

Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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# The Well Crafted Word

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## 14th Annual T.C. Williams Student Art Show Opens at Del Ray Artisans **Welcome, New Members Who Joined in March!**

Opening Reception: Friday, May 6, 7-10 pm  
Show Dates: Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 15

Come celebrate the newest rising stars on Friday, May 6, 7-10 pm! DRA and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly present the 14th Annual Student Art Show at the Del Ray Artisans gallery featuring the work of members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS).

Students are inducted into the NAHS upon recommendation by their art teachers. T.C. Williams students must have completed a minimum of two years of high school art study during which they have demonstrated exemplary achievement. Fifteen juniors and seniors comprise this year's selection. Many of these students will continue to study art at the college level, and much of the work on exhibit was featured in their winning college admission portfolios. Alfred University, The Chicago Art Institute, Maryland Institute College of Art, Penn State, Temple University, and VCU Arts are among the schools eager to welcome T.C. Williams artists this fall.



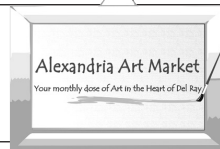
T.C. Williams offers a vibrant art program that attracts hundreds of 9-12th graders each year. Former students can be counted among today's working fine artists and art teachers, graphic artists and web designers, fashion and fabric designers, and animators and special effects artists. For more information, please visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or contact Leslie Rousseau at 703-824-6800 or [lroussea@cps.k12.va.us](mailto:lroussea@cps.k12.va.us).

### DRA Yard Sale — Saturday, May 21, 8 am - 3 pm in the Gallery!

Donate furniture, books, knick-knacks, etc. Drop off Sun., May 15, 4 - 7 pm, Mon., May 16, 7 - 9 pm, Thurs., May 18, 1 - 8 pm, and Fri., May 19, 1 - 8 pm. We'll also have a bake sale and plant sale. Those donations can be dropped off on Thursday or Friday.

### DRA's Alexandria Art Market Opens Saturday, May 7

Check DRA's website for application. — *Kimberley Bush*  
(703-627-7656; [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com))



**Open Mic Lyric Slam:** Sunday, May 1, 2 - 4 pm. This interactive program will honor the poetry, words and anthems of rock music. Participants will have the opportunity to read and recite their original songs or slam the lyrics of their favorite songs. — *Fierce Sonia*

### Signature Theatre-DRA Art Show Runs through June 12

DRA's abstract art exhibit in the theatre's lobby is part of Signature's showing of *ART* by Yasmina Reza, in which a white-on-white abstract painting plays a leading role! Go to Signature Theatre's web site, <http://www.sig-online.org/> for tickets to *ART*, and come see our art show! — *Betty Plummer*



**Heidi Christensen** - Painting  
**Allan Coyle**

**Jill Crispino** - Fiber, Paper & Fabric Origami, Quilting

**Paul Ducharme**

**Fransi Dunagan** - Mixed Media

**John G. Fantucchio** - Painting, Drawing, Illustration, Cartooning; Instruction

**Margaret Irwin** - Jewelry

**Cecilia Kalish & Household** - Acrylic, Mixed Media

**William Krumpelman** - Photography

**Sharon Landis & Household**

**Liz Mawhorter** - Mixed Media Collage, Acrylic, Oil, Sculpture/Functional Art

**Marianne Milian** - Monotype, Acrylic

**Shannon Scates** - Painting

**Sukia Sikorski** - Acrylic, Watercolor, Mixed Media

**Jeanne Treschuk** - Painting, Mixed Media

**Kathy Turner** - Mixed Media, Painting

**Sandra Zacharia** - Jewelry

### DRA Quarterly Membership Meeting is Sunday, May 15, 6 - 8 pm

Mark your calendar! There will be a member-benefit program. Come find out more about what Del Ray Artisans has to offer.



## Del Ray Artisans' Summer Art Camp 2011

**When:** July 25-29, 9 am – 4 pm  
**Where:** DRA Gallery  
**Ages:** 8 – 14 (approximate)  
**Cost:** \$250 before 6/1/11; \$275 after 6/1/11

### Join Del Ray Artisans as we travel around the world in five days.

From July 25-29, students (ages 8-14) will go on an international expedition through the arts. Each day will feature projects and activities related to cultural traditions and artistic movements found throughout the world.

Classes will be taught by professional artists and educators and will draw from the dramatic, visual, and musical arts. The culmination of the week will be a gallery showing of the weeks' projects at DRA. Space is limited, register online at <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/>. Scholarship support may be available. — *Lisa McKee*, DRA.ArtCamp@gmail.com



### Did You Know? ...

... DRA has many volunteer opportunities that you can easily do as your schedule permits. Contact DRA.volunteers@gmail.com or check our website, <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/about/volunteer.html>.

... Postcard images and photos of each piece of artwork in our shows are available on Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/>).

...the gallery is now open until 6 pm every Thursday.

— *Paige Ireland*

## From the President ...

DRA is growing by leaps and bounds. Our exhibits reflect our commitment to high standards and ambitious undertakings. Our workshops and programs are expanding, offering instruction and artistic opportunities almost weekly. Our web site has undergone an amazing transformation. We're expanding our reach using social media. A small group of dedicated volunteers is performing miracles with our exhibits, programs, and web site!

Recently your Board of Directors met for an all-day retreat. We identified exciting new projects while finding

ways to support all we do. **We can't do this without you!** We've asked for volunteers for a number of areas but have had little or no response. Since the beginning of the year, the Board has been shorthanded and we've had to double up, taking on even more work. Frankly we're overwhelmed. Please offer your time and energy to this truly wonderful organization!

If you're already donating your time, expertise and dedication, thank you! For others, we know you have interests, skills, and knowledge to offer.

