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Dip into GUAC through July 15

Quick! Don't miss your chance to learn and play! With many unique workshops, there's got to be one (or more) just for YOU! Register for this summer's Grown Ups Art Camp (GUAC) workshops at the gallery. Workshops are available for all skill levels.

Take up drawing, painting, or sculpture. Indulge in one of the jewelry workshops. Try art journaling, polymer clay, film photography, hand dancing and improv! Or take those plain white sneakers and turn them into something unique with "Doodling". Learn about the business of art or explore some hands on creative sessions.

GUAC runs 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 more information including the workshop descriptions and schedule, visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC



Nature Journaling in Your Neighborhood by Margaret Wohler; Mixed Media Mantras by Kajal Dhabalia; Groutless Mosaics by Nancy Kline; Sequential Drawing: How to Draw a Comic Strip by Kevynn Joseph

Welcome, New Members!

- Miles Liss and Bonnie Holmber - Oils, Watercolor
- Peg Schaefer
- Sonia Suter - Photography

Children's Art Camp July 18-22 & July 25-29

For Ages: 8-14

Spaces still available, register now! Children's art camp is a 5-day program of art instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, book-making, and more. All art supplies are provided. Healthy lunches and snacks are provided. There will also be a one-day only gallery show held on July 23rd and July 30th to show off the students' work from their week of camp. Art Camp will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Hurry before art class fills! Details at TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp

Have a FUN-derful Time!



Need summer laughter? Lookie no further! August 5-28, 2016 is FUN month. **FUN-derful is the Main Attraction** show is open to all Wacky, Witty, Silly, Schticky, Quirky, Comical and just LOL FUNsters artists throughout the land. Artwork with a "Ha Ha" factor in any medium is due Monday, July 18 (digital entry only). But wait... There's more! There is a Sideshow

called "Can You Spare a Square?" This is a mini-FUN-raiser where artists are asked to adopt 6"x6" mat board squares and art them up in any medium and subject; even attach 3D items to them. These are then donated to the gallery and sold for \$20 as affordable August fundraisers. You can pick up Squares at DRA or make your own. FUN prizes for "Spectacular" Squares! Please bring your Spare DRA Squares to the gallery by August 1. Curator Karen Schmitz invites all area artists to participate and plans some silly events to go with the FUN theme. Can you say JOKE-eoke? He he! Questions/Details: Schmityk@yahoo.com and TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



Sponsor a Camper

You can make a donation to help send a youth to camp! All donations are appreciated. Donate at TheDelRayArtisans.org/donate under "Art Camp." Thank you!

President's Message

School may be out but that does not mean you cannot learn something new or that your kids have to sit at home while you work. Del Ray Artisans offers great opportunities this summer for grownups to feel like kids again! Sign up for one or more of our many workshops in GUAC (Grown Ups Art Camp) from June 27-July 15. And don't forget Children's Art Camp at Del Ray Artisans gallery from July 18-22 or July 25-29. And guess what? There is still space in both!

Summer is also a great opportunity to get your work ready for upcoming shows. There are some great shows coming up and why not be part of the fun by submitting your work?

Wishing you all a happy, fun and safe summer!

—Kim S. Joy, President

Special thanks to...

-DRA's Paint Del Ray sponsors:

Sponsor and co-host, Del Ray Business Association, and business sponsors Kaizen Tavern and Jen Walker Realty.

A special thanks also to participating artists Melanie Bikowski, Robin Brown, Kajal Dhabalia, Nancy Flores, Ryoko Horie, Alice Kale, Begona Lathbury, Jeff Lodge, Mila Lubeck, Judy Lynn, Jenny Nicholson, Josh Oliveira, Megan Partridge, Erica Price, Corrin Pumphrey. And thanks to the volunteers who made this night possible: Abbie Altenburg, Becky Barnes, Ron Blank, Sally Canzoneri, Martha Garcia, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Pat Miller, Helen Santoro, and Rita Schooley. Lastly, an enormous thank you to Brandy Lellou for planning the activities, coordinating the volunteers, and driving this event!

