

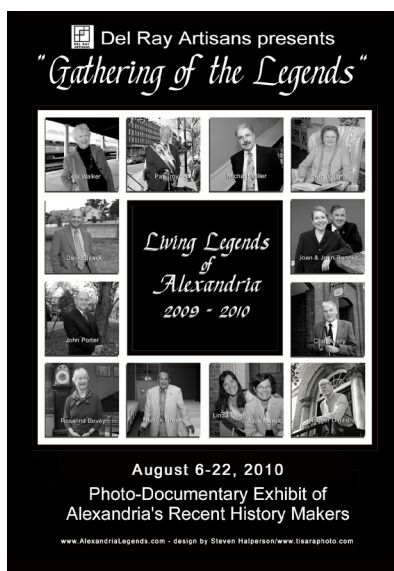
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"THE GATHERING OF THE LEGENDS" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OPENING AUGUST 6

By Nina Tisara, Curator



Living Legends of Alexandria, 2009-2010, features 30 of Alexandria's recent history makers, many of whom will attend the opening reception on Friday, August 6, 7-10 pm. The Art of Photojournalism, an Artist's Talk, will take place Thursday, August 12, 7-8:30 pm. The show continues through August 22.

Created by artist-photographer Nina Tisara, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing, not-for-profit project to identify, honor and chronicle individuals who have made important contributions to the city's quality of life. The twelve individuals or teams selected as this year's Living Legends are: Chet Avery, Rosalind Bovey, V. Rodger Digilio, Nelson A. Green, Sr., Alice Merrill and Linda Odell, T. Michael Miller, John Porter, Joan and John Renner, David G. Speck, Pat Troy, Lois Walker, and Betty R. Wright.

Past Legends have included educators, artists, arts advocates, clergy, business people, lawyers, and community activists. Legends have created theater companies, computer training programs for low income citizens, a boat building school for at-risk youth, programs to stop child abuse and to improve community health, and much more.

Photographs and documentary materials are donated to the Special Collections Department, Alexandria Library. Requests for nominations appear regularly in the press. To nominate a future Legend please visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

Major sponsors of this year's program are the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Virginia Dominion Power and McEneaney Associates, Founding Sponsor Alexandria Gazette Packet, AlexandriaNews.org, and Local Kicks.

THE ART OF PHOTOJOURNALISM, ARTIST'S TALK

Come enjoy this talk on Thursday, August 12, 7-8:30 pm. Featured are videographer Abby Sternberg and a panel of photographers: Kathryn Brown, John Hiller and Nina Tisara, followed by audience discussion. The talk highlights August's exhibit, "The Gathering of the Legends" (see article above).

BOARD SEPTEMBER SHOWCASE: FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE ...

Please mark your calendars for this show opening Friday, September 3 and running through Sunday, September 19. It features photography and more from John Hiller (Historian/Archivist), Kathryn Brown (Membership), Marlin Lord (Facilities), and Paige Ireland (Communications). Key dates are:

- First Thursday preview – Thursday 9/2, 6-9 pm
- Meet the Artists reception – Friday, 9/10, 7-10 pm (This is NOT the first Friday of the show!)
- Framing Basics workshop – Sunday 9/12, 4-6 pm

ONCE UPON A TIME: AN ARTIST'S CHALLENGE OF INTERPRETATION, OCTOBER 1-24



Revive! Deconstruct! Reinvent ... a nostalgic nursery rhyme, a beloved bedtime story, a favorite fable or fairy tale, a charismatic character from a cherished children's book, cartoon or comic strip. Let your inner child take a Flight of Fantasy! Let your imagination bring your Once Upon A Time to life!

