



# The Well-Crafted Word

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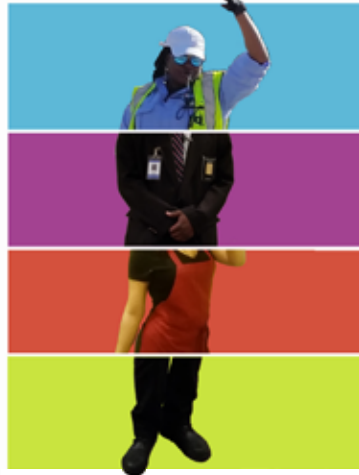
## RESPECT: Unsung Heroes in Uniform

June 3-26, 2016

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

When one is in uniform, people often 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, veterans, 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 to see how area artists chose to show their respect. There will also be a small memorial section in the gallery where visitors can reflect, contemplate, or remember.



### Welcome, New Members!

- Heike Gramckow
- Marily Mojica
- Sara Robinson

## Paint Del Ray First Thursday, June 2 from 6-9pm

Paint Del Ray is a collaboration between Del Ray Business Association and Del Ray Artisans. The event features artists demoing their talents and several family-oriented painting activities along Mt Vernon Avenue. Don't miss it!

Stop by the gallery to help paint "Photo Op Boards" to be set up at future First Thursdays! Thank you to Corrin Pumphrey and Dawn Wyse Hurto for sketching out the boards in preparation for the event.



## Dip into Some GUAC!

Register for this summer's Grown Ups Art Camp (GUAC) workshops at the gallery. Check out the classes and schedule at [TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC). The variety of workshops offered will be for all skill levels. If you haven't indulged your creative side, you can start with **drawing, painting and sculpture**. Or do you like **jewelry**? There are 5 classes where you could take home something to wear that you made yourself. Want to explore the possibilities with **polymer clay**? We have a couple of options for you! Do you have thoughts that crowd your mind? Try **art journaling**! If you're the type that accumulates art supplies and other things around your house, we have a number of classes in a range of **mixed media** from **recycled materials to art book making**. How about taking a break from the digital world and explore **film camera photography**? And if you love animals, there is **pet portraits in glass**! Want to break out of the studio and get physical? We even have **Hand Dancing and Improv**. You can design your own **Doodle Sneakers** to wear while you play! Already engaging in art but need to focus on the **Business of Art**? We are also offering workshops on **tax information, websites, and application packets for artists**.

## Children's Art Camp

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. Just a few spots left! Children must be registered in advance. Details at [TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp)



*CiPo Concertina Book with Sally Canzoneri; Intro to Film Camera with Alan Whiting; Pet Portraits in Glass with Betsy Mead; and CitraSolv Magic with Susan Gantz*

GUAC runs from June 27 through July 15 with daytime and evening classes taught by real artists! It's a great creative boost and a fun, interactive activity for you and your friends. For questions, contact Theresa Kulstad at [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org).



## Designate your Nickels to Del Ray Artisans

Del Ray Artisans has been selected by Whole Foods Market (1700 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314) for their “Nickels for Nonprofits” Program.

Now through the end of June, bring your reusable bags to Whole Foods in Old Town Alexandria and choose to donate your nickel per bag at checkout to Del Ray Artisans to help empower budding artists and continue to bring diverse artistic activity to the community.

Thank you to Whole Foods and to everyone who donates their nickels!

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## President’s Message

The school year is drawing to an end and some of our kids will be moving on to new chapters in their lives. It is a bittersweet, but exciting time. Our June shows, *RESPECT* at the gallery and *A Call to Service* at VCA Animal Hospital, are great places to start your summer adventures.

Are you going away? Or doing a staycation? If you are in town think about some of the wonderful workshops planned for GUAC and your child can attend one (or both!) of the fun-packed Art Camps offered by DRA.

Check our calendar of events and see what offerings you would like to try. We would love to see you this summer. If you do go away for the summer, stay safe, have fun, and keep art in your heart.

—Kim S. Joy, President

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**Special thanks to Jenny Nicholson** for her beautiful calligraphy on the invitations to the Patrons Brunch, **Jennifer Webb** for making the fantastic (and surprise!) Patron gifts, and **Lynne Darnell** for the much needed kitchen organization.