We're still searching for help with fundraising. If you don't want to be on the Board, we invite you to join our directors' teams to keep DRA operating at this high level.

Contact me, any Board member, or our Director of Volunteers, Lesley Hall ([dra.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:dra.volunteers@gmail.com)). Share your expertise and interests! We welcome you! — *Michele Reday Cook*



**Partners in Art** *"a regular forum where attendees receive support while working towards individual art objectives"*

**Meeting Mondays, 2 - 4 pm on May 9, May 23, June 6, & June 20.**  
— *Millie Mateu & Katherine Rand*

## Drawing Inspiration from the Figure — All-member Show, June 3 – 26

How does the human form inspire your art? Take the month of May to explore that question and then enter your artwork in the June All-Member Figure Show. As curators we are interested in showing a variety of styles. Art that has started from observations of the human figure and developed into all manner of artistic expression will create a dynamic show. Realistic or abstracted, we are looking to have it on display in Drawing Inspiration from the Figure.

One wall will feature drawing studies from life drawing sessions, workshops or independent work. If you have a particular figure drawing or sketch that has inspired a finished piece you are entering in this show we would like to have it be part of the drawing studies exhibit.

Use the enclosed Call for Entry form. Questions: Pamela Underhill, [PamUnderhill@comcast.net](mailto:PamUnderhill@comcast.net), 703-507-4964 or Katherine Rand, [Katherine@KatherineRand.com](mailto:Katherine@KatherineRand.com), 703-836-1468.

### Events to look forward to:

**Fri., June 3, 7 - 10 pm – Opening Reception.** Enjoy a raffle and an exciting interpretive dance performance.

**Fri., June 17, 7 - 9 pm – ATC Party.** Create Artist Trading Cards with the human figure as inspiration. — *Pamela Underhill & Katherine Rand, co-curators*

## Open Life Drawing Sessions at the Gallery in May and June

Work from live models in our regular Open Life Drawing sessions at the gallery on Wednesdays. All skill levels welcome. Sessions are drop-in. No registration required. Bring your own supplies. Fee for each 3-hour session: \$8, DRA members; \$10, nonmembers.

Two-hour sessions: \$6, members; \$8, non-members. Please visit the DRA web site or contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or [DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com) for details.

May 11, 11-1 (gesture) & 2-5 pm (short/long pose)

May 25, 6:30 - 9:30 pm (long pose)

Jun 8, 11 am- 1pm (gesture) & 2 - 5 pm (short/long pose)

Jun 15, 6:30 - 9:30 pm (long pose)

Jun 22, 11 am - 1 pm (gesture) & 2 - 5 pm (short/long pose)

**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.

**Café Sketching Workshop**

Have you always wanted to sketch in cafes? Are you wary of drawing in public? Do you get frustrated trying to capture people who don't stay put? Join us for this two-part Café Sketching Workshop with **Hamil Ma** to learn some techniques and gain confidence. Hamil Ma, local artist/Del Ray resident, teaches art at Prince George Community College.

All skill levels are welcome. Bring a sketchbook, drawing pencils and an eraser. Fee for the two sessions: \$25, DRA members; \$30, non-members. Questions? Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com. Space is limited. Advance register online at www.thedelrayartisans.org.



**Tuesday May 10, 2-5 — Mock Café**

During the first session we'll have the gallery set up like a café with small tables and chairs. Hamil will demonstrate strategies for simplifying the figure while drawing quickly and fearlessly in a sketchbook. He will cover poses and actions to expect in this setting. You'll practice and get comfortable with these methods in the mock café environment.

**Tuesday May 24, 2-5 — Café Sketchcrawl**

For the second session we'll start at the gallery with a review of what we learned and have practiced in the interim. and then head out to Mount Vernon Avenue to do some actual café sketching. Hamil will give pointers and encouragement along the way.

*Ben's Chili, by Hamil Ma*

# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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## Gallery Hours:

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

**Submission Deadline:** 10th 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.

## 2011 Calendar

<b>May</b>		6	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
1	Open Mic Lyric Slam, 2-4 pm	8	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
5	First Thursday, open until 9 pm	8	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose
6 - 15	<b>SHOW TC Williams Student Art Show</b>	14	Board Meeting, 7 pm
7	Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm. Kimberley Bush <i>DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com</i>	15	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, long pose
9	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	20	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
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11	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose	2	Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm. Kimberley Bush <i>DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com</i>
14	Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments, 11:30-3:30 pm	5 - 17	Art Camp for Grown-Ups
15	Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments, noon-4 pm	6	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
15	DRA Membership Meeting, 6-8 pm	6	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
21	DRA Yard Sale Fundraiser, 8 am-3 pm	7	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
23	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	12	Board Meeting, 7 pm
24	<b>WORKSHOP Café Sketching</b> , 2-5 pm	20	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
25	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, long pose	25 - 29	ART CAMP
<b>June</b>		<b>August</b>	
2	First Thursday, open until 9 pm	4	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
3 - 26	<b>SHOW Drawing Inspiration From the Figure</b> (All-member show) Pamela Underhill & Katherine Rand curators <i>pamunderhill@comcast.net</i> <i>katherine@katherinerand.com</i>	5 - 28	<b>SHOW Board Show</b> curator TBD Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm. Kimberley Bush <i>DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com</i>
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## Be a Curator — See Your Theme Go from Idea to Gallery Show!

Send your proposal to [DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com). We are in the process of reviewing show ideas for 2012.

## Brain Storm Meeting Coming in June ...

A Gallery Foot Traffic brain storm meeting is being created. Questions? Want to participate? Please contact Drew Cariaso at [DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com). — *Drew Cariaso*



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