Del Ray Artisans invites all area artists to enter this show of myriad fantastical interpretations in all media. Receiving is Sun. 9/26, 6-8 pm. and Mon. 9/27, 6-8 pm. Contact Curator Christina Richardson at christina@figaroconsulting.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Richard R. Pariseau
Oil and Acrylic

Melissa Schlegler
Mixed Media, Collage, Photography

Susan D. Boyd
Friend

Karen Waltermire
Pen and Ink Drawings

Nancy Flores
Painting: Oil, Acrylic; Glass Painting

Leisa Collins
Acrylic, Pen, Watercolor

"GLOBAL RHYTHM" ROCKS GALLERY AT JULY 2 OPENING RECEPTION

By Matthew Tito Cuenca, Curator



one artist from New York. Artists were given their own spaces to display all their submitted work as a "mini-collection" inspired by their chosen global locale. Each display exhibited the artist's bio, inspiration, artist statement, and contact information. Artists were invited to use their display to convey their ideas and inspirations and to be at the opening reception to answer visitors' questions.

The show was juried by four accomplished artists: Tania Teschke, international photographer from Moscow; Tony Rienemann, oil painter and digital artist from New York; Gwen McKenzie, ceramist and designer also from New York; and Edrick Ngai, fashion photographer and oil painter from New York and Japan.

The opening began with a steady hum of visitors to a boisterous rumble of enthusiastic, purchasing art lovers. The crowd was peppered with familiar faces well as new ones, which included the former Ambassador to Cambodia and future Ambassador to Slovenia. Seduced by the dulcet sounds of foreign music from the sound system to the array of international appetizers to the inspired artwork, the night truly vibrated in a "Global Rhythm".

"Global Rhythm" represented DRA's first national open-call art exhibition. Showcased were twelve local artists and

DRA NEEDS NEW BOARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who would be great on the 2011 DRA Board? Do YOU want to gain experience in another field...like Fund Raising, Treasurer or other Non-Profit positions? DRA needs a new Secretary as our dedicated Monica Wise leaves us after her 5 year maximum term comes to a bittersweet end. This is a great art

group to get involved with! Please contact us about the Director and Co-Director positions.

Karen Schmitz
DRA.Nominations1@gmail.com
Monica Wise
DRA.Nominations2@gmail.com
Ron Tickerhoff
DRA.Nominations3@gmail.com

ALEXANDRIA ART MARKET

"Your monthly dose of art in the heart of Del Ray"

Remaining Dates: August 7, September 4, and November 6

Original artwork from over 20 artists will be for sale, including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. The market is held in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans Gallery at the corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues.

Rain or shine, the Art Market is held on the 1st Saturday of August, September and November from 10-4 pm. For more information and to apply for an artspace, vend a food item, or perform a musical act, please contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or email DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

DEL RAY ARTISANS OPEN LIFE DRAWING

Join us for Open Life Drawing at the Colasanto Center gallery in August. All skill levels are welcome. Sessions are drop-in so no registration is required. Bring your supplies and join us.

August 11: 11 am-1pm gesture
2-5 pm short/long pose

August 25: 11 am-1pm gesture
2-5 pm short/long pose

The fee for each 3-hour session is \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Questions? Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com.

FRAMING WORKSHOP: JUST THE BASICS!

By Karen Schmitz

The workshop will be for Sunday, Sept. 12, 4-6 pm. It will educate you on basic framing requirements for gallery shows. Registration is required. Fee: \$15 DRA, members only. Class size is 10-15:

- How to best enhance artwork
- Using acid free materials
- Hinging
- Matting: color & size
- Using ready-made frames
- Musts & don'ts
- Floating artwork & using spacers
- Works on paper & canvas
- Screw eyes & wire
- Priceless tips and money saving ideas

(Karen Schmitz is a professional Picture Framer with over 20 years' experience.)

FINE ART AND FINE CRAFTS HOLIDAY MARKET 2010



Apply to exhibit in DRA's Holiday Market the first weekend in December! Applications are available in the gallery and on the DRA website: http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/Holiday_Application_Market_2010.pdf. Send in the application now and up to 3 pictures of your work. Registration deadline is Friday, September 3, 2010 so don't delay!

ARE YOU A PICTURE FRAMER?

