



The Well-Crafted Word

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Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market 2012

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



Join us for the 17th annual Del Ray Artisans Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market! Purchase unique handmade crafts from local artists including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and fused glass.

Participating artists donate a percentage of their sales to DRA. Our Holiday Market artists are: Jen Athanas, Tessa Barsic, Barb Boatman, Drew Cariaso/Anne Veitenheimer, Rita Cohen, Chris Fedderson/Kathy Lawler, Carol Fogelson, Rachel Giunta, Derek Hall, Lesley Hall, Maria Illingworth, Steve Johnson/Kari Kelley, Nancy Kline, Genevieve Lynn, Diana Manchak, Erica Morris, Angelina Musto/Isabella Hale, Patti North, Claudia & Sergio Olivos, Tangelia Roe, Howard Stelzer, Ron Tickerhoff, Christine Vinh, Joyce Wagner, Dorothy Weiss, Tamara Wilkerson, Tracy Wilkerson, Paula Wulff, Monica Yichoy, and Sandra Zacharia.

The Holiday Market is open the first 3 weekends in December. There are different artists and Bake Sale items each weekend, so visit us for all three weekends!

The schedule is the same for each weekend: Friday night is a reception from 6 – 9 pm where visitors can enjoy some delicious hot food from a local restaurant while shopping with the artists; Saturday, the Market is open from 10 am – 4 pm; and Sunday from 12 – 4 pm. All day Saturday and Sunday, shop with the artists, enjoy hot apple cider, taste Bake Sale goodies, and purchase a Holiday Ornament, handmade by a DRA member.

Sales from the yummy Bake Sale this year will benefit Computer CORE (www.computercore.org), an organization that helps low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations. A new kids' table is also available where children can shop (with piggybank-friendly prices) and purchase items for family members. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/HolidayMarket or contact Tracy Wilkerson (703 - 501-1736, HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org).

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in September and October!

Rachel Erdheim

Brenda Griffin

Isabella Hale

Irina Koren

Ann C. Krug - Collage, Paint

Tina McCoy - Mixed Media

Will H. Pacheco - Digital, Mixed

Michael Takano



Thank You DRAngels, Volunteers and Friends ...!

- Thank you to Eblast Editor **Liz Martinez** for our weekly dose of DRA news, and to new co-editor **Kim Joy**.
- Thank you, **David Livingston** for doing the eBlast HTML layout for the past two years; and to **Dale Spivey** for taking over the effort this Fall.

- Thank you to our Web Posting volunteers **Tessa Barsic, Shanie Bartlett, Carol Fogelson, and Mary Wang**, for advertising DRA events; to retiring volunteers **Cathy Messina and Ira Silverberg**; and to new volunteers **Rachel Giunta and Phinsuda Tarmy**.

- Thank you to **Alvin Williams** with GSA for installing and setting the timing on the new, brighter LED lights replacing the exterior lights.

- Thank you to DRA **Volunteers** who gift wrapped for DRA during the Barnes & Noble Bookfair.

- Thank you, **Volunteers** who crafted and donated ornaments for DRA's Holiday Market.

- Thank you, **Volunteers** who baked and donated treats to DRA's Holiday Bake Sale benefiting Computer CORE.

“Shades of White” — DRA All-member Show, Jan. 4 - 27



Opening Reception: Friday, Jan. 4, from 7-10 pm



Fused-glass Workshop: Monday, Jan. 14, 10 am - 12 pm and Monday, Jan. 21, 10 - 11 am



Shades of White kicks off the New Year with an artistic challenge to create artwork using only different shades of white. In 1951, artist Robert Rauschenberg scandalized the art community with his series of white paintings, proving that white isn't “just white”. Curators Betsy Mead and Hillary Mead challenge DRA artists to go beyond Rauschenberg's work in their creative process by remembering the myriad hues and tones that make “white”. They should consider reactions that may occur in mixing or firing white pigments. The only restriction — artists must use various shades of white in creating their artwork. **Glass artist Betsy Mead will offer a fused-glass workshop using two shades of white to create a small plate.** When these two white glasses are fired in the kiln, a chemical reaction occurs that will show our artists that white isn't “just white”! The class will be offered on Monday, January 14 from 10 am to 12 pm and will finish up on Monday, January 21 from 10 am to 11 am. — Curators *Betsy Mead* (202-362-6405, egmead@gmail.com) and *Hillary Mead* (202-905-7509, hpm713@gmail.com).



