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Get Your Dream On!

Art Exhibit:

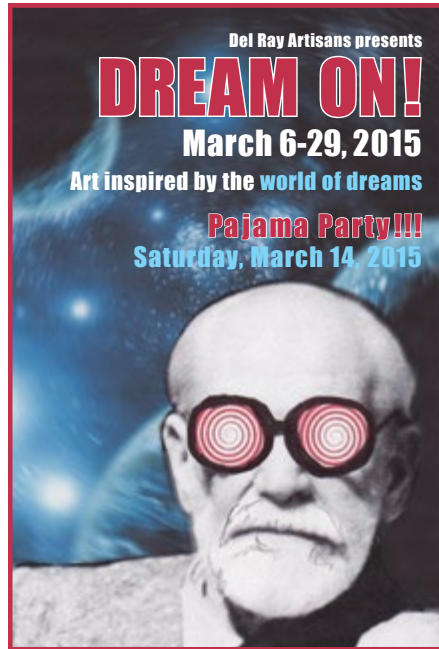
March 6 – 29, 2015

Opening Reception:

Friday, March 6 from 7-9pm

Come see the *Dream On* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery running from March 6 through March 29. Artists explore their dreams from night-time adventures to daydream aspirations. The opening reception on March 6 will surely reveal mysterious and surreal works and those that express the familiar recollections of the places and people “visited” in dreams.

Attend the **PAJAMA PARTY** at Del Ray Artisans gallery on Saturday, March 14 from 7-10pm! There will be “dreamy” prize packages for auction and raffle along with other fun surprises. There may even be a “pa-jamboree”! If you don’t wear pajamas it’s okay to wear your bed sheets as a toga. Just think, when you get home you’ll be all ready for bed! Still too much? You can come as you are but those not in their pj’s will pay \$5.00 to benefit Del Ray Artisans. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org



TWO Gallery Without Walls Shows you can’t miss!

* *Paws ‘n Claws* art exhibit runs through May 31, 2015 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Alexandria’s Animal Welfare League teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, is UpCycle’s Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art.

View the art at the animal shelter during visiting hours: Monday-Thursday 12-7pm, closed Friday, Saturday-Sunday 12-5 pm.

Details for both shows: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

* *Art and Story* art exhibit at Shirlington Library (4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington VA) runs March 29 through April 26. Del Ray Artisans’ Gallery Without Walls program presents artworks illustrating the power of art and story, with a portion of each sale benefiting the Friends of Shirlington Library and Del Ray Artisans. View the art during library hours: Sunday and Tuesday 1-9 pm, Monday and Wednesday 10am-9pm, and Friday and Saturday 10am-5pm.



Pleased to Meet You
by Cathy Messina

Welcome! New Members who Joined Recently:

- Edward Egan—Photography
- Erin Humphries—Artist
- Sara Mayo—Artist
- Teri Netter—Artist
- Rosalind Singer
- Miranda Townsend—Artist



MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media

Art Exhibit: May 1 – 31, 2015

Opening Reception:

Friday, May 1 from 7-9 pm

Get ready for May’s *MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media!* Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts art and craft supply store team up in this collaborative juried exhibit to explore the popular mixed media visual art movement. Artists will combine two or more mediums to shake up their imaginations! THINK: Paint, Graphite, Textiles, Jewelry, Found Objects, Collage, Sculpture, Altered Books and beyond. WOW! There will be a MIX Marketplace where participating artists can sell (5-10) art-to-gos. Don’t wait until the last minute—go to the show’s Facebook page, MIX: Adventures In Mixed Media, and “Like” it now! While you’re there post images, get ideas, check out workshops, and discuss techniques and other show-related events.

