



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

March 2012

The Well Crafted Word

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Show Runs March 2 - April 1

**Opening Reception – Fri., Mar. 2,
7 - 10 pm
featuring
jazz band
Veronneau!**



Del Ray Artisans has been “arting” on The Avenue for the last 20 years, and we are “Celebrating 20 Years” in

**Welcome, New Members
Who Joined in January!**

Camilla A. Clocker

Dino Drudi - Friend

Ian Frank - Acrylic, Tempura, Drawing

Lauren B. Jennings - 2011 Eichers Scholarship Awardee

Randa Fakes Logerfo - Acrylic, Oil

Daphne H. Miller - Lettering design

Kate Niner - Watercolor

Hannelore Schulz - Fiber, Metal, Glass

Christy Turner

Del Ray in March. This show will feature member artists new and old showing their past and present masterpieces. We will celebrate with an opening reception on Friday, March 2 from 7 to 10 pm with food, drink, live music and ART. The live music is by the local jazz band Veronneau (www.VeronneauMusic.com).

“XX” will run from March 2 through April 1. The show will also have a special exhibit of DRA’s history which will run March 3 – April 1. The exhibit will show samples of artwork that we have brought to The Avenue through our programs (Life Drawings, Collage Cut Ups, etc.), special shows (Wood, Bead, Student Show, etc.), fundraising (T-shirts, OffBeat Auction, etc.), and Art Camp. — *Kurt Peterson*

Come enjoy the party and join DRA for our next 20 years!

**Volunteer at the Welcoming Reception
for New Alexandria City Manager on March 8**

Del Ray Artisans, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria Arts Forum will hold a joint reception to welcome the new City Manager, **Rashad Young**. Our desire is to introduce the new manager to the role that Art plays in our every day life and how Art benefits the City economically. We are proud of the role Art has played in the gentrification of The Avenue. DRA is very pleased that the reception will be held in March, since we’re presenting an Art show built around our 20th anniversary. What a glorious way to welcome Mr. Young to our gallery in the Colasanto Center! The reception will be on **Thursday, March 8, 5 - 7 pm**. We would appreciate volunteers to help during the reception. We are planning a “green” reception and will send invitations only via email to the Mayor and Members of City Council, City dignitaries, key City department heads and staff, DRA members, ACA commissioners and the AAF members. Please contact me if you have questions and are willing to help. — *Marlin Lord*, Facilities@TheDelRayArtisans.org

This Newsletter Has Gone Green!

DRA has “gone green” in 2012 and switched to electronic delivery of the newsletter to our members! We e-mail a notice to members in the last week of the month, when the following month’s newsletter has been published online. If you have not received your January or February WCW, please see the “Newsletter Delivery” article on page 2 of the Feb. WCW online for recommendations, and also 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.) — *Kathryn Brown*, Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org



**DRA’s Spring Quarterly
Member Meeting**

**Save the Date:
Sunday, May 20, 2 – 4 pm.**

As a benefit of membership, DRA will fund an instructor to offer a valuable free program to our members. We’re reviewing several suggestions for instructors/programs and will update you next month. We’ve offered some very well received programs about creativity and social media in the past, so mark your calendars now! — *Kathryn Brown, Membership*

Art Camp 2012: July 23-27

**There will be a special one-day
only gallery show on July 28.**

Wanted: Art Camp Administrator: Send resumes to: Stacy Rausch at Youth@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Volunteers: The first informational/planning meeting will be April 11, 6 – 8 pm. More details to come in the e-blasts. For details, email ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org. — *Stacy Rausch, Youth Programs*



Collage Cut Ups

Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, March 13 & 27

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: March 5 & 19. — *Millie Maten*

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome, New & Continuing Members for 2012

We have a busy and exciting year ahead—and I know you will want to participate!

■ Submit your art for our monthly exhibits. Even if your work is not always accepted, keep trying, as we try to include as much art as possible that fits the show theme and gallery space. Contact Drew at curating@thedelrayartisans.org

■ Sign up for our classes and workshops. Drop in on ongoing programs to work on your artistic skills. Have an idea for an art class or program? Contact Linda at programs@thedelrayartisans.org

■ We hold 4 membership meetings a year where we look forward to seeing you. Contact Kathryn at membership@thedelrayartisans.org

■ Our Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm in the gallery. Members are always welcome to sit in, present ideas or issues. RSVP to me at president@thedelrayartisans.org.

■ Most of all, get involved! To find out how, contact Lesley at volunteers@thedelrayartisans.org. — *Michele Reday Cook, President*

Get Ready for Childhood Memories – April’s Show

Unlock your creative energies and create artwork that reflects those memories and theme of the April Show — *Childhood Memories*. Think outside your comfort zone to create innovative art works. 3-D art also is encouraged. Our April show commemorates the Virginia Art Commissions’ 2012 theme: Minds Wide Open, a celebration of children and the arts.

Join us for a Clay Portrait Workshop. Conducted by sculptor Rick Jones, the workshop will be from 9 am – 1 pm, on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday April 29. Fee: \$130 members; \$140 non-members. See related article on page 3.

Show dates are April 6 - 29. Drop off dates: April 1 - 2. Curators: David A. Kosar (davidakosar@gmail.com) and Drew Carioso (curating@thedelrayartisans.org). Further details will be forthcoming.

