit Food For Others.

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 (Dec 3) from 12-4 pm, Friday (Dec 4) from 12-7 pm before the Holiday Market or during the Opening Reception from 7-9:30 pm. We also need helpers to work at the table during the Market on Saturday, December 5 between 10 am and 6 pm, and Sunday, December 6 between 12 and 4 pm. Please contact Tracy Wilkerson (703-501-1736 or [tlwideas@comcast.net](mailto:tlwideas@comcast.net)) if you have any questions or if you would like to help out at the Bake Sale.

## Holiday Market

The place to be the first weekend in December is at the DRA gallery! Our 14th annual Holiday Market will be open December 4 - December 6. The Holiday Market offers unique handmade fine arts and crafts from 15 vendors - one-stop-shopping for all your holiday needs. While you are there, select from a broad array of delicious Bake Sale items to benefit the local non-profit organization, Food for Others. Of course, admission is free to browse! The crafts include photography, greeting cards, pottery/ceramics, jewelry, fabric, and paper crafts. All vendors are DRA artist members and all crafts are handmade.



The Opening Reception is on Friday, December 4, from 7 - 9:30 pm. The vendors will be open for business and there will be lots of holiday food and conversation! The Holiday Market continues on Saturday, December 5, from 10 am - 6 pm. On Sunday, the fun continues from 12-4 pm when the Holiday Market will close for its last day this year! Throughout the Holiday Market, baked goods will be sold in the annual Bake Sale - so join us for the holiday festivities!

## Yard Sale: Yippee!

From a chic mid-century style bench to possum fur pasties, the treasures donated by DRA members were snapped up at DRA's 2nd annual Yard Sale held on Saturday September 26th. DRA raised approximately \$950 from the Yard Sale which will benefit the general operations of DRA.

Co-Chairs Barbara Boehm and Linda Elliff thank all the DRA members and friends who cleaned out their closets and donated all the good stuff, as well as the Yard Sale Committee Volunteers Ann Mazor, Margaret "Hello Dolly" Slipek, Ann Riley, Tracy Wilkerson, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Bill Gallagher, John Elliff, Kurt "Shoeman" Peterson, Heidi Varblow, Harriet McGuire, Erin Gallagher, John Hiller, Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord. We could not have done it without you!



## Facebook

DRA has a new Facebook page! Check it out and become a fan - click on the Facebook logo on our website [www.theDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.theDelRayArtisans.org).

## From the Curators' Corner:

### **Michele Reday Cook** **Curator Coordinator**

By the time you read this, our last curated show of 2009 will be opening — to great acclaim! It has been a great year in the gallery, thanks to the artistic vision of our curators, the creativity of the work submitted, and the hard work, long hours, and commitment of everyone involved in each and every show. There are too many of you to list here, but know that your curator coordinators are grateful to each and every one of you — DRA couldn't have done it without ya!

We have a really exciting exhibition year coming up for 2010, with a diverse mix of the serious, the lighthearted, the thought-provoking and the beautiful. If you didn't come to the General Membership Meeting Oct 27th to hear about the line-up, well, you'll just have to wait until the December newsletter comes out!

Keep submitting your art, volunteering to hang shows, gallery sitting, and, we hope, selling your work for big bucks! For new members, entering your art in our monthly shows is a really good way to get involved with DRA. Remember that our "All-Member" shows guarantee at least one piece will be displayed from each submitting member.

As you get ready for the 2010 season, please be sure to carefully read the Call for Entries form for the show(s) of interest. Some shows have specific entry requirements; all shows require that your work is well-presented and ready to hang / display. Feel free to contact the curator in advance if you have any questions. Participants are also required to gallery sit and help mount the show. Contact the curator to see if there are other ways to meet your volunteer obligations for a show.

See you at receiving.

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## **The Arts Build Communities** **All Member Show**

Over 100 people came to the Opening Reception on October 2nd to see the exhibition; then the very next day, during Art on the Avenue, nearly twice that number visited the gallery.

Thank you to all the artists who submitted great work and to everyone who helped to make this show a success!

Special thanks to:

Show sponsor: Gaver Nichols Architect ([www.gavernicholsarchitect.com](http://www.gavernicholsarchitect.com))

Raffle prize donors: The Westin Alexandria, RT's Restaurant, Mary Longacre / Custom Accounting Solutions LLC, SunSplash Tanning Salon, Del Ray Wellness, Pete Hall / Urban Craftsmen, Los Tios Grill, Eclectic Nature Gift & Garden Center

Postcard distribution and publicity: Ann Riley, Tina Richardson, Marlin Lord, Kurt Peterson, Paige Ireland

Artwork receiving: Tracy Wilkerson, Tina Richardson, Linda Elliff, Monica Wise, Jeanne Tift

Hanging and set-up: Charles Farmer, Jerry Harke, Alicia Ensey, Tracy Wilkerson, Jeanne Tift, Monica Wise, David Kosar, Jen Athanas (Art Camp display), Kurt Peterson (UpBeat OffBeat Auction items)

Opening reception: Food and beverages from participating artists, 6 liters of wine from Ramparts Tavern & Grill, Flowers from Royce

Artwork pick-up team: Linda Elliff and Monica Wise

Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Michele Reday Cook

## **Art on the Avenue –** **DRA's Masked Ball**

The Del Ray Artisans hosted a masked ball during Art on the Avenue on October 3rd. Under two tents set up outside of the DRA gallery, more than 350 children of all ages had a ball making masks in various shapes and colors. The children used colored pens, crayons, ribbon, glitter, feathers, sequins and colored paper to simultaneously express and disguise themselves.

