

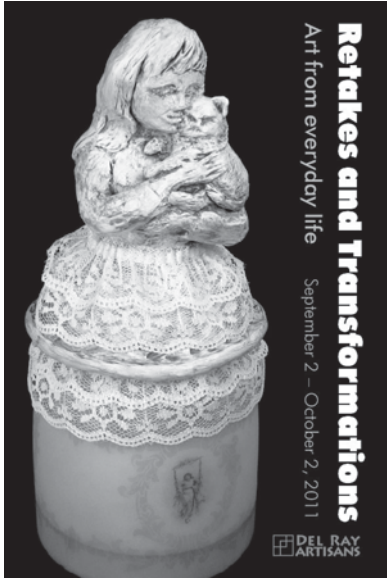


Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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The Well Crafted Word

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Retakes and Transformations: September 2 – October 2, 2011

Opening Artists Reception: Friday, September 2, 7-10 pm

Join us for the Opening Reception: light refreshments served, excellent art presented, and interesting people attending. Everyday life is under the microscope resulting in some touching, heartbreaking, comforting, and disturbing artworks. Life and art certainly bring out emotions!

Show artwork may be purchased at any time, but must remain on display until the last weekend (October 1-2). The “Art for everyday life” market is stocked with fine handcrafts and shrink-wrapped artwork—the aesthetics that enhance everyday life.

Purchase and pick up market artwork immediately.

Get a sneak peek of the exhibit on First Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6–9 pm. The First Thursday theme is Home Sweet Home—and some of the art certainly hits the mark.

Stop by the gallery during Art on the Avenue, Saturday, October 1 from 10 am–6 pm. Over 50,000 people attended this community event last year, enjoyed the food from local restaurants, and shopped from more than 300 craft vendors and artisans. Many DRA members are among the vendors and artisans. DRA hosts an activity booth just outside the gallery and brings the buzz inside as well. See you at the gallery!

Contact Curator Dawn Wyse Hurto (Dawn@DawnDS.com, 703-855-2584) or Director of Curating Drew Cariaso (Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org) with questions.

DRA’s All-photography Show Returns November 4- 27

Del Ray Artisans’ popular all-photography show returns! Past Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography shows were very successful. This show builds on those triumphs and expands participation to “dozens” of DRA members. Everybody can take a picture but not everyone can produce photographic art. This show features photographic works of art.



We’ll exhibit the gamut of photographic styles, techniques, and subjects: digital, traditional, and non-traditional photographic processes; color or black and white images. Subject matter is the photographer’s choice. The show celebrates photography as a print medium, highlighting the finest photographs our membership has produced in the last two years.

A juried show, submissions are open to DRA members. Entries will be judged from samples on 8.5" by 11" paper. Submissions are due by Friday, Sept. 23. Notification of acceptance will be made by Sept. 30. The Call for Entry is enclosed; download it at <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/calls/>.

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in July!

Wendy Band

Judy Livermore - Watercolor

Alexandria Art Market

Your monthly dose of Art in the Heart of Del Ray,

Visit DRA’s “first Saturday” Art Market on Sept. 3! Buy fine artwork, photography, and crafts from colorful glass works to unique jewelry to children’s items.

**The next and last market is
November 5, 10 am – 4 pm.**

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



States of Mind Opening

The Opening Reception was well attended—with many visitors who hadn’t been to DRA before. The food was awesome—Cheesetique, Edible Arrangements and Buzz to homemade baked goodies! After the first weekend, 16 artworks sold and all Silent Auction items were bid on at least once, most of them with multiple bids. Participating artists Lesley Hall, Kimberley Bush, Gloria Vestal, Ellyn Ferguson, Fransi Kaye, Tracy Wilkerson and Katherine Rand want to thank everyone for their support for this show and especially for our DRA and non-DRA friends who stepped up to help out: DJ Gaskin, Liz Martinez, Tessa Barsic, Nina Tisara, Sarah LaFantasie, Jessica Custalow, Tamara Wilkerson, Eileen O’Brien, and Heidi Kalian.

— Tracy Wilkerson, Curator

August 14th Membership Meeting a Resounding Success!

Big thanks go to our grilling team Marlin Lord, Rusty Lynn and Chris Feddersen. Members feasted on hotdogs and salads, managed by refreshments team Maryjo Baxter and Nina Tisara. The gallery was ready for all and spotless when finished thanks to Anne Feldman and Board members Lesley Hall, Millie Mateau and Margaret Slipek. All were warmly greeted by Becky Rife.

The evening featured a brush-up on DRA membership benefits. The “pies de’resistance” was the 6th Annual “MY OH MY” Pie Baking contest! The 8 gorgeous, delectable pies submitted, truly tested our judges—thanks to them and to each contestant! Our pie contest team of Kay Graf and Vivienne Lukacs made it all run smoothly. Congratulations to the winners: most interesting pie by Lesley Hall for her vanilla/chocolate pudding pie; best looking pie by Stacy Rausch for her coconut/almond joy pie, and our top prize for best tasting pie by Margaret Slipek for her crunchy peach pie. My Oh My!

— *Kathryn Brown, Director of Membership*

Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 13 & 20

Come play with the Collage Cut Ups in an environment that promotes exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists.

