



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

June 2012

# The Well-Crafted Word

a monthly publication of the Del Ray Artisans....since 1992 [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org)

## ART on the EDGE All-artist Show Runs June 1 - 24

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



Come see the variety of "edges" in our artworks informed by artists' life experiences! What kinds of edges drew us? How did we interpret "the edge"? Did we extend limits, break boundaries? We've explored peripheries of the unfamiliar, ventured to the verge of new realities, and tried new media, genres, subjects, and techniques. We took risks in the Indiana Jones spirit and trekked back with new art treasures! Curators: Betty Plummer ([bplummer11@verizon.net](mailto:bplummer11@verizon.net)) and Fareeha Khawaja ([fareehamkhwaja@gmail.com](mailto:fareehamkhwaja@gmail.com)).

## Welcome, New Members Who Joined in April:

**Michelle Hansen** -  
Acrylic Painting, Drawing

**Brian Hicks & Household** -  
Painting, Weaving, Digital Art,  
Fiber Art, Mixed Media

**Archna Kanodia** - Oil, Charcoal

**Suzanne G. Tillman** -  
Mixed Media, Collage

## T.C. Williams Art Show

Del Ray Artisans and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly presented the 15th Annual Student Art Show at the gallery in May. Featured were works of National Art Honor Society members. Congratulations to the 2012 exhibiting artists: Marvin Ayala, Grecia Burela Peralta, Maxwell Bijak, Elena Bischak, Hannah Clark, Yazmin Dorado, Emily Flanigan, Nathan Giordano, Sophia Leidolf, Alexandra Lemke, Nadia Magallon, Sheila Otwe, and Sara Taricco.

It was a pleasure meeting our student exhibitors. DRA wishes you continued success! Thank you for sharing your fantastic art with our gallery!

Special thanks to T.C. Williams Art Teachers and volunteers, including co-sponsors Leslie Rousseau and Holly Langenfeld, and Kate Elkins and Patty Lewis, whose help and tutelage made this show possible. DRA thanks member volunteers Amy N. Thomas, Stacy Rausch, Lesley Hall, and Tracy Wilkerson for helping make the show successful.

I would like to acknowledge *all* art teachers. Based on my own experience, without their support and dedication, young artists may never find that inner desire that keeps us creating through art things we see and feel around us. — *Drew Cariso*

## ART on the EDGE June Events in the Gallery

**"Edgy Art" Workshop\*** with Rusty Lynn and Robin Croft on Saturday, June 9, 10 am - 12:30 pm. What is "edgy" art? We'll 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.

**Creativity Workshop\*** with Coach Lynn Wyvill on Saturday, June 16, 10 am - 12:30 pm. 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. Fee: DRA members, \$10; non-members, \$15.

**Copyright Basics for Artists Workshop\*** Free to DRA members, Thursday evening, June 21, from 7 - 9 pm. See details, page 3.

\* Please register at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/programs](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/programs).

**Del Ray Music Festival Venue** presents The Velvet Undertronic, Improvisational Electronic Lounge Music, on Friday, June 22, from 6 - 8 pm. Stop in and enjoy the art while grooving to some innovative, exotic, and "edgy" sounds!



**Art on the Edge** show closes Sunday, June 24 at 6 pm: your last chance to explore peripheries of the unfamiliar and celebrate the journey!

## Telling Images — November's Photography Show

**Reminder to Photographers:** Consider your submissions! See details at <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/TellingEntry>. The deadline is August 31!





**Alexandria  
Art Market**  
**Sat., June 2,  
10 am - 4 pm**

Next markets:

July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, & Nov. 3

## From the President.

### To Our Membership:

Del Ray Artisans would not exist without the dedicated participation of our membership. The time and energy contributed by each of you, when you volunteer, has made DRA into the thriving and popular artistic community we all enjoy.

However, we are seeing that much of the work needed to support DRA is being done by a small minority of members, who put in a disproportionate number of hours. Many of our members are simply not involved with DRA, and, as an organization, we must find ways to encourage everyone to participate in the ongoing activities of this wonderful community of artists and art supporters.

Your Board of Directors has embarked on an exciting new project to develop ways for our members to learn of current and future activities; to join us in implementing them; to share your interests; and, for the first time, to be able to keep track of hours volunteered. We have just completed the first phase of this project and are now starting to develop the infrastructure to make this possible.

