



The Well-Crafted Word

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Childhood Memories Show Runs April 6 - 29

This show commemorates the Virginia Art Commissions' Minds Wide Open, a 2012 celebration of children and the arts.

- ✿ **Opening Reception**
Friday, April 6, 7-10 pm
- ✿ **Special Clay Portrait Workshop** April 28-29



Photograph/Design by David A. Kosar

Ever wondered where artists get their inspiration, what may be on their minds when thinking and creating art — or even more intriguing — what kind of childhood they had? Don't miss our April show, **Childhood Memories**, featuring works by local area artists inspired by their childhoods. The show explores the endless memories of childhood that are often the inspiration for art. The show features paintings, drawings, photographs, collages, sculptures, traditional and abstract concepts, and various visual media.

DRA will offer a special **Clay Portrait Workshop** with Rich Jones on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 - 29, 9 am – 1 pm. Fee is \$130 members; \$140 nonmembers. Sign up NOW at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ClayPortrait or in the Gallery; space is limited. See details on page 3. — *David A. Kosar (davidakosar@gmail.com) & Drew Carriaso, curators*

XX Show — Thank You

My first time curating a show at DRA has been a wonderful experience. The show represents 81 artists and 135 artworks. TC Williams High School art students were the jurors. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped. Thanks to the committee who brought the idea of the show to life: Ron Blank, Lynn Wyvill, Linda Elliff, and Amy Thomas. Thanks to the hangers: John Fantucchio, Linda Goetz Mierke, David Kosar, and Michele Reday Cook. Big Thanks to Tracy Wilkerson and Dawn Hurto for guiding me through the three-month process of the show. Thanks to Drew Carriaso for his help during the first months of creating the show. A big thank-you to Michele, my partner-in-crime, for the week of drop offs. Thanks to Gloria Vestal and Drew for their design and help with the postcard and banner — and for their generous hand-holding! **A big thank you to Bryan Spoon for the stained glass art donation for our silent auction.** Bryan Spoon is Outreach Director for Congressman James P. Moran. Each year, Congressman Moran's office donates to a local non-profit. This year, directors selected their own local non-profits to which to donate, and Mr. Spoon graciously picked Del Ray Artisans.
— Kurt Peterson



Local jazz band Veronnean entertained at the Opening Reception of "XX" on March 2. Photo by Candace Clifford.

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in February!

- Musetta E. Aponte – Drawing & Painting, Beaded Jewelry
- Melissa Carr
- Barbara Jacksier – Fiber Arts, Photography, Watercolor, Mixed Media
- Kay Rongley – Friend
- Arturo Vera – Painting

DRA's Spring Quarterly Member "Meeting" with Special Program

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



- The first informational/planning meeting will be on April 11, 6 – 8 pm.
- A special one-day-only gallery show will be on July 28.

WANTED:

- **Art Camp Administrator:** Send resumes to: Stacy Rausch at Youth@TheDelRayArtisans.org.
- **Volunteers:** Details coming in the e-blasts. If interested, email ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org.
— Stacy Rausch, Youth Programs

Collage Cut Ups Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, April 10 & 24

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



Partners in Art Meeting Schedule

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

On April 9, 2 - 4 pm, Creativity Coach Lynn Wyvill will join us to lead the group. She will involve us in activities designed to help unleash creativity. Join us for this fun interactive session.

On April 23, 7 - 9 pm, Nihal Kececi will give an artist's talk on the topic "A Bridge to Art Business." She will share her insights on going from a student to a professional artist. To read more about her work visit www.nihalart.com.

— *Millie Mateu & Katherine Rand*

Open Life Drawing

Join us to draw from live models at DRA.

We provide a variety of sessions focusing on gesture and short or long poses. We have clothed and nude model sessions.

Daytime, evening and weekend sessions are offered. Descriptions of each session and the full calendar can be found on the DRA website under Programs. All sessions are drop-in so no registration is required. Bring your supplies and join us. Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or LifeDrawing@thedelrayartists.org



Welcoming Reception March 8 for New Alexandria City Manager

DRA, Alexandria Arts Forum (AAF), and Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) hosted a Welcome Reception for new City Manager Rashad Young. Our gallery was graced by dignitaries including Mayor Bill Euille and Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, members of City Council, City officials James Spengler, Debra Collins, Tom Gates, DRA and AAF members, and ACA commissioners. Mr. Young and his wife Tameka were presented DRA T-shirts and a photo montage by DRA member Nate Hurto. AAF President Ul James, ACA Chairperson Pat Miller, DRA President Michele Reday Cook, and Alisa Carrel, Director of the Office of the Arts, opened the event by addressing the role of the arts in the community. The Mayor and Vice Mayor emphasized DRA's growth and contribution to the transformation of the Del Ray community over the past 20 years. Then, Manager Rashad Young highlighted his belief that the arts provide vital benefits to the city.

The reception also celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Attendees viewed DRA's XX: 1992-2012 show. All were treated to food and beverage donated by Los Tios, Pork Barrel BBQ, Caboose Bakery, Happy Tart, Artfully Chocolate and St. Elmo's. Many yummy thanks!

Thanks go to DRA members: Marlin G. Lord, who served as reception coordinator and MC, Kathryn Brown who displayed her collection of DRA's historical T-shirts, and to volunteers Amber Gordon, Tessa Barsic, Amy Thomas, Dawn Hurto, Drew Cariso, Marie Lenker, and Genevieve Lynn. Thank you to David Fromm and Amy Slack from the Del Ray Citizens Association for volunteering their special punch and helping with the reception.

