



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

October 2012

The Well-Crafted Word

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Sweet 'n Salty

Opening Reception: Oct. 5, 7 – 10 pm

Show Dates: October 5 – 28

Sweet: pleasing to the taste, mind, feelings, eye or ear

Salty: seasoned with or containing salt, related to the sea, racy

What comes to mind when you read these definitions? Artists were asked to “give in to their cravings ... let their senses and personal experiences inspire them ... push their boundaries” to create dynamic and interesting interpretations of this very tasty and feeling-filled theme. Visit the gallery this month to experience what artists have created for your pleasure!

We also have some fun activities planned for the month:



Opening Reception, Oct 5, 7 – 10 pm: Chat with the artists in the show and other art appreciators during the official opening of this tasty event!



Poetry Event, October 14, 4 – 6 pm: Enjoy a play on sweet-n-saltiness as we watch performance artists (novice? experienced? you interpret!) perform poetry written by others. We are sure that unexpected outcomes will abound as writers see their poetry being performed in ways they may not have expected!



Sweet 'n Salty Movie Night, October 19, 8 pm – midnight-ish: The curators will choose a ‘sweet’ movie and a ‘salty’ movie for all to sit back and watch while we enjoy air-popped popcorn with a tasty selection of sweet and salty toppings!



Halloween Social Hour, October 27, 6 – 9 pm: Start off your Halloween festivities at the gallery while taste-testing beverages created specifically with the Sweet 'n Salty theme in mind.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact the curators: Tracy Wilkerson (tlwideas@comcast.net) and Amanda Wright (arook20@gmail.com).

“Telling Images” Photography Show Launches November 2

DRA's juried photography exhibit opens Nov. 2 (reception: 7 - 10 pm). The jurors are **E. Brady Robinson**, photographer-educator with studios in Washington, DC and Florida, and local fine art photographer **John H. Brown, Jr.** His work is collected worldwide.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 4:00 pm: **John H. Brown, Jr.** (www.johnbrownphotography.com) and **E. Brady Robinson** (www.ebradyrobinson.com) will give a gallery talk about “Telling Images” and the selection process. Ms. Robinson is Associate Professor, School of Visual Arts and Design, University of Central Florida and Education Consultant for FotoWeekDC. She writes for Professional Artist Magazine/the Business Magazine for Visual Artists. Her project “Desks as Portraits: An Inside Look at the DC Art World” won Grand Prize in the “American Life” exhibition, 2011 Lishui Photography Festival.

Saturday, Nov. 17: **John H. Brown, Jr.** will review portfolios of those who have registered for a specific 20-minute time slot that day. The fee is \$35. Sign up and pay at www.thedelrayartisans.org/portfolio-review. John's work is featured in collections including the US Department of State's ART in Embassies Program; Marriott Corporation; The Washington Post Company; and Banana Republic/GAP. John's images accentuate tactile and translucent surfaces, hypnotic patterns, and abstract formations found in nature. — *Jeanne Tiffi, 703-960-3873, jldtiffi@cox.net*



Welcome, New Members Who Joined in July & August:

Mercedes Butler

Ken Reed – Polymer Clay, Wood, Mixed Materials

Eve Sarah Copeland Bentovim – Photography

Barbara A. Slavik

Did you get DRA's green postcard in August, about our “Go Green” initiatives? If you did NOT receive one, please contact me. We may have your address incorrect in our database. — *Kathryn Brown, Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org*

It's Election Time at DRA!

Join us at the **Annual Meeting** in the gallery on **Sunday, Oct. 21, 5 – 7 pm**. **DRA provides pizza and beverages!** President Michele Reday Cook will present the state of DRA; Curating Director Drew Carioso will “unveil” our 2013 Show Schedule; and we'll elect the 2013 Board. “Members in Good Standing” may vote. Renew your membership if you haven't already. The vote is in person or by proxy. E-mail your proxy vote to Barbara Boatman at Secretary@TheDelRayArtisans.org by 6 pm on Friday, Oct. 19, to be included. Here are the nominees:

President - Michele Reday Cook

Vice President - OPEN

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Ass't Treasurer - OPEN

Secretary - Barbara Boatman

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Community - Nora Partlow

Curating - Drew Carioso

Facilities - Marlin Lord

Fundraising - OPEN

Membership - Kathryn Brown

Outreach - Amber Gordon

Programs - Linda Hill

Technology - Dawn Wyse Hurto

Volunteers - Lesley Hall

Youth Programs - Stacy Rausch



Partners in Art

DRA's Partners in Art artists meet regularly to share art-related goals, report on progress, and obtain feedback on current artwork. Meetings are usually held twice a month. Looking for support as you strive to reach your art-related goals? Become a regular or drop-in with artwork to get feedback. Contact us for current topics of discussion: [Millie Mateu \(milaenartes@gmail.com\)](mailto:MillieMateu@gmail.com) and [Katherine Rand \(Katherine@KatherineRand.com\)](mailto:Katherine@KatherineRand.com). Donations (\$1-\$3) are appreciated. Dates: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org



Join us Tuesday, 1 - 4 pm at the gallery on Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

Come play with the Collage Cut-Ups in a supportive environment that promotes an exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. This is an informal group (not a workshop) where everyone works on individual projects. Questions? Contact Millie Mateu at milaenartes@gmail.com.

Open Life Drawing at DRA

Select Wednesdays and Sundays, bring your drawing supplies and join us for life drawing. Sessions run on a drop-in basis. All skill levels are welcome. Fees: \$6-8 (\$8-10, non-members) depending on session length. For dates and details, see the calendar on DRA's website.