Each member is required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours a year, in addition to time required to display your artwork in the gallery. There are a variety of ways to volunteer that you may not know about. And you, our members, have much to offer DRA that we don't even know about! Sharing this information about DRA's needs and pairing it with our members' many talents for the successful participation of all our members is what we seek to achieve.

Volunteering your time not only benefits the organization, it offers you personal benefits, whether learning new skills, sharing your knowledge with others, or making new friends. We want ALL our DRA members to join us in Celebrating the Art of Making!

— Michele Reday Cook, President

## Volunteer for Art Camp July 23 - 27 — It's Right Around the Corner!

Art Camp is now fully booked with campers anxious to create amazing art. Art Camp's theme this year is "5 Art Days ~ Different Ways!" – in which we will highlight one new art medium each day. Would you like to help them do that? Art Camp is looking for teachers and volunteers to ensure that our camp is a big success.



**Art Camp runs July 23 - 27 from 9 to 4 pm. A special one-day gallery show will be held on July 28 from 1 to 3 pm, showing off the work of our campers.**

Teacher periods range from 1 - 2 hours to several afternoons, depending on the project you propose teaching. DRA takes care of purchasing supplies. Volunteer hours can also be just one hour during camp, or all week if you can make that happen. Any help is greatly appreciated! Please email [ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org).

— Stacy Rausch, Director of Youth Programs & Colleen Dolinger, Art Camp Administrator

## DRA's September Show: It Runs In The Family

**Ever noticed we have quite a few DRA artists who are related to one another?**

We have spousal and partner artists; mother-daughter artists, and father-son artists. We have brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, in-laws, and more. Most of us can name at least one relative who influenced our own careers as artists.

**Our September show, "It Runs in the Family" explores how the need to create seems to, well...run in families.** Do we make art because we grew up in families that encouraged creativity? Or do we make art because we've inherited that "creativity gene"? Or is it both — a combination of nature and nurture?

For this exhibit, show us the art that represents your "artistic heritage," by presenting a collection of artworks by you and your family (and we interpret "family" very broadly). We want to see all kinds of art: 2D, 3D, textiles—show us your artistic roots! Will we see a common thread running through your collection? Is it in choice of medium, or in subject matter? Or is your family tree diverse in its creativity? You be the "curator" and assemble a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 works of art (one per person) that proves the point: art indeed "runs in the family."

Selection will be based on the quality of the entire grouping of art you submit, so search out the best in your family—or what they'll let you borrow! More details to follow, including submission requirements. — Michele Reday Cook ([president@thedelrayartisans.org](mailto:president@thedelrayartisans.org)) & Megan R. Cook ([mcmrose7@gmail.com](mailto:mcmrose7@gmail.com)), Curators

## Curators' Corner by Drew Cariso

### Show Proposals for 2013 Now Being Accepted

We are already planning our 2013 show year! The show committee will review proposals for 2013 this summer. If you'd like to curate or assist but don't have an idea, we can work together on a theme for you. We also are looking for a December 2012 curator(s) for a 3-week show right before the holidays. "Celebrate the Art of Making" by curating a show! The curator proposal form is on our web site, or I will send you one if you email me at [curating@thedelrayartisans.org](mailto:curating@thedelrayartisans.org).

### Sculpture Workshop by Rick Jones — a Sold-out Success

**Thanks to Rick Jones for holding the informative sculpture workshop on April 28 and 29.** The sold-out workshop was packed full of lectures, demos, and hands-on training! Participants took away a beginning sculpture to fine tune and hopefully fire to exhibit in a future DRA show.

### Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for 2012 Awarded

Every year DRA awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a T.C. Williams graduating student who will pursue a college art program. This year, let's congratulate our 2012 recipient, Ms. Haley B. Harrington, whose name will be added to the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship plaque that hangs proudly in the Del Ray Artisans gallery.