What kinds of edges draw you?

How close do you dare go to a new artistic edge? How do you interpret "the edge"? Extend limits, 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 (bpplummer11@verizon.net) and Fareeha Khawaja (fareehamkhwaja@gmail.com).

The Opening Reception, Friday, June 1, from 7 - 10 pm, features Artists Without Borders' amazing Zach Warren in his poetry reciting-magic-juggling act.

An "Edgy Art" Workshop with Rusty Lynn and Robin Croft is Saturday, June 9, 10 am - 12:30 pm in the gallery. What is "edgy" art? Where did the idea come from? Is "edgy" up to the beholder to define? We will explore many 'edges' in art history followed by a feedback session for those who wish to have an artwork critiqued. Max participants: 30. Fee: DRA members, \$10; non-members, \$15.

A Creativity Workshop with Coach Lynn Wyvill is Saturday, June 16, 10 am - 12:30 pm in the gallery. What would you do if you broke free of what you've always done in your artwork? We'll use fun exercises to break out of self-imposed boundaries in our art. Max participants: 15. DRA members, \$10; non-members, \$15.

Call for Entry coming in May for . . .

"Telling Images"— November's Photography Exhibit

"Telling Images" is about photographs that tell, compel, imply, or suggest a narrative or story, character, place, mood, feeling, plot, past, present, future. Submit up to four images, each richly implying a story from your visual vocabulary. Topics might be people, things that imply use, or empty spaces that imply presence, realistic or abstract.

Choose a grouping that together tells our jurors Brady Robinson and John Brown about your vision. Visit their websites to get to know them: www.ebradyrobinson.com and www.johnbrownphotography.com. Their criteria will be the quality, originality, and effectiveness in expressing this theme. They will also offer a gallery talk and portfolio reviews during the show; dates to be scheduled in September. — *Jeanne Tiffit, Curator*



ART on the EDGE

June 1 - 24

Clay Portrait Workshop

Rick Jones, Instructor

Sat., April 28 & Sun., April 29, 9 am - 1pm

Eight people minimum and 9 max for workshop.

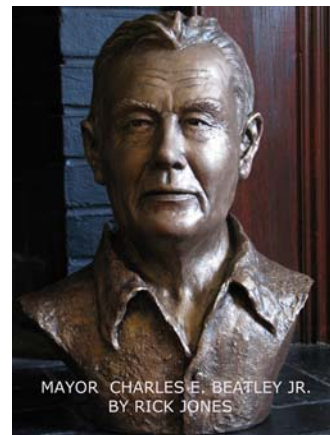
Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ClayPortrait

Fee: members \$130; non-members \$140.

This workshop is designed to introduce the participants to a basic study of the human head using an armature and clay. Instructor will provide participants with an armature and one bag of clay. Participants will work with building the portrait structure on day one and use a model on day two. Principle of proportion will be discussed to better capture the physical and artistic expression. Lectures and demos will

be presented throughout the day. The fee includes one bag of clay, the 4-hour model fee and instructor built armature. Firing fees and additional model time is extra. All work must be removed at the end of the workshop.

Questions? Contact Rick Jones at rbjsculpture@yahoo.com or Drew Cariso at Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org



*Mayor Charles E. Beatley, Jr.,
by Rick Jones*

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:

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

April 2012

6 – 29 **SHOW Childhood Memories**
David Kosar Drew Cariaso curators
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atenart@cariaso.net
9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
10 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm
10 Board Meeting, 7pm
11 Art Camp Volunteer Information Meeting, 6-8pm
18 Life Drawing, 7-9 pm, Short pose
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
23 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
24 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm
28-29 WORKSHOP Clay Portraits, 9am-1pm

May 2012

3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
4 – 13 **SHOW TC Williams Students**
TC Williams Art Dept curator
Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm,
Kimberley Bush,
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
8 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm
8 Board Meeting, 7pm
9 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
9 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long pose
20 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
20 General Member “Meeting” with Program, 2-4pm
21 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, 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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fareehamkhawaja@gmail.com
2 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm,
Kimberley Bush,
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
6 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
7 First Thursday, open until 9pm

9 Edgy Art Workshop 10am-12:30pm
12 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm
12 Board Meeting, 7pm
13 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Gesture
16 WORKSHOP Creativity, with Lynn Wyrill, 10 am-12:30pm
17 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
18 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses

July 2012

5 First Thursday, open until 9pm
6 – ?? **SHOW tbd curators tbd**
7 20th Anniversary Blowout Picnic, time TBD
7 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm,
Kimberley Bush,
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
10 Board Meeting, 7pm
23 – 27 **Art Camp**
28 **SHOW Art Camp, 1-3pm**

August 2012

2 First Thursday, open until 9pm
3 – Sept 2 **SHOW Board Showcase:**
Kathryn A. Brown, Drew Cariaso,
Michele Reday Cook, Lesley Hall,
Dawn Wyse Hurto, Nora Partlow.
4 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm,
Kimberley Bush,
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1pm, Gesture
8 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses
14 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm
14 Board Meeting, 7pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long pose
19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
20 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
22 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses
28 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm

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

Childhood Memories, April 1 & 2
Art on the Edge, May 27 & 28
It Runs in the Family, Sept 2 & 3
Sweet n Salty, Sept 30 & Oct 1
Telling Images, Oct 28 & 29
BYBA (Bring Your Best Art), Dec 2 & 3

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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.



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

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