Figure Studies by Pamela Underhill and Katherine Rand on display during the "Drawing Inspiration From The Figure" show, June 2011

Holiday Market 2012

Weekends: ■ Nov 30 – Dec 2 ■ Dec 7 – 9 ■ Dec 14 - 16

We have redesigned the Holiday Market this year to enhance the space and opportunity for artists by hosting the Market over three weekends. Our Holiday Market has been going for 16 years. As we redesign some details for our 17th year, we feel these changes and your continued support will make this our best year ever! The yummy weekend Bake Sale to benefit a local non-profit and the Friday night reception will continue during each weekend. We look forward to seeing you there. There's lots to do before we get there, so please contact me if you can fulfill one of these roles:

Bake Sale Coordinator: The BSC 'whips' bakers' enthusiasm and assigns helpers to host the Bake Sales at each Holiday Market in December.

Reception Food Coordinator: Each Holiday Market weekend has a reception on Friday night. We are looking for someone to line up food from local restaurants and assign helpers for each Market reception.

Fundraisers for DRA

Handmade Ornaments: We are bringing handmade ornaments back to the Holiday Market! Help DRA raise funds for the new lighting that was purchased earlier this year by making and donating an ornament or two. We will start collecting ornaments in November so you have plenty of time to come up with something!

Bake Sale: Each year, members and friends make baked goodies to sell at the Market. The money collected from sales goes to a local non-profit that benefits Alexandria City. Start thinking of some goodies to share with friends and customers for this year!

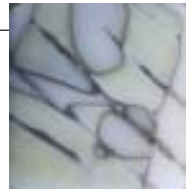
— Tracy Wilkerson, Coordinator, HolidayMarket@thedelrayartisans.org

Corner Curators'

"Shades of White" —

DRA All-member Show, Jan. 4 - 27

Chill out after the holiday madness by creating in shades of white! White isn't "just white"! Its tones and hues range from blues to beiges to yellows and more. And, some white pigments chemically interact with others (e.g. lead-based v. sulfur-based) to create beautiful blues and grays. Start brainstorming now! Artwork receiving: Sunday, December 30 and Monday, December 31. Curators: Betsy Mead (egmead@gmail.com) and Hillary Mead.



"It Runs In The Family" Opened to Great Acclaim on Friday, Sept. 7

The gallery was filled with exhibiting artists and their families. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed both their own fine artworks, and wonderful artworks by their family members, proving that art does indeed "run in the family". This is a very personal show for us, as we share not only our artistic roots, but many memories of how art was made by those who came before us and who influenced our own careers, just as we are now influencing the next generations. Major thanks to Megan Cook for all her vital early organizational and data collection work, and to Kathy Turner, Erica Morris, Kurt Peterson, Drew Carias, and Tracy Wilkerson, for their work in getting this show up onto the walls so magnificently in so short a time! — Michele Reday Cook

Documenting DRA's Past Art Shows Is Ongoing

Director of Archives John W. Hiller has been busy processing the documentation of past shows for viewing on our Flickr account. He recently finished photos of the artwork from these shows: Object D'Art (March 2009) and Celebrate the Art of Making (April 2009). Visit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/collections/>.



John W. Hiller at work, by Wayne Huleban



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: 10 am-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 15th 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.

2012-2013 Calendar

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, 11am–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 10 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
- 14 Poetry Event, 4–6pm
- 17 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long pose
- 19 Sweet 'n Salty Movie Night, 8 pm- ??
- 21 Life Drawing, 9:30– 1:30am, Gesture
- 21 Annual Meeting & Election, 5–7pm
- 22 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 23 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4pm
- 24 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long poses
- 27 Halloween Social Hour, 6– 9pm

November 2012

- 2 – 25 **SHOW Telling Images** Jeanne Tiffitt curator jdtiffitt@cox.net Alexandria Art Market, 10am–4pm, Kimberley Bush, ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
- 3 Gallery Talk, 4–6pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 11am–1 m, Gesture
- 7 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long poses
- 13 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm

- 14 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long pose (clothed)
- 17 Portfolio Review, 10–5pm (you MUST register in advance)
- 22 THANKSGIVING, Gallery closed today but will be open all weekend
- 30 –
- Dec 2 **Holiday Market** (revised gallery hours) coordinator Tracy Wilkerson HolidayMarket@thedelrayartisans.org

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- 7 – 9 **Holiday Market** (revised gallery hours) coordinator Tracy Wilkerson HolidayMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 11 Collage Cut Ups, 1–4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 11am–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 12 Life Drawing Holiday Party, 1–2pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long poses
- 14 – 16 **Holiday Market** (revised gallery hours) coordinator Tracy Wilkerson HolidayMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
- 19 Life Drawing, 7–9pm, Short pose
- 20 - 30 Gallery closed

January 2013

- 4 – 27 **SHOW Shades of White** Betsy Mead curator egmead@gmail.com
- 14 Fused-Glass Workshop, part 1, 10am-12pm
- 21 Fused-Glass Workshop, part 2, 10-11am

A Big Thank-You! . . .

to our **Adopt-a-Parkers** who have volunteered for the entire season through the end of November!
— *Marlin G. Lord, Director of Facilities*

Artwork Dropoffs

Sweet 'n Salty, Sept 30 & Oct 1, 6:30-8:30pm

Telling Images, accepted pieces only: Oct 28 (6:30-9:30pm) & Oct 29 (9am-Noon)

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

Come to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21, 5 to 7 pm —

- Enjoy free pizza and beverages with fellow artists!
- Hear about our exciting 2013 Show Schedule!
- Vote for your 2013 Board!

