



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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States of Mind August Showcase

Opening Reception: Friday, August 5, 7-10 pm. Show runs August 5 through August 28. A Silent Auction runs through August 28th —so bid early and bid often!

Seven *über*-volunteers are showcasing their artwork in this mysteriously named show. Join them as they welcome you into their creative world.

- **Kimberley Bush:** Creates 2D forms that focus on positive and vibrant energy and combines encaustic painting with horsehair or raku decorating processes on hand-cut ceramic panels and 3D pieces that consist of horsehair or raku bottle/vase forms.
- **Ellyn Ferguson:** Life offers many moments for self-reflection and so do her pieces, literally. Artwork is multi-media incorporating mirrors, found items, paper and shiny bits and pieces.
- **Lesley Hall:** Painting dreamlike landscapes and abstract art using colors that would otherwise be... enemies.
- **Fransi Kaye:** Abstract mixed media focused on emotional symbolism. The Soul's Condition and Expression will be featured in this show.
- **Katherine Rand:** Drawings, prints and mixed media works inspired by the figure.
- **Gloria Vestal:** Explores the natural world in watercolor, oils and stained glass.
- **Tracy Wilkerson:** Using found objects or recycled materials in unique ways to make one-of-a-kind handmade greeting cards, jewelry pieces, and 2D and 3D mixed media artwork. — *Tracy Wilkerson, curator*

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in June!

Suzanne Dawkins - Painted canvases and functional items

Anne Feldman - Watercolor, Gouache, Oil

Jean F. Stark



All-member Meeting, Cookout, and Pie-baking Contest on Sunday, August 14, 5 – 7 pm

Anyone brave enough to endure August in DC deserves a reward! Come join fellow members in the gallery for the latest DRA news, networking, the **summer cookout**, and the **fabulous 2011 Pie-baking Contest!** DRA supplies hot dogs and salads. Get out your rolling pins and recipes, we're looking for more prize-winning pies! Pies must arrive at the gallery by 5:30 pm; you need not be present to win. Judges will be selected from non-contestants. Judging will start at 5:45 pm. Prizes will be awarded—but all will be winners! — *Kathryn Brown, Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org*



Retakes & Transformations: Art from everyday life

- **All-member show, September 2 – October 2, 2011**
- **Opening Reception Friday, September 2, 7-10 pm**

Del Ray Artisans look deeply at everyday life inspired by delving into habits, routines, favorite things and surroundings. Familiar subjects and commonplace materials are reborn in 2D and 3D artworks.

Come checkout the aesthetics that enhance everyday life!

The exhibition features an “*Art for everyday life*” market stocked

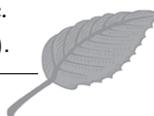
with fine handcrafts and shrink-wrapped art-works. Purchase and pick up market artwork immediately. Show artwork purchased before Oct. 1 must remain on display until the last weekend of the show. Buyers during *Art on the Avenue* (Saturday, Oct. 1) and on Sunday, Oct. 2 may take all purchases home immediately. Please use the enclosed Call for Entry form to submit. You must be a DRA member to participate. Contact curator Dawn Wyse Hurto (Dawn@DawnDS.com, 703-855-2584).



Sign Up for DRA's Holiday Market Now!

Don't forget to apply for DRA's Holiday Market for the first weekend in December! Fill out the application now and send it in with your check and up to three pictures of your work. The application can be found in July's newsletter, online or at the gallery. **The registration deadline is Friday, August 12 so don't delay!** — *Tracy Wilkerson*

DRA is going green! Starting in January 2012, newsletters will be sent to members electronically. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the gallery.



Collage Cut Ups Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, August 9

Feeling deluged by junk mail and magazines? Here's a chance to beat the paper avalanche. Come play with the Collage Cut Ups in an environment that promotes exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. For details and to RSVP, contact me at Outreach@TheDelRayArtisans.org. — *Millie Maten*

Wanted: Workshop Ideas!

What would you like to learn in DRA workshops this fall? We are planning a session on using Facebook and Twitter effectively (requested after the dynamite website presentation at the membership meeting). We want your ideas for workshops on art techniques, showing and marketing your work, or whatever else would be helpful to you. Know of a presenter? Please pass that along with ideas to me at lindahilldesigns@gmail.com, or call 703-521-7623. — *Linda Hill*

Alexandria Art Market

Your monthly dose of Art in the Heart of Del Ray

Come to DRA's "first Saturday" Art Market on August 6! Some 25 participants will display fine art-work, photography, and crafts from colorful glass objects to unique jewelry to children's items. DRA members sell their hand-made works in a festive atmosphere—with music—as they meet and greet citizens of Del Ray.

Upcoming markets are:
September 3, and
November 5, 10 am – 4 pm.

— *Kimberley Bush* (703-627-7656, ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

What is Volunteering?

Remember the first time you volunteered? Maybe it was a friend who dragged you along, a cause that had an effect on you, or a cause that inspired you. I was brought up in a family who volunteered as a group. It was not just one cause but several. I remember the first time I volunteered back in the '60's in elementary school. We went out and worked together with other Mclean neighbors on a local park. We did something as a family every month and afterwards we celebrated with ice cream.



Volunteering is about giving back and not having it be financially based. DRA is an volunteer art gallery. Volunteering is coming out and being a gallery sitter when you don't have a piece of art work in that show; being on the garden committee; serving on the fundraising committee; delivering post cards to local businesses, etc.