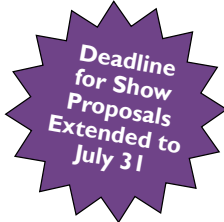
-**Gale Goldfarb** for her volunteer service in the Mount Vernon Recreation Center after school program. If anyone would like to be involved with this program, please contact Gale at Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org

Fire and Earth: National Ceramic Cup Exhibit and Regional 2-D Show (September 2-October 2, 2016)

The call for entry is open for this hybrid event that combines a national ceramic cup exhibit and a regional 2-D show. Fire and earth are two of the four elements. This exhibit honors 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, and teabowls). The 2-D exhibit on the walls of the gallery should reflect and communicate about these elements and with the 3-D ceramic pieces. The 2-D work's theme of illustrating the forces of nature allows a broad interpretation of how the natural elements affect our world, and echoes the process of the ceramic art. The exhibit is juried by Dan Finnegan, a nationally and internationally recognized potter. There will be cash prizes both for the cups (including the "St. Elmo's Cup"), and the 2-D work. For artists juried into the 2-D show they can also submit work for the Marketplace (Marketplace art work does not have to reflect the show's theme and is cash-and-carry). There are separate CFEs for the 3-D and 2-D entries (with different entry dates) as well as information about a workshop from the juror that will be hosted by the Clay Queen in Del Ray.

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

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. Proposal form at TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



Deadline for Show Proposals Extended to July 31

RESPECT: Unsung Heroes in Uniform – Thank You!

Thank you to all the artists who submitted to the June show and to all of you who visited the show during the month. Congrats to Nancy Kline for winning the raffle during the Opening Reception! Special thanks to the following volunteers: Jeanie Mossa for her generous free acupuncture session for the raffle, Linda Mierke for prepping and sharing all the food for the opening reception, and Maxine Fulkerson for her "secret curator" role in helping with artwork dropoff and hanging the show.

Volunteer Needs

DRA members are required to volunteer at least 12 hours per year to support the organization and its mission. This is a great way to meet other members and support the arts. Contact Josh Oliveira at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org to volunteer!

Serving Community Youth - For the past few years, Del Ray Artisans has been serving the youth in our community with art classes at Mount Vernon Recreation Center as a part of their after school program. The program serves children from kindergarten to sixth grade. Del Ray Artisans volunteers participated in helping with art instruction in drawing, painting and collage once a week. The children enjoyed the activities, learned collaboration skills when working on group projects, and gained ideas from their peers through social interaction. This program runs during the school year and has closed for the summer.

NEED ART SUPPLIES? Save time and money, and get some gently used, pre-owned art supplies at DRA's indoor yard sale at the gallery! That's right! Available to you throughout Grown Ups Art Camp (GUAC) from June 26 through July 15. You might find that special something that you've been looking for!

Donate your gently used art supplies today! Proceeds support Del Ray Artisans, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Please limit donation and shopping times to half-hour before (and immediately after) GUAC workshops to avoid interrupting the instructor. Don't miss the last chance sale on Friday, July 15 from 12-3pm! For more information, contact Betsy at egmead@gmail.com

A Visionary Presentation by Ted Frankel

At the May 24 Member Meeting, DRA Members were fortunate to hear Ted Frankel describe how art is interwoven in all aspects of his life. Describing some of his travels, he told of finding unique artists and purchasing their art for merchandise in his eclectic shop, Sideshow, at the Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. When he spoke of an early rejection as an artist, similar memories were evoked to many present. Members were enthusiastic in their praise for the presentation and he inspired at least one member to try a new medium of artwork. And typical of Ted's generosity, he brought treats for those in attendance – gifts of free admission to the Museum and a charming packet of paper ephemera. Marlin Lord was the lucky winner of a Costa Rican metal artwork as the door prize, also provided by Ted. Thanks so much to Ted Frankel for his inspiration and generosity!