June 1 - 24: Art on the Edge (All Media, All-area Artists)

What kinds of edges draw you? How close do you dare get to a new artistic edge? How do you interpret “the edge”? Extend limits and break boundaries. Go even “beyond the fringe!” Explore peripheries of the unfamiliar. Venture to the verge of a new reality. Enjoy the views, celebrate the journey! Drop off art May 27 and 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Curators: Betty Plummer (bplummer11@verizon.net) and Fareeha Khawaja (fareehamkhwaja@gmail.com).

Games People Play Opened Feb. 3 with a Fun-filled Reception



Photos by John Hiller, Linda Elliff, and Betty Plummer

With works ranging from the cribbage inspired assemblage “Our Lady of Play” to the scandalous board game creation “D.C. Candyland”, 47 artists upped the ante for *Love, Politics & Scrabble: The Games People Play*. Over 150 people enjoyed the fun and games at the February 3 opening of the show and Marketplace.

Congratulations to Juror Award winners Cathy Messina “Hand-Painted Marbles”, Lynette Schulz “Gamer Girl”, Rob Rudick “Tennis Court–Hearst Castle” and Susan Ellis “Baseballs on Home Plate”, and to the Curators’ Award winner Barb Boatman “D.C. Candyland”.

The curators would like to deal a special thanks to the juror, Moira McQuillen, the postcard designer Gloria Vestal, and the Art Talks guest speakers The Capital Pool Checkers Club, Gladys Wise, and Peter Blair. Many thanks also to David Kosar, John Elliff, Bill Gallagher, Monica Wise and Kurt Peterson for their help. — *Barbara Boehm and Linda Elliff*



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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

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
8 Reception for City Manager, for DRA members & by invite, 5-7 pm
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 Cariaso 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
11 Art Camp Volunteer Information Meeting, 6-8 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
28-29 **WORKSHOP Clay Portraits,**
8:30 am-1:30 pm

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

XX, Feb. 26 & 27

Childhood Memories, April 1 & 2

Art on the Edge, May 27 & 28

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
7 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

June 2012

1 – 24 **SHOW Art on the Edge** Betty Plummer Fareeha Khawaja curators
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2 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm,
Kimberley Bush,
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
4 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
6 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
6 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
7 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
9 Edgy Art Workshop 10 am-12:30 pm
12 Collage Cut Ups, 1 – 4 pm
12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
13 Life Drawing, 7 – 9 pm, Gesture
16 **WORKSHOP Creativity,** with Lynn Wyvill, 10 am-12:30 pm
17 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture

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

“It took me 40 years to find out that painting is not sculpture.”

— Paul Cezanne



Childhood Memories

Call for Entry – Open To All Area Artists

April 6 – 29, 2012

Memories are often the inspiration for art. This juried show is all about the artists' childhood. Our memories are endless: a tree, an experience, a trip, a gathering, an animal, a poem, a person, a place, or anything that brings you back to a childhood memory. Think outside your comfort zone to create innovative themed art. 3-D art also is encouraged.

Curators: Drew Carioso, atenart@carioso.net, 703-967-6646
David Kosar, davidakosar@gmail.com, 703-836-5483

Entry Details:

Our April show commemorates the Virginia Art Commissions' *Minds Wide Open, a celebration of children and the arts.*

- This show is open to All Area Artists.
- Receiving takes place Sunday April 1, 6:30-8:30pm and Monday April 2, 6-8pm.
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for members, \$8 per piece for non-members. Entry fee for 3-D artwork is \$2 for members per piece, \$8 non-members per piece (max - two pieces). Please indicate if these works are Not For Sale (NFS) or priced to sell. (Entry Fee is non-refundable). Submission fees are non-refundable.
- Artists submitting work for display may also submit up to three additional matted & shrink-wrapped pieces for art-to-go sales. Entry fee is \$5 for up to three art-to-go sale items. These works must be no larger than 18"x24" and priced to sell. When art-to-go items sell, the artist (at the curators' discretion) may replenish them. (No additional entry fee.)
- Contact curators if you are planning on submitting 3-D artwork.
- Artists will be notified by email on April 3 if their artwork is 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 deductible) to Del Ray Artisans. To have this automatically deducted from your sale, please check the opt-in box on the submission form.

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 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 ask you to contribute a food or 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 publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- Work must be original (no reproductions) and not previously exhibited in a DRA show.
- **Any Artwork left over 30 days will be automatically donated to DRA for silent auction.**

Schedule of show activities:

- Sculpture Workshop – \$130 members/ \$140 non-members
Clay Portrait Workshop, Instructor Rick Jones.
Saturday, April 28th, and Sunday, April 29th, 9am-1pm. See Online for Details



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

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Childhood Memories

Show Entry Form

Drop Off Dates: Sunday April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Monday April 2, 6-8 p.m.
Entry Fee: \$5-members / \$8-nonmembers per piece for artwork to hang/display (max three).
 3-D artwork \$2 per piece members, \$8 per piece non-members (max two).
 Art-to-go entry fee is \$5 for up to three art-to-go sale items.

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Childhood Memories (Shrink Wrapped)

| | TITLE | MEDIA | PRICE |
|----|-------|-------|----------|
| 1) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |

Artwork

| | TITLE | MEDIA | PRICE |
|----|-------|-------|----------|
| 1) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3) | _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |

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, April 1st 6:30pm-8:30pm, Monday April 2nd 6pm-8pm**
 Non-Accepted Artwork Pickup: **Tuesday April 3rd, 6-8pm & Thursday April 5, 12-3pm**
 Opening Reception: **Friday April 6th, 7-10pm**
 Show Closes/Artwork Pickup: **Sunday April 29th, 6-8pm**

Gallery Sitting Time Slot: _____

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