

The Well Crafted Word

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FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE



Del Ray Artisans is pleased to present the 7th annual Board Showcase titled From Our Perspective. The Board Showcase is unique in that Board members are invited to display their works in return for their service to DRA. Over 200 years of photographic experience is represented in From Our Perspective. The show opens on September 3rd and runs through September 19. A Meet the Artists reception will be held on Friday, September 10 from 7- 10 pm. The Sneak Preview will be on First Thursday, September 2 from 6-9 pm.

The From Our Perspective artists are:

- **Kathryn A. Brown:** Founding member, immediate past Assistant Treasurer, current Director of Membership. Kathryn is a photographer who heads her own photography business specializing in events and architecture.

Kathryn's personal work ranges from abstracts to Americana, exploring the details of the natural and man-made worlds.

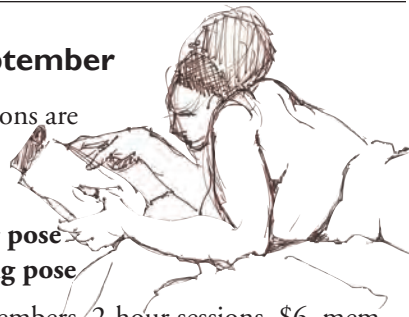
- **John Hiller:** Current Historian/Archivist. An Oscar winning cinematographer who worked at the Smithsonian Institution, John's photography focuses mainly on landscapes.
- **Paige Ireland:** Current Director of Communications. Paige is an independent management consultant, photographer and picture framer. Paige's photography highlights things that others tend not to see such as architectural details and design features of old cars, trucks, windows and doors.
- **Marlin G. Lord:** Founding member, immediate past Treasurer, now Director of Facilities. Marlin is an architect and an artist who heads his own architectural firm, Marlin G. Lord AIA Architect. His artistry focuses on photography, drawing, painting and sculpture.

Open Life Drawing at DRA Gallery in September

Draw from a live model! All skill levels welcome. Sessions are drop-in so no registration is required. Please do bring your own supplies.

September 8: 11am-1pm gesture, 2-5pm short/long pose
September 22: 11am-1pm gesture, 2-5pm short/long pose

Fees: 3-hour sessions, \$8-DRA members; \$10-non-members. 2-hour sessions, \$6-members; \$8-non-members. See website for details. Questions? Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com. — *Katherine Rand*



WELCOME to the Following New Members Who Joined in July!

April Frazier
Acrylic Painting, Jewelry, Mixed Media

Mike Yengo

Carmen Liu & Frederick Smith
Oil Pastel and Photography

Chris Marlowe
Oil, Encaustic

Frances Metcalf
Printmaking, Encaustic, Mixed Media, Fiber Arts

Corner

Curators'

2011 Exhibition Year

*By Michele Reday Cook,
Curator Coordinator*

The Show Selection Committee received many wonderful ideas for future shows—more ideas, than we know what to do with! In terms of actual written proposals, however, you were all not so forthcoming.

Nevertheless, we have put together enough exciting shows to fill the 2011 exhibition year. In order to present a balance of thematic, open, all-member, juried, curated and collaborative exhibits, we are spreading what we have received so far over the entire year, rather than for just the first 6 months.

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Art Camp: Fantastically Fun Filled!

By Jen Athanas

The Del Ray Artisans 2010 Art Camp was a stupendously certified success! Our program allowed young artists to explore ceramics, comic book drawing, organic soap making, mosaic picture frames and much more. Favorite spontaneous activities included book making and a camper run talent show.

Campers learned artistic patience by working on projects throughout the week. Photographs, for example, were taken with recycled disposable cameras on Monday afternoon. However, unlike the instantaneous nature of digital, we had to wait until Wednesday to see the surprises on film. Likewise, ceramics and glass making involved firing in a kiln, which also necessitated a wait time. Multi-media mask making was a messy and lengthy process that involved drying over several days. By the end of the week, each and every camper had a better understand of the time, energy and patience that many art disciplines require.

One of the surprise hits of the week was comic book drawing. Joe, Lamar and Rusty went over the basics of drawing in a comic style and developing dialogue and themes. Campers took to this and created comics with such diverse story lines as hairy neighbors, nosy siblings and President Obama.