Who creates the Weekly eNews?

Special thanks (and a Happy Anniversary!) to Liz Martinez for serving as eNews editor for the past 5 years! Thank you also to the rest of the eNews team for their weekly service: Melanie Bikowski, Dawn Hurto, and Dale Spivey. Thank you to Betsy Mead for her outstanding service as the Communications Director and her weekly review of the eNews during her tenure. Welcome to the incoming Communications Director Rita Schooley!

DRA's Weekly eNews (containing our events, announcements, and other current regional opportunities for artists) is emailed out once per week. More information at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/eblast/

Congratulations to Isaiah Wilkerson, 2016 Winner of the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship

Isaiah will put his scholarship money to good use as he plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study animation. Since 2000, Del Ray Artisans has awarded the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship to a T.C. Williams High School graduate who is attending college to continue his or her art education. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded to recipients selected by a committee appointed by The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and based on criteria set by DRA. The student must have a B average, show extraordinary potential in art and be planning to major in an art-related field.

Paint Del Ray a Success

On June 2, 2016, DRA hosted the First Thursday "Paint Del Ray" event, a first of its kind bringing artists and the public together for a night of art demonstrations and community art activities. Along Mount Vernon Avenue 12 artists set up their easels on the sidewalk near participating businesses and demonstrated their work for the public to view and admire. DRA artists Kajal Dhabalia and Jenny Nicholson painted storefront windows at St. Elmo's and The Dairy Godmother and Josh Oliveira completed a large mural that hung on the exterior wall of Stomping Grounds. Community art activities included rock painting at Greenstreet Gardens, painting an old van at Alexandria Hyundai, creating a recycled bottle mural near Top it Off, designing a DASH bus advertising card, and painting Photo Op board designs sketched by Dawn Wyse Hurto and Corrin Pumphrey.



Toyota: Paint Del Ray participants had the pleasure of painting an old car in front of the Hyundai dealership.

Mount Vernon Recreation Center students participated with their Birds of a Feather project involving placement of painted feathers on a bird they designed. The UNITY project was launched in Kisskadee's grassy area-participants wrapped colorful yarn around posts to reflect their identities. Their yarns intertwined on 32 posts to create a web of interconnectedness showing that we are all connected by something, and it emphasized the diversity that builds a strong and vibrant community. This night made all participants feel like the community had unity through art.



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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
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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

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
- 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

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

August 2016 (continued)

- 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
- 2–Oct 2 **SHOW: Fire & Earth**
(Curator Stephen Lally)
- 2 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long
- 12 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Life Drawing, 9:30–11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 21 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 21 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long

October 2016

- 1 Art on the Avenue, 10am–6pm
- 2–3 Artwork Receiving for Local Flavor, 6–8pm
- 7–30 **SHOW: Local Flavor**
(Curator Dawn Wyse Hurto)

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership for details.

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2016 Schedule

Please note the "Fee" column below shows the "member / non-member" price and includes the supply fee, if applicable.