Card-a-Riffic

Over 30 dazzling all-occasion handmade greeting cards were made a-plenty at the January 25 Card-Making Party hosted by Theresa Kulstad & Karen Schmitz. These mini works of art are a bargain for \$4-7 with proceeds donated to DRA. BIG SWAK to our Cardies: Kathryn Brown, Vivienne Lukacs, Suzi Peetros, Hilary Kirwan, Gale Goldfarb, Sharon & Lily Terango and Kathy Turner. Two special cards were snail-mailed to longtime members on the mend: Past President Susan Slattery and DRA's first Web Curator Roy Wright. Interested in future Card-Making Parties? Email: Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com



Recipe for Collage Workshop

Date: Monday, March 23 from 7-9:30pm

Instructors: Theresa Kulstad & Karen Schmitz

Workshop Fee: \$40 members
\$50 non-members

Plus Supplies Fee: \$10

We will be whipping up layers of patterns, colors and images to create interesting collage. Like any recipe, there will be ingredients, tools and extras to spice things up. We provide the tools, ingredients and techniques. You can provide your personal touches that will spice it up to your taste. This workshop is for all skill levels.

Please register in advance. For more information, contact Theresa (tkulstad@verizon.net, 703-283-0399,) or Karen (703-232-4526, schmityk@yahoo.com), or Programs Director Tamara (Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org). Register online at: squareup.com/market/del-ray-artisans/recipe-for-collage

New and Improved Student Art Exhibition — a Message from the Curator, Stacy Rausch

Our 18th annual high school student art exhibit — that for the past few years featured T.C. Williams High School National Art Honor Society students — has been revamped with some exciting new changes and additions.

As curator, *"I envision this exhibition to be a showcase of the full depth of talent within the T.C. Williams student body."*

What's new and improved?

- The entire student body of T.C.

Williams will be invited to submit work to the show.

- The show will be held in April instead of May.

- Students will submit entries digitally.

- The show will be juried by artist and George Mason University (School of Art) faculty

member Elsabé Dixon, a South-African born, Virginia-based artist who uses living environments to create art installations.

- Student work will be displayed 3 weeks instead of 2, with the opening reception at the gallery on Friday, April 10 (instead of the first Friday of the month).

- We will pair Del Ray Artisans members with students for ALL gallery hosting spots during the show.

A silent auction will be held to benefit the Ted Eichers Scholarship Fund, which awards \$1,000 annually to a T.C. student who plans to study art in college. Help

support this worthwhile cause by bidding throughout the month!

- DRA will continue to honor juried National Art Honor Society students in a very special way for their hard work and achievements.

How can you help?

- Del Ray Artisans members are needed to gallery host for 18 spots. This is an opportunity to mentor the young T.C. Williams artists who will be gallery hosting during these times.

- DRA members should plan to

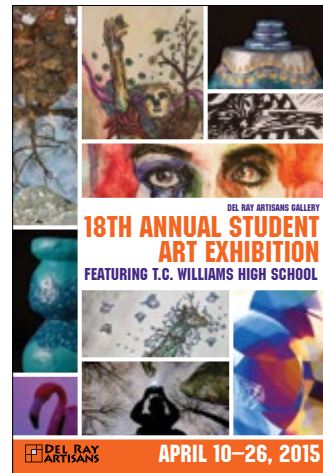
spend these few hours talking about their art with the students they are paired with. Encourage students to ask questions. Members should bring a piece or two of their artwork to share with the students. Ask them about their work; be willing to give them an informal critique of their work (if requested) and encourage these budding

artists to become DRA members someday!

- Help hang the show April 7-9 and take it down on April 26.
- Support the students by attending the opening reception on April 10th from 7-9pm Mingle with the students, encourage their work, and buy some art!

Thanks in advance for helping make the new & improved student show a success, and I will see you on opening night! If you are interested in helping volunteer, please contact me at 703-402-4847 or HSShow@TheDelRayArtisans.org

~ Stacy Rausch, curator



A Message from the President

The Board Show *Elements* opened in February and was a huge success. Our experiment of having volunteer food servers instead of a food table resulted in patrons being engaged in the artwork instead of the food! Our Director of Curating, Lesley Hall, was fantastic! She herded the Board members and ensured that we adhered to our schedule and completed our tasks on time. (Thank you, Lesley!) Our volunteer servers were awesome! They included: Dorothy Weiss, Claudia Ringel, Paula Wulff, Rista Brown,

Veronica Barker-Barzel, Tom Kelly, and Derek Hall. Thank you so much for making this evening so special. Remember to stop by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria to see our Gallery Without Walls show, *Paws 'N Claws for Art*, which runs through May 31. Also, our March show, *Dream On* promises to be enchanting, and the curator is inviting the community to a pajama party! What does curator Theresa Kulstad have in store for us?
~ Kim S. Joy, President

Calling all instructors!!