Stacy Rausch



John Hartman

The week was an intense look at several kinds of art and allowed the campers to create a thematic collection of work. Great fun, great friends and great art all week! Art Campers will be participating in the next all members' show, "Blue", in November. Stay tuned for more details!

Del Ray Artisans Art Camp would like to thank the following sponsorships that enabled young people from the greater Alexandria Community to attend camp:

For Monetary Donations:

Alexandria Hyundai, Eloise Brantley, LLC, Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, Paula Lantz, Lizluke LLC, West Landscaping, and Donnan Chancellor Wintermute.

For Materials Donations:

Starr Ashcraft

DRA members who contributed talents to Art Camp success:

Kathryn Brown, Matthew Cuenca, Ellyn Ferguson, Lesley Hall, Paige Ireland, Marlin Lord, Nora Parlow, Randy Scheessele, Karen Schmitz, Linda Silk, Margaret Slipek, and Tracy Wilkerson.

For volunteering before, during or after camp:

Michele Banks, Alice Beccleston, Paula Bickman, May Ann Bier, Amoret Bun, Nancy Flores, Vivienne Lukas, Linda Lukas-Greer, and Eileen O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien and Susan Ross-O'Brien.

For providing camp lunches and yummy snacks:

Nora Partlow of St. Elmo's Coffee Pub for coordinating lunches, which included donations from Caboose Cafe and Ristorante Sepora de Italia.

And an extra Art Camp clap for these junior counselors and teachers:

Lamar Abrams, Jen Athanas, Kimberley Bush, Deb Crier, John Hartman, Lucy Johnson, Betsy Mead, Joe Mochove, Stacy Rausch, Rusty Rowley, Rob Rudick, Pamela Underhill, Joyce Wagner, Christina Wohler, Celeste Zabowski, Connie Zabowski, and Ian Zuidema.



Rusty Rowley



Stacy Rausch



John Hartman



ONCE UPON A TIME: Fantastical – Magical – Nostalgic Re-imaginings

Opening Friday, October 1 and running to October 24, this show, open to all area artists, invites artists working in all media to explore an enchanting memory and recapture that “Once upon a time” magic!

Rediscover your childhood imagination! Interpret, revive, deconstruct, or reinvent a nostalgic nursery rhyme, a beloved bedtime story, a favorite fairy tale or fable, or memory. Let your own inner child take a flight of fantasy with the artists, and allow your imagination bring your own “Once Upon a Time” to life!

Please use the enclosed Call for Entries to submit up to 3 original artworks Sept. 19 or 20 from 6-8 pm. For more information, contact Curator Amy Souza at amy.souza@gmail.com or Curator Coordinator Michele Reday Cook at dra.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com.

BLUE: AN INTERPRETATION – All-member Show Coming Soon!

Ooooooh! It’s cool, liquid, icy, sad, and mellow; it’s true; it’s you. It’s Blue: an Interpretation! Think Pablo Picasso and his “blue” period or “International Klein Blue” developed by Yves Klein. Yes, his very own color of “blue”! So, Del Ray artisans, what does “blue” mean to you?

“Blue”, an all member show, provides Del Ray artists with an opportunity to test their creative genius in depicting what “blue” means to them. During the opening reception on November 5, 7-10 pm, we’ll raffle off a “blue” basket full of goodies from local shops and artisans. We’ll also ask our visitors to make “Peoples’ Choice” awards for their favorite interpretations.

An added treat on display will be the work of young artists from Del Ray’s Summer Art Camp program. These budding artists spent an intensive week with professional artists dabbling in everything from ceramics to photography...soap-making to glass mobiles... and book-making to comic strip creation!

One more thing: if you look up in the evening sky on November 21st, the last day of our “Blue” show, you’ll be looking at a “blue” moon!

Check the website for the Call for Entries or look for the insert in the October newsletter. Contact Curator Betsy Mead at betsymead31@starpower.net for more information.



Gallery West: Call for Membership

Display your artwork to a receptive public! Gallery West, 1213 King Street, a fine art cooperative gallery in Old Town Alexandria, seeks to fill a few membership positions. Showcasing and selling its members’ work for over 30 years, the outstanding spirit and group dynamic make Gallery West one of the DC area’s most appealing artist-run enterprises.

