



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

February 2012

The Well Crafted Word

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Let the Games Begin!

With the opening reception on Friday, February 3, from 7:00 to 10 pm, the fun and games begin. Artists have been challenged to interpret any of the numerous games people play in life—sports, electronic games, mind games, or board games.

The show is juried by local artist Moira McQuillen.

Another aspect of the exhibit is the fine art and fine craft Marketplace filled with art-to-go for the entire length of the show. And since February is the month for love, Del Ray Artisans' trademark handmade Valentine cards will be for sale until Valentine's Day.

Be sure to pick up your playing card at the opening reception, and transform it into an Artist Trading Card to swap at the ATC Swap Night (see details below). And check out the other events planned for this show. For questions, contact curators Barbara Boehm (boehmbarb@gmail.com) or Linda Elliff (LLEliff@aol.com).



Art Games

Join in the premier unveiling of the newly designed Art Bingo as well as a couple of artful game mixers on Friday, February 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$7.00 donation; light refreshments; adults 18 +.

ATC Swap Night

It's time for another Artist Trading Card night and what better time to have it than during the show featuring games. Come join in the fun. Bring your finished ATC you created from the playing card you picked up at the opening reception on Fri., Feb. 3, 7 - 10 pm. You will also create some new ATCs under the leadership of ATC Queen Theresa Kulstad. Light refreshments will be served. Friday, Feb. 17, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Adults 18 +.

Games Talk

This is one event you will not want to miss! The afternoon begins with a brief talk on the game of couponing by extreme couponist Gladys Wise. Then you'll meet members of the Capitol Pool Checkers Club from DC, stars of the film "Checkers at 9th & S" directed by Peggy Fleming, who will tell you about their passion for pool checkers. Bring your best game and face off with these competitive pool checkers players, who include The Shark, The Weasel, The Master of Disaster, and Boy Wonder, among others, in a game or two. Will you be able to outmaneuver them? Start practicing your moves now! Light refreshments. Saturday, Feb. 25, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. — Linda Elliff & Barbara Boehm



Welcome, New Members Who Joined in December!

Paul C. Grueneberger - Acrylic

Willie Jones - Mixed Media, Pastel, Charcoal, Acrylic

Shaun van Steyn - Photography

All Member Meeting and Art Supply Swap!

Our winter All Member Meeting is Sunday, Feb. 12, in the gallery, 2 - 4pm. This is DRA members' traditional opportunity to swap unused art supplies. Chat about making art, as we "Celebrate the Art of Making; for 20 Years" this year! Enjoy light refreshments as we hear the latest DRA news and view the supplies. We'll then take turns choosing "new" supplies! I can't wait to see what everyone brings this year! — Kathryn Brown, Membership Director

This Newsletter Has Gone Green!



DRA has "gone green" in 2012 and now sends monthly notices to all members via e-mail when the newsletter has been published online. Please keep your e-mail address up to date in our members only e-mail list to ensure uninterrupted service! (This is a separate service from our e-blast.) Members unable to access the Internet or visit the gallery monthly for a paper copy, and so still need to have it mailed to them, may call the gallery on Thursday or Friday afternoons at 703-838-4827 to request this.

— Kathryn Brown, Membership Director, Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Collage Cut Ups

Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 14

Collage Cut Ups promotes exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. — *Millie Maten*



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: Feb. 6. — *Millie Maten*

Newsletter Delivery

DRA has switched to electronic delivery of the newsletter! If you did not receive your January issue, please follow these steps:

1. **Check** the "Spam" (or "Bulk Mail") folder in your email: notice was sent on 12/22/11.
2. **Add** "WebCurator@TheDel-RayArtisans.org" to your email contacts (or email address book).
3. **Send** "Membership@TheDel-RayArtisans.org" an email with your full name and email address, so we can update your membership records.
4. **Access** the January newsletter under NEWS on our website.



Did You Know . . .