Grown-Ups Art Camp 2015 is around the corner, and planned for June 29 - July 17! Think about a workshop you'd like to instruct. What can you teach? Do you want to teach beginners or experienced students? We need instructors to teach a range of visual techniques such as painting, photography, pen & ink, or mixed media; performing arts like dance techniques, improv, or spoken word; and artist development including how to find inspiration, write an artist statement, frame an artwork, or prepare an electronic image. Instructor proposal forms are coming soon, so start planning.

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 () _____

Email 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 12 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 above receive DRA mailings.

DRA has "gone green!" A monthly notice is sent to all members via email when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter are 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 12-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

DEL RAY ARTISANS

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TheDelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday:
(May-Sep.) noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: noon-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.

2015 Calendar

March 2015	6	Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
6 - 29		SHOW: Dream On Theresa Kulstad curator tkulstad@verizon.net
9		Partners in Art, 2 - 4 pm
10		Board Meeting, 7 pm
11		Life Drawing, 11 - 1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
11		Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
14		Pajama Party!
17		SocialLights! 7 - 9 pm
18		Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
22		Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
23		WORKSHOP Recipe for Collage, 7 - 9:30 pm
25		Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm, Short/Long
26		Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
April 2015		
1		Life Drawing, 11 am - 1 pm, Gesture
1		Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm, Short/Long
10 - 26		SHOW: Student Art Exhibition curator Stacy Rausch HSShow@TheDelRayArtisans.org
13		Partners in Art, 2 - 4 pm
14		Board Meeting, 7 pm
15		Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
19		Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
21		SocialLights! 7 - 9 pm
22		Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm, Short/Long (clothed)
23		Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
29		Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
May 2015		
1 - 31		SHOW: Mix (Mixed Media Show) Judy Gula & Karen Schmitz curators schmityk@yahoo.com
4		Partners in Art, 2 - 4 pm
6		Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
	6	Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
	7	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
	9	Spring Art Market, 10am - 4pm ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org
	12	Board Meeting, 7 pm
	13	Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
	17	Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
	18	Member Benefit Program, 7:30 pm
	19	SocialLights! 7 - 9 pm
	20	Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
	21	Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
	June 2015	
	4	Talk, 6 - 9 pm
	4	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
	5 - 28	SHOW: Building Bridges Lori K. Gordon, Barb Boatman (cutswcreatestudio@gmail.com) and Linda Elliff (lleliff@aol.com) curators
	8	Partners in Art, 2 - 4 pm
	9	Board Meeting, 7 pm
	10	Life Drawing, 11 am - 1 pm, Gesture
	10	Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm, Short/Long
	16	SocialLights! 7 - 9 pm
	17	Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
	21	Life Drawing, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
	24	Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm, Short/Long (clothed)
	25	Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long
	27	WORKSHOP, 9 am - 5 pm
	July 2015	
	June 29 - 17	Grown-Ups Art Camp GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org
	3	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
	14	Board Meeting, 7 pm (not at the gallery)
	20 - 25	Art Camp Week 1
	27 - Aug 1	Art Camp Week 2

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DEL RAY ARTISANS – CALL FOR ENTRY – ALL MEMBER SHOW
“Art and Story” Gallery Without Walls Exhibit
March 29 – April 26, 2015 at the Shirlington Public Library in Arlington

The power of art and story is universal. A good story or piece of literature can spark the imagination and inspire artists to create meaningful work. Behind every piece of art is a story—whether borne of the artist's experience, or interpretation of social or cultural events. As part of its Gallery Without Walls program, Del Ray Artisans challenges member artists to present artwork that is inspired by or tells a good story for a month-long show at the **Shirlington branch of the Arlington Public Library, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA 22206.**

The curating committee will consider two- and three-dimensional pieces for submission. The library has two main wall spaces: one space, which can accommodate between 8 and 20 pieces, is located to the left of the main entrance. The other space is located on the back wall and can accommodate between 5 and 10 pieces. Large pieces display particularly well on the back wall space. In addition, the library has three protected displays for three-dimensional pieces. **This is a *Members only* exhibit.**

Entry Detail Highlights:

- **DEADLINE for digital submissions is Friday, March 20, 2015.**
- Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece.
- Accepted artwork drop off and hanging is on Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 1-3pm.
- Artwork pick up is on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 1-3pm.
- Art previously shown at Del Ray Artisans may be submitted for this exhibit.
- When art sells, each artist is asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation—split evenly between the Friends of Shirlington Library & Del Ray Artisans.