Members perform committee work and gallery sit in an attractive light-filled space one day a month. Solo shows are scheduled approximately every 24 months. An established mailing list of interested patrons is available. A coordinated marketing plan ensures exposure in both print and electronic media. Both full and shared—allowing division of work duties and monthly dues—memberships are available. Download the membership application at: www.gallery-west.info. Direct questions to Susan La Mont at (703) 759-7953, or Mary Allen at (540) 825-3102. — Kimberley Bush

Gallery West: 14th Annual National Juried Show

This show is open to local or national artists 18+ years old. Original fine art in any medium is acceptable, but no videos or reproductions. The entry fee is \$35 for up to three original 2D and 3D works. Jurying will only be from digital images submitted via CD. Juror F. Lennox Campello is one of the Mid-Atlantic’s best known arts personalities. He is an award-winning artist, a widely published freelance art critic and a curator of more than one hundred exhibits.

Entries must be received by Nov. 12. The exhibit runs Feb. 9-Mar. 6, 2011 at Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Cash awards are available. For a prospectus/call for entry go to www.gallery-west.info or email Chairperson Kimberley Bush at kbkarma@aol.com or call 703-627-7656.

— Kimberley Bush

Creativity Conference

DRA member and Certified Creativity Coach Lynn Wyvill will present a workshop, “What Do You Do?” *Creative Answers for Creative People*, at the Creativity Coaching Association’s second international conference, Oct. 15-17, in Lake George, NY, for artists and those seeking to integrate more creativity into their lives. Details: www.creativityconference2010.com, or contact Lynn at lwyvill@comcast.net. — Lynn Wyvill

Creativity Tune-up! — and General Membership Meeting, Sept. 23

Looking to find or better express the creativity that is buried within you? Get out of that creative rut! We have just the thing for you! Get in touch with your creative side. All you need is an open mind and a willingness to play.

On Thursday, September 23, from 7-8:30 pm DRA is hosting a **FREE creativity workshop** at the general member meeting. During this session, we will explore how the creative process works so that you can apply it your artistic pursuits as well as your life. The workshop will be led by DRA member and Certified Creativity Coach Lynn Wyvill.

Here are the details:

- Your membership must be active as of 5 pm on Tuesday, September 14. Renew now!



- RSVP by 5 pm September 20 to DRA.Registrar@gmail.com or call the gallery at 703-838-4827 so we know you are coming.
- Bring along a chair, if you have one, since we are expecting quite a crowd.
- Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so we can send you any last minute information.

Curators' Corner, continued from Page 1.

We will be offering 3 all-member shows, for which we will need curators. So, those of you who are still thinking about curating, or have a theme that would work for an all-member show that you'd like to bring to life, here's your chance! All-member shows are tentatively scheduled for January, June and September.

And, we have a few surprises for next year, sure to delight, challenge, and inspire all artists. Stay tuned for the 2011 exhibition schedule, available as soon as dates and times are set.

Recently quite a few of you responded to our plea for help in curating the October show. Thank you so very much! While we do have a curator now, all of you are invited to work on the October and November shows to get the experience you'll need to curate next year.

Contact: dra.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com if you can curate an all-member show next year. — *Michele Reday Cook*

In Memoriam: Nancy Parnell

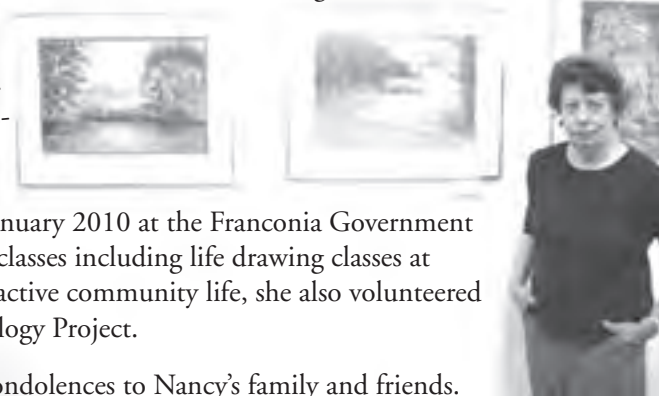
May 24, 1943 - July 28, 2010

DRA member Nancy Parnell passed away on July 28. Her wonderful artwork was last seen on our gallery walls in the June show, "Undecided: A Dialog Between Artist and Viewer."