Workshop Title	Instructor	Date and Time	Fee
Intro to Film Cameras (2-part workshop; see also 7/6)	Alan Whiting	Monday, June 27, 1-5pm	\$80 / \$90
Pet Portraits in Glass	Betsy Mead	Monday, June 27, 6-10pm	\$80 / \$90
CitraSolv Magic	Susan Gantz	Tuesday, June 28, 9am-1pm	\$60 / \$70
Printing with Gelli Arts Plates	Susan Gantz	Tuesday, June 28, 2-6pm	\$45 / \$55
Art Journal: Finding Beauty in Chaos	Karen Thomas	Tuesday, June 28, 7-10pm	\$50 / \$60
Life Drawing Session - Short/Long Poses	Katherine Rand (coordinator)	Wednesday, June 29, 2-5pm	\$10 / \$12
Life Drawing Session - Long Poses	Katherine Rand (coordinator)	Wednesday, June 29, 6:30-9:30pm	\$10 / \$12
Mokume Gane for Polymer Clay	Susan Gantz	Thursday, June 30, 9am-1pm	\$55 / \$65
CoPo Concertina Book	Sally Canzoneri	Thursday, June 30, 2-5pm	\$50 / \$60
Birdhouses From Recycled Materials	Barb Boatman	Thursday, June 30, 6-10pm	\$45 / \$55
Ancient Chinese Whirlwind Book	Sally Canzoneri	Friday, July 1, 3-6pm	\$50 / \$60
Hand Dancing	Virginia Brown	Friday, July 1, 7-10pm	\$15 / \$25
Carving with Soapstone: Making Your First Sculpture	Jonathan Ottke	Saturday, July 2, 1-4pm	\$70 / \$80
Create Depth in Paintings with Texture	Judy Lynn	Tuesday, July 5, 9am-1pm	\$75 / \$85
Artists, Taxes & the IRS	Rita Schooley	Tuesday, July 5, 2:30-4pm	\$35 / \$45
Precious Metal Clay Basics	Kim Joy	Wednesday, July 6, 9am-1pm	\$90 / \$100
Intro to Film Cameras (Follow up to 6/27 workshop)	Alan Whiting	Wednesday, July 6, 2-3pm	included
Playing With Resin	Tracy Wilkerson	Wednesday, July 6, 6:30-9:30pm	\$50 / \$60
Stained Glass Pendant	Kim Joy	Thursday, July 7, 9am-1pm	\$70 / \$80
Nature Journaling in Your Neighborhood	Margaret Wohler	Thursday, July 7, 2-4pm	\$50 / \$60
Groutless Mosaics (2-part workshop; see also 7/8)	Nancy Kline	Thursday, July 7, 7-10pm	\$90 / \$100
Cuff Bracelet from Vintage Kimono	Kim Joy	Friday, July 8, 9am-1pm	\$70 / \$80
Groutless Mosaics (part 2 of 7/7 workshop)	Nancy Kline	Friday, July 8, 7-10pm	included
Polymer Clay - Textures	Ken and Sue Reed	Saturday, July 9, 1:30-5pm	\$58 / \$68
Meditation & Intuitive Painting with Abstract Expressionism	Melanie Bikowski	Saturday, July 9, 6-9:30pm	\$60 / \$70
Hand Carving Rubber Stamps	Stacy Rausch	Sunday, July 10, 10am-1:30pm	\$115 / \$125
Doodle Sneakers	Stacy Rausch	Sunday, July 10, 2:30-5pm	\$35 / \$45
Abstract India Ink & Water Painting for Everyone	Kath Gayle	Sunday, July 10, 6-10pm	\$95 / \$105
De-stress Through Drawing	Jennifer Westberg	Monday, July 11, 2:30-5:30pm	\$50 / \$60
Sequential Drawing: How to Draw a Comic Strip	Kevynn Joseph	Monday, July 11, 7-10pm	\$20 / \$30
Create a Full Artist Application Packet	Brandy Lellou	Tuesday, July 12, 6-10pm	\$55 / \$65
Mixed Media Mantras	Kajal Dhabalia	Wednesday, July 13, 12-3:30pm	\$55 / \$65
Creating a Stellar Website on a Shoe String Budget	Kajal Dhabalia	Wednesday, July 13, 6-10pm	\$65 / \$75
Mixed Media From Recycled Building Materials	Brandy Lellou	Thursday, July 14, 9am-1pm	\$55 / \$65
Restrung, ReVamp Your Costume Jewelry	Linda Elliff	Thursday, July 14, 7-10pm	\$50 / \$60
Box Sculptures	Rusty Lynn	Friday, July 15, 2:30-5pm	\$60 / \$70
Improv for All	Carole Douglis	Friday, July 15, 7-10pm	\$15 / \$25