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**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:** 15th of the month

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**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**

**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 **WORKSHOP** Edgy Art with Rusty Lynn, 10am-12:30pm  
12 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
12 Board Meeting, 7pm  
13 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Gesture  
16 **WORKSHOP** Creativity, with Lynn Wyvill, 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  
21 **WORKSHOP** Copyright for Artists, 7-9 pm  
22 Del Ray Music Festival: The Velvet Undertronic, 6-8pm in the gallery  
28 - July 15 **SHOW Hot Hot Hot** Tracy & Tamara Wilkerson curators  
tlwideas@comcast.net  
dawnoftheday@comcast.net

**July 2012**

5 First Thursday, open until 9pm  
7 20<sup>th</sup> 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)  
19 General Member Meeting and Pie Contest, 5-7pm  
20 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
22 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses  
28 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm

**September 2012**

1 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm, Kimberley Bush, ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org  
6 First Thursday, open until 9 pm  
7 – 30 **SHOW It Runs in the Family** Michele Reday Cook curator  
mredaycook@gmail.com  
10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
11 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
11 Board Meeting, 7pm  
19 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short pose (clothed)  
23 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Gesture  
24 Partners in Art, 9:30-11:30am  
25 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm

**October 2012**

5 – 28 **SHOW Sweet n Salty** Tracy Wilkerson Amanda Wright curators  
tlwideas@comcast.net  
arook20@gmail.com  
6 **COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue**, 10am-6pm  
8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
9 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
9 Board Meeting, 7pm  
10 Life Drawing, 11 am-1pm, Gesture (clothed)  
10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)  
17 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long pose  
21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture  
22 Partners in Art, 2-4pm

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

**Art on the Edge**, May 27 & 28  
**Hot Hot Hot**, June 24 & 25  
**It Runs in the Family**, Sept 2 & 3  
**Sweet n Salty**, Sept 30 & Oct 1

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



# Call for Entry: Hot! Hot! Hot! – June 28 – July 15, 2012

What comes to mind when you hear "Hot! Hot! Hot!?" The surface of the sun, steamy dances, ice melting on the sidewalk... Got an idea yet? Great, because that's what we want for the Hot! Hot! Hot! show in July. (almost) Anything goes, all media welcome and the show is open to all area artists!!

**Curators:** Tracy Wilkerson [tlwideas@comcast.net](mailto:tlwideas@comcast.net)  
Tamara Wilkerson [dawnoftheday@comcast.net](mailto:dawnoftheday@comcast.net)

## Entry Details:

- This show is open to all area artists.
- Receiving takes place Sunday June 24, 6:30-8:30 pm and Monday June 25, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Artists may submit up to 2 pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for members, \$8 per piece for non-members. Please indicate if these works are Not For Sale (NFS) or priced to sell.
- 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 take-away sale items. These works must be no larger than 18"x24" and priced to sell. When take-away items sell, the artist (at the curators' discretions) may replenish them at no additional entry fee.
- Limited space for 3-D work due to Special Events – Salsa dancing etc. Contact Curator.
- Your art 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](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/artguidelines.html) for details.
- When your art work sells, you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax deductible) to Del Ray Artisans. To have this automatically deducted from you sale, please check the opt-in box on the other side of this form.

## Accepted Artist Requirements:

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements, as well as delivery of sold work.
- **All artists MUST gallery host 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 ask you to contribute a food or beverage for the opening reception. These volunteer hours are for entry into this show only and not part of your "required membership volunteer 10 hours"
- 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 after artwork pickup will be automatically donated to DRA for silent auction.



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

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# Hot! Hot! Hot! Entry Form

**Drop Off Dates:** Sunday June 24, 6:30-8:30 pm and Monday June 25, 6:30-8:30 pm

**Entry Fee - Art:** \$5 per piece for DRA members, \$8 per piece for non-members

**Entry Fee – Marketplace:** \$5 for up to three Take-Away-Art sale items. No larger than 18”x24” and priced to sell.

**Artist Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List artwork below (limit 2 for exhibition; 3 for Take-Away Art):**

	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
1)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2)	_____	_____	\$ _____

**Take-Away Art Items**

3)	_____	_____	\$ _____
4)	_____	_____	\$ _____
5)	_____	_____	\$ _____

*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.*

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

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

## Hot! Hot! Hot! Calendar of Important Dates

Artwork Drop-off	Sunday, June 24, 6:30 – 8:30pm Monday, June 25, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Salsa Dance Lessons	Friday, June 29, 7 – 9pm
Reception	Friday, July 6, 7 – 10pm
Hot Action Movie Marathon	Friday, June 13, 9pm – ??
“Hot” Dance Exhibition	Saturday, July 14, 7 – 10pm
Show Closes/Artwork Pickup	Sunday, July 15, 6 – 8pm



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