DRA will be posting volunteering opportunities on the e-blasts in September:

- We'll need help with "Art on the Avenue" working with kids crafts.
- We'll form a committee to plan events for DRA's 20th anniversary in 2012.
- We'll have a fundraising committee meeting in September to talk about ideas and projects for the rest of this year and 2012 (DRA's 20th anniversary).
- Other volunteering opportunities will be posted on our weekly e-blasts. Please read the e-blast every week.

Volunteering is a feeling that comes from within. It is joy, gratitude, and it puts a big smile on you! — *Kurt Peterson*



Did You Know . . .

. . . that DRA Directors' email addresses have changed? Please note on back page that they are now on TheDelRayArtisans server, thanks to Dawn Wyse Hurto, Technology Director.

. . . that we depend on members to submit ideas for our exhibit schedule each year? Email Drew Cariaso at: curating@thedelrayartisans.org with your idea, and curate a show in 2012! Deadline is August 15th.

. . . that DRA members are welcome to attend any DRA Board Meeting? Of course, you can't vote on any motions but you can sit in on the meeting to hear what the Board is discussing, deciding on, and how it is planning out DRA's future. DRA Board Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Stop by—we'd love to see you!

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A Big Welcome to all our new members who have joined in 2011! We want your membership to be fun and artistically fulfilling. Every month when our newsletter comes out, I marvel at the number of new members who have joined DRA. We are so glad to have you. Your varied and diverse media enriches the artistic life of our organization.

Many of you become a part of DRA through regular exhibiting in our monthly shows, but some of you may be looking for other ways to become involved. Well, we need everybody! Are you good with computers? Our communications team can use your help. How about working with children's art activities and programs?

DRA offers lots of events and activities to support and improve your art skills and we are always looking for workshop leaders and those who can help organize our events. Contact any Board member for more information. — *Michele Reday Cook*

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 receive DRA mailings, including the newsletter.

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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:

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| <input type="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Archives | <input type="radio"/> Outreach | <input type="radio"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising | <input type="radio"/> Grants | <input type="radio"/> Publicity | <input type="radio"/> Volunteers | <input type="radio"/> Financial | <input type="radio"/> Other, special talents: |
| <input type="radio"/> Programs | <input type="radio"/> Website | <input type="radio"/> Gardening | <input type="radio"/> Administrative | <input type="radio"/> 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.



Partners in Art Meeting Schedule through December

“a regular forum where attendees receive support while working towards individual art objectives”

Join us on Mondays, from 2 - 4 pm at the gallery on:

- Aug 8 and 22
- Sept 12 and 26 (Not on Labor Day, Sept. 5)
- Oct 10 and 24
- Nov 7 and 21
- Dec 5

— Millie Maten & Katherine Rand



DRA artists—Paint a Rain Barrel!

Show your talent AND help save our water! The city gave DRA a rain barrel and it's up to us to paint and install it. The rain barrel that was attached to the railing was one of those being decorated and displayed around the area which were auctioned off mid June. The new one we'll keep and use. I've picked a collection spot by the downspout in the butterfly garden. The rain barrel will provide water for the garden and plants on that side of the gallery. If this endeavor is successful, we may get another rain barrel for the other side. Individual artists or teams: please submit design proposals to me by Thursday, September 8. I'll present them at the September board meeting. Thanks for sharing your time, creativity, and exciting designs! — Marlin G. Lord (call 703-836-2724, fax to 703-836-4382, or email Facilities@TheDelRayArtisans.org).



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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: newsletter@thedelrayartisans.org

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

August
4 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
5 – 28 **SHOW States of Mind**
Tracy Wilkerson curator
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6 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
Kimberley Bush,
artmarket@thedelrayartisans.org
8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
9 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
10 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
10 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
14 General Membership Meeting, 5-7 pm,
Cookout and Pie-baking Contest!
17 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
22 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
23 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
24 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
24 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
September
1 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
2-Oct 2 **SHOW Retakes and Transformations:**
Art from everyday life (All-member
Show) Dawn Wyse Hurto curator
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3 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
Kimberley Bush,
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7 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
7 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
12 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
13 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
21 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
21 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
26 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
27 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
October
1 COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue
7 – 30 **SHOW Get Sparked! Art inspired by**
writing Amy Souza Amanda Wright
curators amy.souza@gmail.com
arook20@gmail.com

10 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
11 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
12 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
12 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
14 Get Sparked event, time TBD
16 Annual Meeting/Elections, 6-8 pm
19 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
21 Get Sparked event, time TBD
24 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
25 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
26 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
26 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses

November

4 – 27 **SHOW The Del Ray Dozens**
Rob Rudick Jen Chappell curators
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jen.chappell@cox.net
5 Alexandria Art Market, 10 am-4 pm
Kimberley Bush,
artmarket@thedelrayartisans.org
7 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
8 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
9 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures
9 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
21 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
22 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

December

2 – 4 **Holiday Market** Tracy Wilkerson
coordinator
holidaymarket@thedelrayartisans.org
5 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
7 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
7 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
9 - 18 **SHOW** tbd curator TBD
13 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
27 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

Artwork Dropoff Schedule

Retakes and Transformations: Art from
everyday life - August 28 & 29, 7-9 pm

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