Outreach Co-chairs Randy Scheessele and Margaret Slipek extend heartfelt thanks to volunteers who helped with the event. If you are looking for an enjoyable and easy way to fulfill your volunteer requirement for membership in the DRA, we hope you will consider volunteering for Art on the Avenue next year.

Based on the creativity we witnessed in the children at Art on the Avenue, Alexandria's future is bright and colorful!

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## **From the** **Communications Director**

Last month, we talked about how important it is for you to volunteer...now for some specific opportunities. The Communications Committee needs volunteers to:

- **Edit our monthly newsletter, The Well Crafted Word, and assist in possible transition to electronic newsletter**
- **Edit/produce weekly electronic announcements and assist in transition to improved electronic format**
- **Evaluate email marketing tool such as Constant Contact, PatronMail or other related applications**
- **Editor(s) to finalize press release information packets for DRA events. Must be able to handle short turnaround times.**
- **Post DRA events on regional event calendars**
- **Create buzz for DRA on Facebook, OneAlexandria and Eventful and/or other social media websites**

Help us get the word out about the DRA experience! Please contact Paige Ireland at 703.582.1019 or [DRA.communications@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.communications@gmail.com).

**Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter** **Renewal** **New Member**Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Middle Initial Last

Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/CorporationName \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip 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 |
| <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](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org)**Ink Jet Transfer Process Workshop****Date: Saturday, 11/14/09, 1 – 4 pm • Fee: \$25**

This workshop will introduce the concept of Alternative Photographic Processes. Participants will learn about current trends and resources and will have an opportunity to experiment with Cyanotypes and the non-toxic transfer method of Ink Jet Printing.

**Participants should bring:**

- Digital versions of imagery to be manipulated (Windows-based files on CD or jump drive)
- Large sketchbook
- Small brushes for “triggering” the inkjet transfer onto sketchbook pages
- Colored pencils, pastels, drawing utensils or other materials to manipulate images after the transfer process
- [Optional] Collage materials and/or ephemera to explore in mixed media
- [Optional] Laptop

Space is limited and on-line registration at must be submitted by Saturday, 11/7 (<https://secure.delrayartisans.org/ssl/inkjet.htm>) so that all the course supplies may be obtained. For questions, please contact Rob Rudick at 301.270.2323 or [robrudick@yahoo.com](mailto:robrudick@yahoo.com).

**Come one and all to the Holiday & Peace Card****Making Party on Sunday, Nov. 8, noon-4pm.****This DRA tradition brings out your creativity****and is a not-to-miss-fun event****ATCs Bring Bad Luck!**

DRA's next Artist Trading Card event will take place at the gallery on Friday, November 13, 7 - 9 PM. Being that it will be Friday the 13th, we have themed this swap Bad Luck.

Bring a small amount of supplies to make your ATCs in the Bad Luck theme. Also bring some shiny, high contrast images for a packing tape photo transfer. This event is free and open to all. Please RSVP to [tkulstad@verizon.net](mailto:tkulstad@verizon.net) so we know to expect you.

Since the Del Ray Dozen photography show will be on display, let the artwork inspire you as you try your hand at these small, 2.5" x 3.5" works of art you may swap with others artists. If you would like to learn more about Artist Trading Cards, visit [www.artist-trading-cards.com](http://www.artist-trading-cards.com).



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Gallery Hours:  
Thurs: noon-4 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

#### November

6 - 29 SHOW **Del Ray Dozen**, curator  
Rob Rudick/robrudick@yahoo.com  
8 Card Making Event, 12-4 pm  
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm  
11 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm  
13 ATC – theme “Bad Luck”  
14 WORKSHOP Ink Jet Transfer Process, 1 – 4 pm  
18 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm

#### December

2 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm  
4 - 6 Holiday Market  
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm

**Check our website,  
www.theDelRayArtisans.org  
for the 2010 show schedule.**

### Welcome New Members

**Liam Malakoff**  
Photography

**Ruth Hazzard**

**Dejan Roncevic**

**Celia Panagopoulos**

**Abol Bahadori**  
Acrylic

**Richard Levine**  
Oil & Photography

**Cheryl Miller**  
Photography

**Gail Goriesky**  
Oil, Acrylic, Pastel, Charcoal,  
Colored Pencil

**David C. Livingston**  
Oil, Tempera, Acrylic

**Jennifer Brewer**  
Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor,  
Mixed Media

**April N. Kelley**  
Collage, Mixed Media,  
Photography

**Anne Moffitt**

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