If so, DRA would like to include you on our list of members who are also picture framing resources. Please tell us about your picture framing services -- complete a brief survey at <http://tiny.cc/framing>.

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="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> 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**FALLS CHURCH ARTS' GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS UPDATE**

Works by Falls Church Arts' Gallery Without Walls artists are on display around town, from Route 50 to City Hall. Artworks will hang in the following locations throughout the summer:

- Legal Aid Justice Center, 6400 Arlington Blvd., *Cathy Summers* (photographs) and *Deb Conn* (watercolors)
- Argia's, 124 N. Washington St., *Isabelle Babington* (acrylics on canvas) and *Liz Day* (paintings)
- Burke & Herbert, 225 W. Broad St., *Caroline Urbania* (paintings)
- Vantage Fitness, 402 W. Broad, *Phil Napala* (photographs)
- City Hall, 300 Park Ave., *Kathleen Buschow* (oils)

If you know a business or organization in the Falls Church area that might like to participate, or if you are an FCA member artist interested in exhibiting through GWW, contact Falls Church Arts at gww@fallschurcharts.org.**"ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONS" JURIED SHOW OPEN TO FCA MEMBERS**

Deadline for Receipt of Entry Forms is 5:00 pm, Friday, September 10!

Falls Church Arts invites member artists to "abandon the representational and explore abstraction." This all-media show will run from September 17 through October 3, 2010.

The show's juror is DRA's own Karen J. Schmitz, award-winning painter/printmaker from Alexandria. The show is open to Falls Church Arts members. If you aren't a member but want to participate, send in a membership form and dues with an entry form and fee of \$15 to: Falls Church Arts, c/o C. Kaye, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6912, Falls Church, VA 22040-6912.

The Opening Reception is Friday, September 17, from 6- 8 pm. The Show continues through October 3. The Gallery, located at 420 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church, is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-4 pm.

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GALLERY HOURS:

Thurs: noon-4pm
First Thursdays: noon-9pm
Fri: noon-9pm
Sat: 10am-9pm
Sun: noon-6pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5th of the month
Editor: DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com

2010 CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 5 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 6-22 **GATHERING OF THE LEGENDS**
Nina Tisara Project Director
gecko@tisaraphoto.com
- 7 Alexandria Art Market,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 11 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 12 The Art of Photojournalism
An Artist's talk 7-8:30 pm
- 25 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 25 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses

SEPTEMBER

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 3-19 **BOARD SHOWCASE:
FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE**
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 4 Alexandria Art Market,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 8 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 10 Meet the Artists reception
Friday, 9/10, 7-10 pm
*(This is NOT the first Friday
of the show!)*
- 12 Framing Basics workshop
4-6 pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 22 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 26 Card Making Party, time TBD

OCTOBER

- 1-24 **ONCE UPON A TIME**
*Christina Richardson and
Laura Bell curators*
christina@figaroconsulting.com
bellineart@aol.com
- 2 **COMMUNITY ART ON
THE AVENUE**
- 6 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- TBD Annual Member Meeting &
Elections, date and time TBD

NOVEMBER

- 5-21 **BLUE: AN INTERPRETATION**
(All-Member Show)
Betsy Mead curator
betsymead31@starpower.net
- 6 Alexandria Art Market,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 14 Card Making Party, time TBD
- 17 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 17 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 30 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7-9 pm

DECEMBER

- 1 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7-9 pm
- 3-5 **HOLIDAY MARKET**
DRA.HolidayMarket@gmail.com
- 8 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm
gestures
- 15 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm
short/long poses

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I am delighted accept the position of newsletter editor. I am taking on the editing while Barb Brecher continues doing the layout until I reformulate the template.

Please submit your articles and images to the DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com no later than 5 pm on the 5th of the month.

Betty Plummer

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



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ON FRAMING...

- Choose a neutral mat color.
- Use acid-free matting & backing.
- Hinge artwork correctly.
- Attach spacers for floating works.
- Take the Framing Basics workshop! (See page 3)