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Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition

May 6-29, 2016

Opening Reception:
Friday, May 6, 7-9pm

This a collaborative effort between Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio to present photographic artwork that pushes beyond accepted conventions of reality by representing irrational imagery of dreams and the unconscious mind... disorienting realist imagery often based on fantasy, nightmares, hallucination, and the imagination.



"Faster" by Charles Butler

The exhibit was juried by Charles Butler and Charlie Kershner from Union 206 Studio and Claudia Olivos from Del Ray Artisans. The curator, David Heckman, is a joint member of Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio and is supported by Kathy Turner, Del Ray Artisans' Director of Curating. Union 206 Studio houses a number of commercial photo and video rental studios in an 8,000 square foot space. Union 206 has hundreds of active members and offers equipment demos, models, furniture, props, and photography workshops. For more information on Union 206, visit www.union206.com

The exhibit and opening reception (Friday, May 6 from 6-9pm) are at Del Ray Artisans gallery. For more information on the *Surrealism* exhibit, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Spring Art Market at Del Ray Artisans Saturday, May 7, 10am-4pm, RAIN or SHINE!

Join Del Ray Artisans in its tradition of outdoor markets! Our Spring Art Market is a one-day event that gives you the chance to purchase original handmade artwork from talented local artists. The market showcases their artwork in a wide range of media including ceramics, photography, jewelry, fiber, paper, glass, and more. Shop for Mother's Day, graduation, a teacher's gift, birthdays, or just because!

The Spring Art Market will be in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA (at the corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues). The event is held RAIN or SHINE, and is free and open to the public.

If you have questions, contact Tamara Wilkerson at ArtMarket@DelRayArtisans.org. For more information, visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket



Scenes from the 2015 Spring Art Market

Welcome, New Members!

- Cecily Corcoran
- Richard Cram
- Chantal Dusseul
- Randolph Estabrook
- Caroline Faiella
- Kath Gayle
- Carol Stalun
- Sherry Holden
- Charles Kelly & Yeoun Lee
- Mary Rita Prah
- Elizabeth Sullivan and John, Caroline, Patrick, & Adam Kling
- Jane Tingley
- John Wisor

President's Message

Thank you to all who participated in Spring2Action on April 20. Without your support we would not have done as well as we did. I hope you were able to stop by the gallery and enjoy some of the wonderful events that day.

Last Call! Gallery Without Walls shows *Around the Next Corner* at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and *Partnerships* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital both end May 15.

Del Ray's First Thursdays are in full swing. In June, DRA is taking a major role in supporting the "Paint Del Ray" First Thursday. Please volunteer to help with this event.

Do you have children? Do your neighbors have children? Please let them know about the wonderful Art Camps at DRA in July.

Thank you to all the wonderful DRA volunteers! Your support and talent mean the world to the gallery and all the artists.

—Kim S. Joy, President

RESPECT: Unsung Heroes in Uniform

June 3-26, 2016

Opening Reception:
Friday, June 3, 7-9pm

When one is in uniform, people tend to see the uniform but not the individual.

Let's take a moment to give respect to ALL unsung

heroes in uniform: coaches, teams, nurses, doctors, dentists, vets, food and restaurant workers, janitors, maintenance employees, retail service workers, gym instructors, landscape workers, bus and train drivers, police officers, and security personnel... just to name a few!

Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery in June to see how area artists chose to show their respect. Opening reception will be the evening of June 3 at the gallery. There will also be a small memorial section in the gallery where visitors can reflect, contemplate or remember.

