



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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The Well Crafted Word

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Baby, It's Cold Outside
January 7th to January 30th
and . . . **Sock It to Winter!**
A Show Celebrating Winter . . .
and Remembering Those Less Fortunate



Opening reception Friday, January 7 from 7 to 10 pm. Please come and enjoy this show inspired by memories of our once in a lifetime Snowmageddon. Then while there, help support a great cause by donating a pair of new men's or women's socks to the Carpenter's Shelter for the homeless.

Sock Hop — Saturday, Jan. 15

Along with the show we Del Ray will also be hosting a sock hop on Saturday, January 15 from 7 to 10 pm to break in our new bamboo floor. Entry fee is one pair of new socks for each person admitted. Enjoy Rat Pack music and dance the night away on DRA's beautiful bamboo floor. For more information on the show contact Connie and Celeste Zabowski at cspringer43@gmail.com or 703-407-6993. Join us on facebook to follow the latest show news and check our progress on the sock drive. — *Connie Zabowski*

Card Party Back — Sunday, Jan. 16

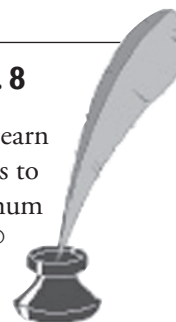
Theresa Kulstad is ready to squish up your creative juices again with a card making party! Join us Sunday, Jan. 16, 2010 from noon to 4 pm at the gallery to create one-of-a-kind, hand crafted greeting cards.

Get your Valentine's Day cards started and ready for February's "Love Letters" show! No experience is necessary. We provide the basic supplies. This is not a workshop but we will help any shy artists get started. Just bring your imagination, any paper craft supply (glue stick, scissors) you may have, and any images, decorative papers, stamps, stencils and embellishments you may like to share. The event is open to all over 12 years old. Donations for time and supplies appreciated. Donated cards will be sold at the gallery to benefit DRA. Contact tkulstad@verizon.net. — *Theresa Kulstad*



Beginning Calligraphy Workshop at DRA — Saturday, Jan. 8

From 1 - 4 pm at DRA, Jenny Nicholson provides you an opportunity to learn some basic calligraphy strokes and lettering with a calligraphy marker (yours to keep). \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Minimum participants is 7, maximum is 16. Contact Matthew Tito Cuenca: (571) 213-9177, matthewcuenca@hotmail.com or Tracy Wilkerson: (703) 501-1736, tlwideas@comcast.net. Register by Jan. 4 at www.thedelrayartisans.org. — *Matthew Tito Cuenca*



Welcome, New Members Who Joined in November!

Olivia Bane & Irene Bender
- Mosaics

Caroline Faiella

James Findley - Photography

Tara S. Holl - Painting, Stained & Fused Glass

Molly Rebecca Maddra

Marsh McJunkin - Watercolor, Charcoal

Malcolm Peplow - Acrylic, Digital Photography

Paula Y. Soderlund - Pastel, Watercolor

Hannah E. Snyder - Photography

Charles Wertime - Watercolor

To All Del Ray Artisans, Happy New Year!

As our DRA Board of Directors starts work in 2011, we look forward to an exciting year of exhibits, workshops, activities and events, not only at our gallery but out in the community as well. We hope everyone will want to participate as we fulfill our mission of supporting artists and community through our artistic endeavors.

Contact any of us on the Board with your comments, questions, or concerns. Each newsletter has our names, titles and email addresses, so you can find the person most likely to be able to help you. We're here for you. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. You're welcome to sit in on these meetings. Contact me or another Board member if you wish to be on the agenda.

— *Michele Reday Cook*, 2011 DRA president (dra.president@gmail.com)

Doodles for DRA

Do you do small line drawings that could be added to the *Well Crafted Word*?

Stars, faces, abstract designs, etc. can spark up articles and add original style to our newsletter. Artists will be credited under the drawing.