Nancy was an active member of the Springfield Artists Guild. She also exhibited at The Kingstowne Area Artists Association and the Kingstowne Library.

Her paintings were shown in January 2010 at the Franconia Government Center. Nancy liked taking art classes including life drawing classes at Del Ray Artisans. Enjoying an active community life, she also volunteered for the Mount Vernon Archaeology Project.

We will all miss Nancy. Our condolences to Nancy's family and friends.



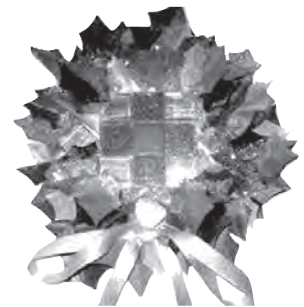
Framing Workshop: Just the Basics!

By Karen Schmitz

This workshop on Sun., Sept. 12, 4-6 pm, 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 of experience.)



DRA Holiday Mosaic Art Workshop

Tues., Nov. 30 & Wed., Dec. 1
Time: 7-9 pm each night
Cost: TBD

Looking for a perfect gift or decoration for the holidays? Recycle old Christmas decorations and ornaments into a one-of-a-kind holiday mirror, wall hanging or door piece. Use ribbons, ceramic pieces, coffee mugs, fabric or pins.

Create an original and unique mixed media piece. A list of stores and web sites is available if you want to purchase additional items. Instructor Sally Coler will provide tools and ceramic adhesive. For a list of supplies and to purchase a 12x12" frame and mirror, email instructor: sallycoler@hotmail.com. Check the website for details.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter!

Renewal

New Member

Name _____

Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone Home () Cell () Work ()

E-mail Address(es) _____

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)

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

Friend

- \$35 Friend of DRA

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 DRA Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for \$ _____.

Please indicate committees on which you're willing to serve to meet your 10-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: |
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Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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

Art for Hope – Benefiting Women with LAM

In collaboration with The LAM Foundation, Del Ray Artisans is pleased to announce an exhibition of selected artists' work entitled Art for Hope – Benefiting Women with LAM. There is no known cause or cure for LAM, but because of the work of The LAM Foundation's (www.thelamfoundation.org) research funding, treatment trials are now underway.

Art for Hope will feature 2D and 3D art by selected members of Del Ray Artisans in a variety of media, including painting, prints, photography, sculpture and jewelry. Artists were selected to participate based on their ongoing involvement with Del Ray Artisans. Proceeds from the sale of the art will benefit both The LAM Foundation and Del Ray Artisans.



A VIP Opening Reception (invitation only) will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 7-10 pm and will include wine and desserts, live music, a LAM science presentation, patient testimonials and an opportunity to talk with several artists. Please contact Carol Langelier at (703) 862-4683 to purchase tickets (\$75 ea).

On Sunday, September 26 from noon to 4 pm, the show is free and open to the public. The exhibit will take place at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) at 9101 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland. For more information about the event, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact co-curator Linda Elliff at DRA. Fundraiser2@gmail.com. — Linda Elliff



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-4 pm
First Thursday: noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: 10 am-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
Editor: DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

2010 Calendar

September

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 3 – 19 **SHOW From Our Perspective**
- 4 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm, Kimberley Bush *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
- 8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 10 **From Our Perspective** Meet the Artists reception, 7-10 pm
- 12 WORKSHOP Basic Framing, 4-6 pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 22 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 23 Creativity Tune-up/General Member Meeting, 7-8:30 pm
- 25 LAM Fundraiser opening reception, 7-10 pm
- 26 LAM art exhibit, free, Bethesda, noon-4 pm

October

- 1 – 24 **SHOW Once Upon a Time**, Amy Souza curator *amy.souza@gmail.com*
- 2 COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue, 10 am-6 pm
- 6 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses

November

- 5 – 21 **SHOW Blue: An Interpretation (All-Member Show)**, Betsy Mead curator *betsymead31@starpower.net*
- 6 Alexandria Art Market, 10 am-4 pm, Kimberley Bush *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
- 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 17 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, 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**, Tracy Wilkerson coordinator *DRA.HolidayMarket@gmail.com*
- 8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 15 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses

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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!

— Karen Schmitz

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