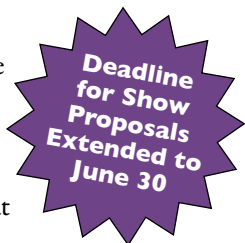
## HELP!!! DRA NEEDS YOU NOW!!!

Several critical Board positions are open and we need you to fill them. As a Board member, each of these Directors has a voice and vote on all things discussed at Board meetings. Being a Board member is a great way serve and support your arts community and influence Del Ray Artisans policies and procedures. You can contact Kim Joy at [President@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:President@DelRayArtisans.org) with any questions about Board positions.

- The **Programs Director** maintains the gallery’s current programs and helps develop new ones for members and surrounding communities. Duties include reading and responding to emails, helping develop program proposals, drafting publicity documents, and coordinating schedules as they relate to ongoing and future art exhibits. The current Programs Director is available to shadow and provide support during the transition period. For details, contact Theresa at 703-283-0399 or [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org).
- The **Outreach Director** is responsible for any event or activity in which DRA is reaching out into the community. Some activities/events include First Thursdays and Art on the Avenue. This position works closely with the Programs Director to include the community. We need a volunteer as soon as possible.
- The **Grants & Sponsorship Director** oversees the production and delivery of DRA’s annual grant proposals for general operating grants such as Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA), and Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA), which send out annual requests for proposals. Other duties include researching and seeking out other funding opportunities for DRA, including new sources for general operating grants as well as for specific program grants; and working with other directors to seek corporate and local sponsorship of DRA programs, events and/or special projects. This position is waiting for the right person to make it their own.

## Curate an Art Exhibit

DRA is soliciting show proposals NOW for 2017. Themes should have broad appeal, spur creativity, and be open to diverse media. Curating is a rewarding experience and counts towards your volunteer hours. The Show Proposal Committee will review proposals and recommend those chosen to the Board for approval. Download the proposal form at [TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE)



## Other Volunteer Needs

All DRA members are required to volunteer at least 12 hours per year to support the organization and its mission. Here are a few opportunities to consider:

- The **Nominating Committee** puts together the slate of candidates for the 2017 Board of Directors. Get to know your fellow DRA members while seeking persons interested in serving on the Board. Interested in helping? Contact Kim Joy at [President@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:President@DelRayArtisans.org).
- DRA volunteers **pick-up litter in Colasanto Park** as 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 not a hard rule. We need volunteers to sign up for weekends now through November 30. If you are interested in assisting, contact Marlin with your preferred weekend at [AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org).
- **Gardners** with strong backs are encouraged to volunteer for a one-time project or seasonal work on the gallery’s gardens. For more details, contact Pamela Underhill at [underhill.pamela@gmail.com](mailto:underhill.pamela@gmail.com).

Contact Josh Oliveira at [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org) for other openings in: **Communications, Curating, Photography & Video (Archives), and Programs.**





## Gallery Without Walls

DRA's off-site exhibits continue: *Streets Meets Glass* at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter (4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304) through August 15 and *A Call to Service* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) through September 25. Please stop by to see these wonderful exhibits in your summer wanderings.

For more information on the GWW exhibits, visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW) or contact LG Mierke at [Animals@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Animals@DelRayArtisans.org).

*"Streets Meets Glass" at the animal shelter showcases the work of artists Betsy Mead and Joshua Oliveira. Photos from Judy Lynn.*

## Surrealism Photography Exhibition a Triumph

The May show, *Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition*, was a successful first-time partnership between Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio. The exhibit received over 100 submissions and challenged the curator, David Heckman, and the jurors, Charles Butler and Charlie Kershner from Union 206 Studio and Claudia Olivos from Del Ray Artisans, to narrow down which pieces would hang in the exhibit. Eventually 72 pieces were selected and Best in Show was awarded to:

- Alicyn Drew, *Beautiful Mind*
- Michael Martin, *Up Creek No Paddle*
- Stephen Schiff, *Vision on the Mall*
- John Wisor, *Transience and the Persister*