You might look for upcoming shows and themes that could benefit from your doodling talents. Arty spots help readers remember information by giving visual clues. Please send your original art to DRA, newsletter@gmail.com in JPG format. — *Karen Schmitz*

"An empty canvas is a living wonder... far lovelier than certain pictures." Kandinsky



Exhibit Opportunity at Signature Theatre

DRA has been invited to present a selection of abstract art in the lobby gallery of Signature Theatre March 14-May 22, during their run of ART in which a white-on-white abstract painting plays a leading role! This juried show is for DRA members. Because of this "show within a show" we're asking artists to let us select from their submissions a few works to be shown instead at Signature. So bring us your best abstract art and tell us if it is also available for jurying into the Theatre exhibit. As only a few pieces can be selected for the special exhibit, everything not selected is eligible for the regular DRA exhibit. A few artists may have work shown both at DRA and Signature. — *Betty Plummer*

DRA Annual Meeting Held October 17, 2010

Thanks to our members who joined us in our Annual Meeting/Elections on October 17 at the gallery! Thanks also to members who sent in their proxies ahead of the meeting! We held our elections and will have a new Board beginning one-year terms this month:

President - Michele Reday Cook
Vice President - Kurt Peterson
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Ass't Treasurer - Vacant
Secretary - Margaret Slipek
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Community Representative - Nora Partlow
Curator Coordinator - Drew Cariso

Facilities Director - Marlin Lord
Fundraising Director - Vacant
Historian/Archivist Director - John Hiller
Membership Director - Kathryn Brown
Outreach Director - Vacant
Programs Director - Betsy Mead
Volunteers Director - Lesley Hall

As promised, we announced our 2011 DRA calendar of shows. There are many new exciting opportunities awaiting all of us in this calendar! [Note: see December's WCW for this list.]

We then had the chance to hear about each of our members who attended, and several of our new members were given the opportunity to show a piece of their art, which they had brought, or worn, or which was hanging already in the "Once Upon A Time" show surrounding us. We learned that one of our new members is the artist responsible for the new mural on the exterior wall of the Mt. Vernon Rec Center, seen out DRA's south windows! Along the way, we met part of our hard working Board, and Curating and Communications teams. There was even spontaneous applause when it was mentioned that DRA had just recently rolled out our new website! — *Kathryn Brown*

Life Drawing Workshop: Gesture Drawing — February 16, 6:30-9:30 pm

Instructor Robin Croft will offer exercises/commentary for a loose gestural approach to figure drawing. Bring a LARGE paper or newsprint pad and the following: red or black Conte, stick charcoal, woodless pencils, chalk pastel, brush and India ink. Fees: \$15, DRA members, \$18, non-members. Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at www.thedelrayartists.org.

Robin Croft was recently featured in the Richmond Times Dispatch article "Turning Nature's Debris Into Works of Art" by Andy Thompson for his and a collaborator's 30 ft. long "Shipwreck, APR," an interpretation of Albert Pinkham Ryder's paintings of storm tossed ships at sea. See photos at www.rlcroft.com of this moody drawing of the banks of the James River.

Come to a FREE session on Jan. 9 from 9:30 am -12:00 pm where Robin Croft will lead gesture drawing exercises. Please RSVP for this event to DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com.

Open Life Drawing Sessions

Work from live models in our regular Open Life Drawing sessions at the gallery. All skill levels welcome. Sessions are drop-in. No registration required. Bring supplies. Fee for each 3-hour session: \$8, DRA members; \$10, non-members. Two-hour sessions: \$6, members; \$8; non-members. Please visit the DRA website for more details.

January 9, 9:30 am-12:00 pm, FREE gesture session w/Robin Croft
January 12, 11-1 (gesture) & 2-5 (short/long pose)
January 19, 6:30-9:30 pm (short/long pose)
January 2, 11-1 (gesture) & 2-5 (short/long pose)
February 9, 11-1 (gesture) & 2-5 (short/long pose)
February 21, 2-5pm (short/long pose)
February 23, 11-1 (gesture) & 2-5 (short/long pose)



Joan Ulrich

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)
- \$25 Student/Disabled

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 \$ _____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the DRA Art Camp for Youth for \$ _____.