Call for Entry

The curator, Tracy Wilkerson, invites all area artists to submit artwork. Digital entries are due on Monday, May 16, 2016 by midnight. Entry details at TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



Spring2ACTion Thank you

Thanks to all the volunteer support for Del Ray Artisans' Spring2ACTion activities, this full day of events was a great success! We secured \$2,706 in online donations, \$205 in raffle proceeds, \$118 in in-person donations, and \$600 in in-kind donations of food, drinks, and raffle prizes. Over 100 patrons visited the gallery on April 20, including Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. Special thanks to:

... our business donors who provided food and drinks: **Alexandria Cupcake, Crystal City Wine Shop, Whole Foods, and Trader Joe's.**

... those who donated artwork & wine for our raffle: **Nancy Kline, Dani Keith, Brandy Lellou, Kathy Turner, & Alexandria business Virginia Resources.**

... those who shared their restorative skills leading yoga and meditation sessions: **David A. Kosar from Yoga in Daily Life and Nicole Radshaw of Om in the Garden.**

... artist **Guy Jones** who gave a lively, inspiring talk with on-the-fly squiggly doodles and brought the joy of art to the many kids (and adults!) that attended.

... the Spring2ACTion committee and publicity team: **Brandy Lellou, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Liz Martinez, Dani Keith, Betsy Mead, and Gale Goldfarb,** who gave hours of time planning, developing publicity, and executing the events.

... the many, wonderful other volunteers who helped plan and support the activities: **Becky Barnes, Ron Blank, John Bordner, Vicki Cox, Sean Crumley, Kajal Dhabalia, Linda Elliff, Nancy Kline, Theresa Kulstad, Linda Lowry, Millie Mateu, Corrin Pumphrey, Karen Schmitz, and Suzanne Tillman.**

... and last, but certainly not least, **thank you to our many generous donors!**



2017 Proposals for Art Exhibits

Due Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Del Ray Artisans is soliciting show proposals for 2017. DRA strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. For more details, contact Kathy at Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.

Need help with online

submissions? Kathy Turner, Curating Director, is willing to help anyone submit an online entry to a monthly exhibit. Contact Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.

Developing Willpower for Artists Workshop Monday, May 9, 6-9pm

Springtime means new beginnings. So now is a great time, as artists, to review where you are and where you want to go personally, creatively, and professionally. This special workshop will provide you with the tools needed. The workshop covers:

- Clarifying your goals
- Devising a plan to achieve your goals
- Maintaining a course for implementing your goals with discipline
- Practicing short meditative visualizations of goals, recall, and mindfulness

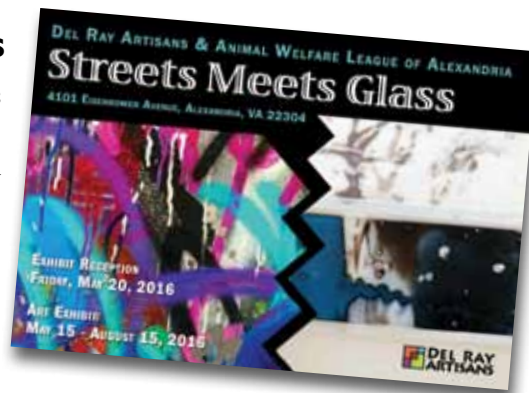
This workshop is sponsored by Del Ray's Yoga in Daily Life and will be led by Vedrana Josipovic (Madhu), a visiting yoga teacher with an MA in Psychology. Madhu specializes in coaching and development, and is a master teacher of the Yoga in Daily Life system with 20+ years of experience in teaching yoga and coaching psychology. The fee is \$40 for DRA members and \$50 for non-members. For more information or to register, please visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Willpower



Gallery Without Walls

Gallery Without Walls (GWW) opens two new shows on May 15: *Streets Meets Glass* at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and *A Call to Service* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital.

Streets Meets Glass features artworks in glass by EG Mead and street art inspired paintings by Joshua Oliveira. Meet the artists and support your fellow DRA members at the reception on **Friday, May 20 from 7-9pm** at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter (4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304). The show runs from May 15-August 15, 2016.



"Sleep Well" by LG Mierke

A Call To Service is a DRA member show that features artwork depicting how humans and animals answer the call to serve in various capacities throughout the world. Art must be family-friendly and does not need to include animals. There is no reception at this venue. The exhibit may be viewed during regular business hours at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). The show runs from May 15-September 25, 2016. For interested DRA artist members, the **call for entry deadline is midnight, May 7**. Entry details at TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

For more information on the GWW exhibits, visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW or contact LG Mierke at Animals@DelRayArtisans.org.