— *Millie Maten, Outreach Director*



Partners in Art Meeting Schedule

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

Join us on Mondays, 2 - 4 pm:

Sept 12 and 26; Oct 10 and 24;
Nov 7 and 21; & Dec 5

— *Millie Maten & Katherine Rand*

With Sympathy

With great sympathy we observe the passing in August of Alexandria resident, Sills Bunn, husband of 48 years of DRA member Amoret Bell Bunn. Amoret often displays her art in DRA exhibits. She sews and quilts fabric hangings of idyllic scenery with animals, especially her favorite cats. She often portrays her fine sense of humor in her art. A long-time supportive member, Amoret attends openings, meetings, and other DRA events, always with a kind word. Now it's our turn to extend to her our kind words and thoughts. — *Kathryn Brown*

Around the World in 5 Days: Art Camp 2011

Local artists/teachers submitted ideas for two-hour themed lessons. Thanks to our five awesome teachers who were selected to present creative and varied projects: Lauren Cross, Sushmita Mazumdar, Gale Nemec, Stacy Rausch, Nadine Thola, and Amy Thomas. Art Camp began on July 25 with 24 campers. Activities were educational, engaging and diverse. The international theme allowed students to show pride in and share their cultures. Our workshop teachers were fantastic and very helpful!

A campers' artwork exhibit on Saturday, July 30 allowed everyone to see the all the children's artwork before they took it home—to lots of positive feedback. One parent said: “[My daughter] has never enjoyed a camp quite like this one....and she has enjoyed some fabulous camps. You are doing a great job. Thanks for all of your great efforts.”

Very special thanks go out to our ten volunteers who helped throughout the week, on the weekends, and before and after Art Camp: Wendy Band, Jill Crispino, Alice Eichers, Linda Hill, Cecilia Kalish, Bill Krumpelman, Kathleen O'Brien, Jane Stocksdale, Maggie Tomasellio and Shelly Witiak.

Special thanks for going beyond the call of duty to: Nora Partlow, Ellyn Fergusson, Tracy Wilkerson, and Michele Reday Cook. — *Tamara Wilkerson & Lisa McKee*

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As we approach Fall, your DRA Board is thinking about 2012. We'll be developing the exhibition schedule, workshops and programs. We may still need curators for our all-member shows—contact our Director of Curating to join our team/show selection committee. Contact our Director of Programs with ideas for interesting artist workshops.

Our nominating committee is looking for a few good men and women to fill open Board positions. Would you will be willing and able to join us in guiding and managing DRA? Each Director has or is forming a crew or team to volunteer in a program/administrative area, so if you don't have the time for a Board position, consider joining a team. DRA is an all-volunteer organization. Members like you are what make DRA the vibrant, artistic and very special group that it is! — *Michele Reday Cook*

Twitter and Facebook: A How-to Workshop, Sunday, Sept. 11

Is it possible to become digitally socialized in one evening? Do you want to join your friends online but need just a bit of direction? Just what IS the difference between Facebook and Twitter? By popular demand, Fransi Kaye (DRA Social Media Curator) will guide DRA members through the social media basics on Sunday, Sept. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

It really is simple, quick, and FUN! This workshop will be totally hands-on so you can become more comfortable with social media interaction. We'll look at the different strengths of Facebook and Twitter and then experiment with simple ways to help promote the gallery in cyberspace.

Please bring your laptop or netbook and login information for your Facebook and Twitter accounts. When you register, please indicate if you'll need a 'loaner' laptop as there will be a few available on a “first-come” basis. Workshop activities require that everyone have active Facebook and Twitter accounts. If you don't have such accounts, we can guide you in the initial steps in advance of the workshop. Just contact socialmedia@thedelrayartists.org. — *Fransi Kaye & Linda Hill*

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.

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. 

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 join online: www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Collage Workshops with Smithsonian Artist Lori K. Gordon

Saturday, October 29–Day 1: Learn techniques to create small collages with organic shapes & torn paper

Sunday, October 30–Day 2: Learn more advanced techniques to build complex collages

Lori Gordon has been featured on national media outlets including CBS, NPR, and CNN. You may remember her from DRA's Southern Surge show in 2007 to benefit Gulf Coast artists affected by Hurricane Katrina. She was one of a dozen Mississippi Coast artists who gave a 2-day workshop in conjunction with the show.

Both workshops are 9 am - 4 pm. Cost for DRA members: \$115 for one day or \$210 for both days. Cost for non-members: \$130 for one day or \$240 for both days. Supply fees: \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days cover homemade/ found papers, support panels, glues, and photographic images from the artist's collection. Bring your own images too! See Lori's work on her web site: <http://sixdegreeswesttoeast.blogspot.com>. — *Linda Hill*

Are there other workshops you'd like to see? What would you like to learn in DRA workshops this fall?

Please pass along your ideas to me at Programs@thedelrayartisans.org, or call me at 703-521-7623. — *Linda Hill*



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday: 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

September 2011
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
dawn@dawns.com
3 Alexandria Art Market, 10 am–4pm.
Kimberley Bush, ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
7 Life Drawing, 11 am–1 pm, gestures
7 Life Drawing, 2–5 pm, short/long poses
11 WORKSHOP Twitter & Facebook: A How-to, 6:30–8:30 pm
12 Partners in Art, 2– 4 pm
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 2011
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, 2–4pm
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
19 WORKSHOP Life Drawing Watercolor, 2–5 pm
19 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30 pm
21 Get Sparked event, time TBD
24 Partners in Art, 2–4 pm
25 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4 pm
26 Life Drawing, 11 am–1 pm, gestures
26 Life Drawing, 2–5 pm, short/long poses

29 WORKSHOP Collage with Lori Gordon, 9 am–4 pm
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November 2011
4 – 27 **SHOW Del Ray Dozenz**
Rob Rudick, Jen Chappell curators
robrudick@yahoo.com
jen.chappell@cox.net
5 Alexandria Art Market, 10am–4pm.
Kimberley Bush, ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
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16 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30 pm
21 Partners in Art, 2–4 pm
22 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4 pm
December 2011
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
13 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4 pm
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30 pm
9 - 18 **SHOW tbd** curator TBD
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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