Join us Tuesday,
Dec. 11,
from 1 - 4 pm
in the gallery.

Come play with us in a supportive environment. Beginner and experienced collage artists work on individual projects. We promote exchange of ideas, creativity and networking in this informal group.
—*Millie Mateu, milaenartes@gmail.com.*



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)* and *Katherine Rand (Katherine@KatherineRand.com)*. Donations (\$1-\$3) are appreciated. Dates: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Come to the Gallery Painting Party! — Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 pm

2013 is right around the corner and, in order to showcase all the **New Art for the New Year**, the gallery walls need a **New Coat of Paint!** Everyone is invited to get messy and help paint the walls inside the Gallery on **Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2 pm.** There will be free pizza and beverages for all who come and help give DRA a little facelift for 2013.

Questions? Please contact Lesley Hall at Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

2013 Board of Directors

Thanks to members who attended the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21 and to Millie Mateu, Betty Plummer, and Vivienne Lukacs of the Nominating Committee for putting together the slate!** Special thanks to Millie for running the elections portion of the meeting, President Michele Reday Cook for presenting the "State of DRA", Curating Director Drew Carioso for announcing the 2013 shows, Membership Director Kathryn Brown for organizing the meeting, and to our members who helped with set up and clean up. **The 2013 DRA Board of Directors:**

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Thanks to our new and returning Officers and Directors. Many thanks also to our retiring Board members: Kurt Peterson, Chris Feddersen and Amanda Wright!!

Members—now is a great time to contact Board member(s) in your interest area(s), to join their 2013 team. (See p. 4)

The new Board takes office on Jan. 1. Their first Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 pm. Active members are welcome at any Board meeting. To address the Board or bring up an agenda item, in advance of the meeting please email the DRA President at President@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Hone Your Marketable Skills:

Join the DRA Board as Secretary!

Attend all second-Tuesday meetings and discover what our board does. Practice the skill of listening. Hone your writing skills. Meet fair deadlines. Exercise patience and flexibility. Serve appreciative fellow members. Put all this on your resume! Questions? Interested? Contact: President@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Apprentice to the WCW Editor!

I'm looking for a member who would like to learn or sharpen his/her skills in newsletter design and production to serve as my back-up. Some background in basic English grammar and, of course, an artistic eye are important. Questions? Contact Betty Plummer at: newsletter@TheDelRayArtisans.org.



Thanking the Del Ray Artisans Founders . . .

Granted it may seem self-serving for me, as a founding member, to offer thanks to DRA's founders, but as we draw to a close "Celebrating 20 years of the Art of Making," and look forward to a bright future, someone needs to remember—and I do.

In 1992 a small group of Del Ray neighbors who had a few common interests—walking dogs, community, and the recognition of the local crafts movement—gathered a camaraderie of visionaries willing to commit to creating an entity to enable their belief in creativity, art, craft, and community building. The Arts Resource Foundation—ARF—was born. Del Ray Artisans became the cornerstone of ARF (we continue officially as ARF dba DRA). We had fun and worked hard; we learned and struggled; we built walls and tore them down; we cleaned and painted; we greeted every month of our continued existence as a success! **I thank all my fellow founders for their ideas and support, their efforts and their vision:**

Terry Atkin Rowe & Nick Bayus
Ann & Steve Campbell
Adrienne Hollander & Robert Ellis
Melissa & Rod Kuckro
Mart & Bob Larson
Mary Jo Long
Kathryn Brown & Marlin Lord