DRA was started by neighbors in 1992 who met while walking their dogs. They felt that an organization to attract artists/artisans with skills to restore the neighborhood's distinctive homes would help the community. They formed the Arts Resource Foundation (ARF), whose initials recalled the dog-walking founders. ARF is an umbrella organization for smaller arts entities; Del Ray Artisans is the first established. DRA's goals included creating a community art center to host exhibits, slide lectures, classes, workshops, and receptions, and introducing local audiences to fine and functional art.

XX, 1992 - 2012: 20 Years Celebrating the Art of Making Show Runs March 2 - April 1 ■ Opening Reception Fri., Mar. 2, 7-10 pm

DRA celebrates 20 years of Del Ray Artisans being on The Avenue! The 20th Anniversary Committee invites member artists of all media to showcase your best past and present masterpieces with "no theme required". This show will be juried from outside our family of members. You may submit two pieces with an entry fee of \$20 per artist. Drop off art Sunday, Feb. 26 and Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. If a piece is not accepted, you'll be notified Tuesday, Feb. 28 and you may pick that piece up during gallery hours that Thursday or Friday before the reception. Show closing is Sunday, April 1; pick up artwork from 5 – 8 pm that day. — *Kurt Peterson*

Post Apocalyptic Art Warriors Strike at the Gallery, on January 6th



Dixon Vergaray takes time out to focus in on interesting artworks.



L to R: Drew Cariaso welcomes attendees; Victoria Illingworth models her fashion creations; Karen Schmitz occupies the gallery.



L to R: Gabriel Perez models post apocalyptic armor; Ali Sayer, Zade Ramsey, and Gabriel Perez geared up for adventure and mingled with an energetic crowd for an exciting opening reception. Strong artworks shone well under our new, abundant track lighting. (Photos by Betty Plummer)

Childhood Memories — Show is April 6 - 29

Dig deep into the recesses of your mind and recall your childhood memories. Yoga or meditation may help you unlock your creative energies and create artwork that reflects those memories and the show theme.

Our April show commemorates the Virginia Art Commissions' *Minds Wide Open*, a celebration of children and the arts. The Art Commission declared 2012 the Year of Children in Arts. Show dates: April 6 - 29. Drop off dates: April 1 - 2. Curators: Drew Carioso (Curating @thedelrayartisans.org) and David A. Kosar (davidakosar@gmail.com). Further details will be coming.

— David Kosar, Curator

DRA Program Evaluation Online Survey

We hope 2012 finds you happy and ready to play at DRA! We'll offer the community classes and workshops presented by qualified teachers to help your artistic growth, including a range of events that we hope you'll attend. We are now evaluating programs, classes and workshops, and possible artist talks and critiques. We'd like your input. What events are important to you?

Click to find our survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRAProgramSurvey

It takes 5-10 minutes to complete; answers are confidential. Please complete the survey by February 15. Questions? Contact me at treasurer@thedelrayartisans.org. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete our survey. Your opinions are very important to us! — Kimberley Bush

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 Full-time 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.

DRA has "gone green!" As of January 2012, monthly notice is now sent to all members via e-mail when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter continue to 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:

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 Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, or join online: www.thedelrayartisans.org.



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TheDelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday: noon-9 pm (May-Sept.)
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.

2012 Calendar

February 2012

3 – 26 **SHOW Love, Politics, and Scrabble: The Games People Play** Barbara Boehm Linda Elliff curators boehmbarb@gmail.com LLEliff@aol.com
6 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture
8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
10 Art Games, 7:30-9:30 pm
12 General Member Meeting & Art Swap!, 2-4 pm
14 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long pose
17 Art Trading Card Swap, 7-9pm
19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
22 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
25 Game Talks, 3-5 pm

March 2012

2 – Apr 1 **SHOW XX: DRA Anniversary Celebration** Kurt Peterson curator kfpeterson@gmail.com
5 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
7 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
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, Long pose
18 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
19 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
21 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
27 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