Special thanks go to: Kathy Turner, Del Ray Artisans' Curating Director, for her gentle guidance; the jurors Charles Butler, Charlie Kershner, and Claudia Olivos; volunteers Amy Lopez and Skylar Watson for assisting with receiving and hanging artwork; Susane Asher of Plastic Sky for her amazing opening reception music; Dawn Wyse Hurto for tech support; Del Ray Artisans' office manager Dani Keith for the many office chores that contribute towards a successful show; and all the participating artists who volunteered time at the reception, gallery hosting, and with show receiving and take down. We could not put on an exhibit without all of your support.



*Scene from the opening reception, John Hiller and Kathy Turner (L), and Susane Asher performing (R). Photos from Sean Crumley.*

## What's this thing called—Plein Air Painting?

Plein air painting is the making of art on site—painting what you see. Usually done outdoors, it captures the ephemeral light of a passing day. Painted quickly, or over a series of days at the same time of day, the painter captures the essence of time and place. Traditionally, plein air pictures were studies for studio final works. Nowadays, the plein air piece is the final product. In the last 10 years, plein air festivals, paint outs, and competitions have exploded across the country.

The painter is portable with pochade box or Julian easel, supplies in bag or backpack, small panels, and an umbrella. Check out the artists participating in this First Thursday's "Paint Del Ray" event (June 2)! This is plein air in action.

## FUN-derful is Two Shows in One this August!

How can that be? TWO shows? Yes!!! The first attraction ("Main Show") is called *FUN-derful*. This is Witty, Punny, Wacky, Schticky, Colorful, Silly, Zany, Quirky, Comical, Humorous and just LOL FUN art. Lookie! Lookie! Show runs August 5-28, 2016 at the gallery.

The second is a mini-FUN-raiser called: "Can You Spare a Square?" Artists adopt matboard squares and donate completed 6" x 6" artworks to DRA to support the gallery. Paint, Draw, Collage, Fiber, Photo, Assemblage, Mix and anything creative. The completed squares will be sold at a set price with prizes awarded to Squares for this affordable FUN-raiser.

Artists are encouraged to stop by the gallery during open hours and pick up some Squares with show details. FUN curator Karen Schmitz invites all area artists to participate in the merriment. **Digital entries due Monday, July 18** and donated Squares can be dropped off before August 1. Entry Details coming soon. Contact the curator Karen Schmitz at [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Fire and Earth

Fire and earth are two of the four elements. The September exhibit celebrates these elements in a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D exhibit. The exhibit will honor how fire in the kiln (be it fueled by wood, gas, or electricity) transforms earth (clay) into functional drinking vessels (cups, mugs, tankards, tumblers, goblets, & tea bowls).

Entry to this exhibit is by online submission. **The 3-D Ceramic Cup entries are due by midnight on Saturday, July 30. The 2-D Exhibit entries are due by midnight on Saturday, August 13.** Details and entry forms at: [TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE)

### Need help with online entries?

Kathy Turner, Curating Director, is willing to help anyone submit an online entry to a monthly exhibit. Contact [Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@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

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**Calendar**

**June 2016**

- 1 2017 Show Proposals Due
- 2 First Thursday (Paint Del Ray), 6-9pm
- 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), 6-9pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 18 **FUN-derful Digital Entries Due**
- 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

More information at: [calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

**July 2016 Continued**

- 30 **Fire and Earth National Ceramic Cup 3-D Digital Entries Due**
- 31 Artwork Receiving for *FUN-derful*, 6-8pm

**August 2016**

- 1 Artwork Receiving for *FUN-derful*, 6-8pm
- 4 First Thursday (Music & Dance on the Avenue), 6-9pm
- 5-28 **SHOW: FUN-derful** (Curator Karen Schmitz)
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Member Meeting/Picnic & Pie Contest, 5-7pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 **Fire and Earth 2-D Digital Entries Due**
- 21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28-29 Artwork Receiving for *Fire and Earth*, 6-8pm

**September 2016**

- 1 First Thursday (Health & Wellness), 6-9pm

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**

Visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership) for details.

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