Full Entry Details and Form at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



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DEL RAY ARTISANS – CALL FOR ENTRY – OPEN TO ALL AREA ARTISTS

MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media May 1-31, 2015

Opening Reception Friday, May 1 from 7-9pm

COMBINE two or more mediums and **SHAKE UP** your imagination. Mixed media compositions can convey visuals that are quirky, abstract, political, environmental and social. **THINK:** Paint, Graphite, Textiles, Jewelry, Found Objects, Collage, Sculpture, Shadowboxes, Altered Books and beyond. **LIKE** Facebook page: **MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media** to get inspired with: photos, workshops, discussions, techniques and other show MIX-ology.

Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts have teamed up to create this collaborative juried exhibit. The juror is Rosalee Lamanna, a mixed media artist and 22-year owner of Beads Ltd in Alexandria, Virginia (www.beadsltdva.com).

Del Ray Artisans Co-Curator is Karen Schmitz, a contemporary painter, mixed media & monotype artist. As a former Del Ray Artisans Gallery Director she has curated numerous exhibits and events. Contact Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com or 703-232-4526.

Artistic Artifacts Co-Curator is Judy Gula, a fiber and mixed media artist, and owner of Artistic Artifacts: a unique art and crafts supply store in Alexandria that specializes in mixed media, fiber arts, workshops & "How Do You Use That" demos. Contact Judy at judy@artisticartifacts.com. Check out classes at www.ArtisticArtifacts.com.

Entry Details:

- Receiving takes place Sunday, April 26 and Monday, April 27 from 6-8pm.
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for Del Ray Artisans Members and \$10 per piece for Non-Members. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- There is an additional **MIX Marketplace** where participating artists can sell Art-to-Go. Fees for art priced at: \$1 - \$30 is \$2 for 5 pieces (10 item limit); \$31 - \$70 is \$1 each (5 item limit); \$71 and over is \$2 each (5 item limit).
- 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 for details.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans.

Accepted Artist Requirements:

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements.
- **All artists MUST gallery host and/or volunteer** with postcard distribution, 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 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 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 Del Ray Artisans show.
- Any artwork left over 30 days after the close of the show will become property of Del Ray Artisans.



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Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

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DEL RAY ARTISANS – CALL FOR ENTRY – OPEN TO ALL AREA ARTISTS

Mix: Adventures in Mixed Media

Entry Form – Del Ray Artisans Gallery – May 1-31, 2015

Drop off Dates: Sunday, April 26 and Monday, April 27, 6-8pm

Entry Fee: Del Ray Artisans Members: \$5 per piece, Non-Members: \$10 per piece (3 artwork limit)

MIX Marketplace Art-to-Go: 5-10 items (see front details)

Entry Fees are non-refundable.

Artist Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

List artwork below (Please print clearly):

	TITLE	MEDIA	PRICE
1)			\$
2)			\$
3)			\$

Don't forget to provide an *Artist Statement* for each piece AND an Artist Bio – email these items to Curator Karen Schmitz at schmityk@yahoo.com.

Mix Marketplace Art-to-Go: Please print your details on a separate piece of paper.

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, staff, volunteers, 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 Del Ray Artisans automatically take a 20% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork.

Signed _____ Date _____



Important Dates:

Artwork Drop off: Sunday, April 26 & Monday, April 27, 6-8pm
 Non-Accepted Artwork Pick up: Tuesday April 28 & Wednesday, April 29, 6-8pm
 Opening Reception: Friday, May 1, 7-9pm
 First Thursday Event: Thursday, May 7, 6-9pm
 Show Closes/Artwork Pick up: Sunday, May 31, 6-8pm

I agreed to GALLERY HOST on _____

I will staff the Opening Reception as _____ time slot: _____

I will bring: _____ drinks, _____ veggies, _____ fruits, _____ cheese, _____ sweets (check one)



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