April 2012

6 – 29 **SHOW Childhood Memories** David Kosar Drew Cariso curators david.kosar@gmail.com atenart@cariaso.net
9 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
10 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
23 Partners in Art, 7-9 pm
24 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

May 2012

3 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
4 – 13 **SHOW TC Williams Students** TC Williams Art Dept curator Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm, Kimberley Bush, ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
5 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, Gesture (clothed)
9 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long pose
20 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
20 General Member Meeting with Program, 2-4 pm
21 Partners in Art, 7-9 pm
23 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
26 4th Annual Yard Sale

Artwork Dropoffs, 6:30 - 8:30 pm:

Games People Play, Jan. 29 & 30
XX, Feb. 26 & 27
Childhood Memories, April 1 & 2

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Special Thanks to the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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



People discuss my art and pretend to understand as if it were necessary to understand, when it's simply necessary to love. — Claude Monet



CALL FOR ENTRY | DRA MEMBERS ONLY

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Celebrating 20 years in Del Ray!

March 2 – April 1, 2012

This show will feature the best works then and now. If you have been a Del Ray Artisans (DRA) member for 10, 15, or 20 years, then consider entering a piece that you showed here for the first time as well as a current piece. If you are a new member, bring in a piece that best represents your artwork. There is “no theme” and anything goes. You are all artists, and artists have emotion and passion. Bring the best!

Show is open to both 2- and 3-dimensional art. Sculptures will be limited to a maximum size of 2' x 2' x 2' due to gallery space limitations. Please contact curator if you have any questions.

Curator: Kurt Peterson (703-489-9851, vp@TheDelRayArtisans.org)

Entry Details:

- This show is open to Del Ray Artisans members only.
- This show is a juried show and you are only guaranteed one piece.
- Receiving takes place Sunday, February 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm and Monday, February 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm. No artwork will be accepted after Monday, February 27 at 8:30 pm.
- Artists may submit up to 2 pieces of artwork. The entry fee is \$10 per piece and is non-refundable. Please indicate if these works are Not For Sale (NFS) or priced to sell.
- Artist will be notified by email on Tuesday, February 28th if their artwork was not selected.
- Artwork must be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. We cannot show work that is not ready for exhibition. See www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/artguidelines.html for more information.
- When your art sells you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax-deductable) to Del Ray Artisans.

Accepted Artist Requirements:

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements, as well as delivery of sold work.
- All artists MUST gallery sit and/or volunteer with set-up, hanging, opening/closing receptions and/or take down. Please bring your calendars so you can sign up for duties at receiving. We'll also ask you to contribute a beverage for the opening reception.
- Insurance for artwork and all arrangements for work sold is the responsibility of the artist. Neither Del Ray Artisans nor the City of Alexandria can be held liable for any loss or damage.
- Permission to photograph any work for DRA's publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- Work must be original (no reproductions).



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Fridays: Noon – 9 pm
Saturdays: 10 am – 9 pm
Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

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SHOW ENTRY FORM | DRA MEMBERS ONLY

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March 2 – April 1, 2012

Drop Off Dates: Sunday, February 26 from 6:30–8:30 pm and Monday, February 27 from 6:30–8:30 pm

Non-refundable Entry Fee: \$10 per piece of art (2 pieces of art maximum)

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Member since: _____ (year)

	ARTWORK TITLE	MEDIA	PRICE
1)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2)	_____	_____	\$ _____

I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, the Board of Directors, and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this show. I understand that all accepted artwork must remain for the duration of the show.

Check here to have DRA automatically take a 20% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork.

Signed _____ Date _____



CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

Artwork Drop Off: Sunday, February 26, 6:30–8:30 pm & Monday, February 27, 6:30–8:30 pm

Non-Accepted Artwork Pickup: Wednesday, February 29, 8 am–12 noon, and gallery hours Thursday, March 1 & Friday, March 2

Opening Reception: Friday, March 2, 7–10pm

Show Closes/Artwork Pickup: Sunday, April 1, 6–8pm

Gallery Sitting Time Slot: _____

Opening Reception Duty: _____

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