Lorenzo "Larry" Merola
Dara Schumaier & Leslie Perkins
Nancy Reder & Peter Pocock
Rob Reuter
Lauren & Peter Smirniotopoulos
Tally Tripp & Mark Morrow

Thanks to Del Ray Artisans original CORPORATE SPONSOR: Maguire/Reeder, Ltd. Thanks to Del Ray Artisans PUBLIC SPONSORS: Del Ray Citizens Association and Potomac West Trade Association (now Del Ray Business Association). — *Kathryn Brown*

“Telling Images” — An Innovative Photography Show

DRA's juried photography show opened Friday, Nov. 2 with a pleasantly crowded evening. Over 100 attendees admired the 42 selected works. “Less was more”: each well-spaced photograph shown to best advantage. Jurors, John H. Brown, Jr., and E. Brady Robinson attended the opening.



Two events new to DRA were a free gallery talk on Nov. 3 by the jurors and a photography portfolio review. Around 12 people attended the gallery talk and heard John and Brady discuss their approach to jurying, pointing out the strengths of specific images. Four photographers had their portfolios reviewed one-on-one by John Brown on Nov. 17.

Two innovations developed for “Telling Images” were: online uploading of submitted photographs, and online sign-up for portfolio reviews. Profound thanks go to **Kelly Cox**, who programmed the online submission system, and to **Dawn Wyse Hurto**, who developed the online review sign-up procedures. Now, the systems and procedures are ready for future exhibits and programs.— *Jeanne Tiff, Curator*

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

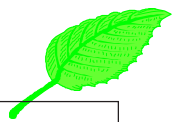
- \$75 Household
 - \$50 Individual
 - \$25 Senior (62 & over)
 - \$25 Full-time Student/Disabled
- Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.*

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, a monthly notice is 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="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Archives | <input type="radio"/> Outreach | <input type="radio"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising | <input type="radio"/> Grants | <input type="radio"/> Publicity | <input type="radio"/> Volunteers | <input type="radio"/> Financial | <input type="radio"/> Other, special talents: |
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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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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

November 2012
30 –
Dec. 2 Holiday Market, first weekend

December 2012
7 9 am–12pm, Get your Barnes & Noble purchases giftwrapped by a DRA member! All donations go to DRA.
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, 7 pm
12 Life Drawing, 11 am–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 Hillary Mead curators egmead@gmail.com
7 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
7 Life Drawing, 7–9pm, Short
8 Board Meeting, 7pm
9 Life Drawing, 11–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
9 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
14 WORKSHOP Fused Glass part 1, 10–12pm

Art Drop-off Schedule
Shades of White:
Sun., Dec. 30 from 6 - 8 pm
Mon., Dec. 31 from 4 - 7 pm

16 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30 pm, Long
20 Life Drawing, 9:30– 1:30am, Gesture
21 WORKSHOP Fused Glass part 2, 10–11am
21 Partners in Art, 2–4 pm
23 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long

February 2013
1 – 24 **SHOW Dot & Dash** Amanda Wright Colleen Dolinger curators arook20@gmail.com colleendolinger@gmail.com
4 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
4 Life Drawing, 7–9pm, Short (clothed)
6 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture
6 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long
12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
13 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
17 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
17 Annual “Art Swap”, 2 – 4 pm
18 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
20 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)

March 2013
1 – 31 **SHOW ART POWER: featuring Power Suits** Barb Boatman curator cutsewcreatestudio@gmail.com
4 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
4 Life Drawing, 7–9pm, Short
6 Life Drawing, 11–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
6 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
12 Board Meeting, 7pm
13 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long
17 Life Drawing, 9:30–11:30am, Gesture
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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.

DRA's December fundraiser - handmade ornaments!

Make and donate an ornament or two. Drop off your finished handmade ornaments at the gallery anytime the gallery is open (Thursdays 12-6, Fridays 12-9, Saturdays 10-9, Sundays 12-6) **by Friday, December 14 at the latest. Please sign your name on the back so the purchaser knows it is handmade!**