Member Meeting Announced for May 24

Join us on Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm for our next Member Meeting and member benefit program. We have an exciting evening planned for you! DRA is very fortunate to have as our speaker Ted Frankel, owner of Sideshow, the marvelous, delightfully fun gift shop located within the incredible American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore.

With an extensive collection of outsider and folk art filling his five story home, Ted will talk about turning a passion for the visual into a lifestyle. Ted and husband Bill travel the world and enjoy meeting a wide range of artists. "When an artist projects their strengths through their work, nothing can be better," says Ted.

Mark your calendars to attend, hear plans for our summer events, and enjoy refreshments. Questions? Contact Linda Elliff at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org.

What a great day for art and animals!

DRA's inaugural appearance at the annual VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Open House on April 17 went wonderfully. A great big THANK YOU to Thea Barron, Melanie Bikowski, Lynne Darnell, LG Mierke and the dynamic duo of Steve Miller & Melinda Watters for representing DRA.



Melanie Bikowski (L) and Lynne Darnell with snake friend (R) at VCA Alexandria's Open House

Paint Del Ray!

First Thursday, June 2, 6-9pm

"Paint Del Ray" is the theme of the community's First Thursday in June. Paint Del Ray is a unique collaboration between Del Ray Business Association and Del Ray Artisans. The event will feature artists with their easels, paints, and examples of their work, demonstrating their talents along Mount Vernon Avenue on June 2 from 6-9pm. The community will be invited to participate in several family-oriented painting activities along The Avenue and watch artists at work. To sign-up to demonstrate your art, volunteer for activities, or for more event details, visit: TheDelRayArtisans.org/PaintDelRay

If you have questions about Paint Del Ray, please contact Brandy Lellou at Outreach@DelRayArtisans.org.

July is Art Camp month!

Children's art camp is a 5-day program (choose July 18-22 or July 25-29) of art instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, book-making, and more. All art supplies are provided. Healthy lunches and snacks are provided. Details at TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp

Adopt-a-Park: Pick Up Litter

Del Ray Artisans volunteers pick up litter in Colasanto Park, which is a part of the City of Alexandria's Adopt-a-Park program. Inspections are on Mondays, so Sunday is the best pick up day but we can be flexible. We pick up litter around the gallery from the fence along the school playground, the tennis court and the old pool, north to the intersection of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues, curb to curb.

It takes approximately one hour per week. These hours count toward your 12-hour volunteer minimum as part of your DRA membership. We need volunteers for weekends now through November 30. If you are interested, contact Marlin Lord with your preferred weekend at AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday:
(April-Sept.) noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: noon-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Editor: Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.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.

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Calendar

May 2016

- 5 First Thursday (Dog Days in Del Ray), open until 9pm
- 6-29 **SHOW: Surrealism** (Collaboration with Union 206 Studio, Curator David Heckman)
- 6 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Spring Art Market, 10am-4pm
- 7 **A Call To Service Entries Due**
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Developing Willpower for Artists Workshop, 6-9pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 11 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 16 **RESPECT Entries Due**
- 22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 24 Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 7-9pm
- 25 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 25 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

June 2016

- 1 2017 Show Proposals Due
- 2 First Thursday (Paint Del Ray), open until 9pm

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

June 2016 Continued

- 3-26 **SHOW: RESPECT: Unsung Heroes in Uniform** (Curator Tracy Wilkerson)
- 3 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 8 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 14 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 22 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 22 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

July 2016

- June 27-July 15 **Grown-Ups Art Camp**
- 7 First Thursday (Red, White & Blue), open until 9pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 18-22 **Art Camp (Week 1)**
- 23 Art Camp (Week 1) Show, 1-3pm
- 25-29 **Art Camp (Week 2)**
- 30 Art Camp (Week 2) Show, 1-3pm
- 30 **Fire and Earth National Ceramic Cup Entries Due**

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership for details.

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