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

- Communications Newsletter Facilities Archives Outreach Anything DRA needs
- Fundraising Grants Publicity Volunteers Financial Other, special talents:
- Programs Website Gardening Administrative Shows _____

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.

DRA's New Communications Team

A fabulous communications team is now in place and we look forward to a fabulous 2011 at DRA!

Web Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Kelly Cox

Newsletter Editor: Betty Plummer

Newsletter Labeler and Mailer: Kim S. Joy

Media Kit Editor: Maizie Clarke

E-Blast Editor: Irene Bender (with assistance from Dawn Wyse Hurto)

Regional/National Opportunities Editor: Matt Cuenca

Facebook Curator: Fransi Kaye

Web Posting Team: Betsy Mead and Mary Wang

Technology Strategist: Nate Hurto

Many thanks to previous volunteers for their many years of service in these roles: Roy Wright, web curator; Jewell Lewis-Terry, newsletter mailing; Barb Brecher, newsletter layout.

Additional web posting volunteers are needed. — Paige Ireland

ArtWorks for Virginia 2011 Conference

Join Virginians For The Arts in Richmond Jan. 25-27, for the annual ArtWorks for Virginia conference, sponsored by Virginia Commission for the Arts and Virginians for the Arts Foundation.

A Pre-conference and Gallery Walk Tues., Jan. 25, precedes a day of workshops Wed., Jan. 26. Eric Booth, actor-writer-teacher, will keynote the Wed. opening session, focusing on the arts' importance to youth and communities.

Meet Virginia legislators at a reception at the State Library of Virginia, Jan. 26. Participation in Arts Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly, Jan. 27, is especially important this year. Register at <http://www.vaforarts.org/>. Reserve with Richmond Marriott by Jan. 10 for conference rate. Contact VFTA Executive Director Trish Poupore at (804)644-2787; e-mail VaforArts@aol.com; or go to <http://www.vaforarts.org/>.



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Gallery Hours:

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

Submission Deadline: 10th of the month

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

2011 Calendar

January

7 - 30 **SHOW Baby, It's Cold Outside!** (All-Member Show) Connie Springer Zabowski and Celeste Zabowski curators *zabowski@verizon.net*
8 **WORKSHOP Beginning Calligraphy**, 1-4 pm
9 **WORKSHOP Life Drawing**, 10 am-12 pm, free gesture session with demos
11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
12 Life Drawing, 11 am -1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses
15 Sock Hop, 7-10 pm
16 Card Making Party, noon-4 pm
19 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, long poses
26 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

February

4 - 27 **SHOW Love Letters** Matthew Tito Cuenca and Tracy Wilkerson curators *matthewcuenca@gmail.com* *tlwideas@comcast.net*
5 **WORKSHOP Duo Mixed-Media Art**, 12-2 pm
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
9 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses
14 Valentine's Day Mixer, 7-11 pm
16 **WORKSHOP Life Drawing**, 6:30-9:30 pm

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Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses

23

Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

March

4 - 27

SHOW Beyond Form:

Expressing Art Betty Plummer & Fareeha Khawaja curators *bplummer11@verizon.net* *fareehamkhawaja@gmail.com*

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Board Meeting, 7 pm

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Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

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Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm

23

Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

April

1 - 24

SHOW It's Only Rock n' Roll, But I Like It! Fierce Sonia curator *fiercesonia@aol.com*

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Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

12

Board Meeting, 7 pm

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Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm

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Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

28 - May 1 Special Exhibit, TBD

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On Treats to Start the New Year

- Come boogie at the **Sock Hop** Saturday, Jan. 15.
- Get your "create-on" **making Valentines** for DRA Sunday, Jan. 16.
- Check out the *Partners in Art* events.
- Practice your drawing—we have **Life Drawing** sessions for all levels.
- Take a unique, useful **class or workshop** which DRA offers to members.

— Karen Schmitz

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