



# The Well Crafted

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## Volunteering and Clyde

This month rather than leading off with announcements of upcoming shows or a review of a past show we have to pay attention to another issue.

It seems that one day we opened up a locked cabinet and out flew a harpy. It had been securely locked away and was largely ignored. Now it's unreal screeching demanded attention as it sat on the edge of the computer monitor.

It seems the harpy, let's call him Clyde, has "issues". And Clyde wants all of us to pay attention and see if we can address his issues.

The issue foremost on Clyde's raisin-sized brain is one about the need for more volunteers to help DRA continue its mission. DRA has a very dedicated core of volunteers who have been and

continue to contribute lots of time to helping everything run smoothly.

Clyde's "issue" is one of how to grow beyond this small number of volunteers. It seems simple to that wrinkled brown tongue-wagger. Get more people interested in lending a helping hand.

Ok, so we agree with Clyde...and really wanted to cram him back into the cabinet to silence the screams.

So here is the pitch, as promised to Clyde. "Why not get involved? Try it, you'll like it. We promise it's better than Casteroil." A couple of hours, a couple of times a month can make a difference.

Give **Vivienne Lukacs** a shout at 703.979.8996 or viv703@msn.com and help keep Clyde safely locked away!

## Check Your Mailing Label-Are You Due?

One more screeching tirade from Clyde burst forth as he was being wrestled into the cabinet. See the graphic is getting smaller and less intensely shaded. Sadly he just won't fade away yet.

This time his "issue" is to get every reader of *The Well Crafted Word* to check his or her mailing label. It shows when your membership expires.

So to appease Clyde, we are asking you to check your label.

Lots of memberships are coming up for renewal in June. We really appreciate your past and future support of DRA.

Renew now and save us the effort of mailing and/or calling you about your renewal. It will reduce the time needed from a volunteer.

Please use the membership form at the end of this newsletter. And let us know if you can volunteer to help out, too!

## Support Our Neighborhood Sponsors

Continuing thanks to two big DRA Mt. Vernon Avenue business supporters.

**Royce Flowers** who provide the wonderful floral arrangements for openings.

And **Radio Del Ray** where guru **Randy Allen** posts *The Well Crafted Word* at [www.radiodelray.com](http://www.radiodelray.com)

Thank You All Very Much!!

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## DRA's Garden Grows



A major change has taken place in the Del Ray Artisans' garden. On Saturday **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** volunteers excavated ground and installed patio stones on the south side of the building. The patio now accommodates two benches donated by **Home Depot**. **Two lovely Crape Myrtle Muskogee trees**, planted last year, shade this enchanting seating area along with a **lilac bush**. These frame a beautiful trellis with a climbing passionflower. **Jim Lube** from **Hollywood and Vines** helped with plant and trellis selection, as well as providing a nice discount on the items that were purchased. A fence panel is on order which will soon be installed to shield the trashcan area from passersby. This area will be a welcome rest area for guests during various DRA gallery events.

While some volunteers planted, weeded and mulched, others installed the patio. The work was scheduled from 9AM till noon, but continued until 5 PM with a

couple of well-deserved doughnut and pizza breaks taken throughout the day. We could not have accomplished this without the following volunteers: **Ron Blank, Jane DeWeerd, Alice Eichers, Ellyn Ferguson, Sheila George, Jo Giorgianni, Becky Heavner, Mitchell Helbrecht, Bob Larson, Mart Larson, Bryan Leister, Jean Leyman, Marlin Lord, Barbara, Robinson, Jordan Wright and Roy Wright**. Thank you all!

The volunteers who help clean up the adjacent park make a huge difference in our garden too! The city awards points and dollars for picking up trash in the park. If you want to sign-up for this contact **Marlin Lord**. It just takes a few minutes but adds so much to the enhancement of the gallery grounds and our garden.

To sign up for trash duty contact **Marlin Lord: [MGLAIA@aol.com](mailto:MGLAIA@aol.com)**.

To volunteer in the garden contact

## 2003 Calendar of Events



June 5	<i>Del Ray neighborhood's First Thursday-Quilt Show</i> preview
June 6 – 22	<i>Quilt Show</i> -curator <b>Becky Heavner</b> 703.683.1544
June 10	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
July 3	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
July 7 – 11	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Camp</i> -organizer <b>Michele Reday-Cook</b> 703.548.2273
July 8	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
July 15	General Member Event (7:30 PM)
Aug. 7	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Aug. 12	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Sept. 5 - 21	<i>Fall All Members Show</i>
Sept. 9	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Sept. 13 -14	<i>ACVA's Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Oct. 3 - 26	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> -curator <b>Rob Rudick</b> 301.270.2323
Oct. 4	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
Oct. 14	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Oct. 21	General Member Event (7:30 PM)
Nov. 7-23	<i>Washington Wood Workers Guild Collaboration</i> -curator <b>Solon Candage</b> 202.244.3510
Nov.11	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
Dec. 6	<i>Holiday Craft Sale</i> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 9	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)

## Art Camp Marches Forward

**Michele Reday-Cook** and **Sue Kulesher** have been busily signing up students and instructors for Art Camp, which begins July 7<sup>th</sup>. This year's one-week camp will feature classes in various mediums such as decoupage, photography, pottery, collage and jewelry. Plus, there will be swimming for

campers each day!

Generous donations from **Councilman Bill Euille** and area businessman **Jack Taylor**, along with the co-sponsorship of the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center help make this welcomed summer event possible for the 9-15 year old students in the community.

## Decoupage Class a Success

By organizer **Vivienne Lukacs'** count, 33 students attended the Durwin Rice Decoupage class held in May at the DRA gallery space. Each student completed two projects and received valuable instruction in the art of decoupage. At the Durwin Rice book-signing/reception event held in conjunction with the class,

many had the opportunity to not only meet the author, but were able to have him personally autograph their newly-purchased copies. This was a successful fund-raising activity for DRA and much fun for the students.

Other such classes are being considered.

## Students Climb the Walls

What does one do when there is a 30% increase in student-submitted works for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Students Show? Well, one just hangs 'em higher and higher on the walls. This year's students, 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, submitted 413 entries, a large increase from last year's 300 entries.

The works climbed the walls of the DRA Gallery as **Linda Silk** and her volunteers labored to hang the outpouring of works from students.

This year's award of the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship goes to **Caroline Gullickson**.

## Artists-Let Your Thoughts Be Known

*- How can DRA help you grow and develop as an artist?*

*- What workshops or activities are needed to support you?*

*- Do you want to develop new skills or refine your talents?*

Some proposed offerings are painting

demonstrations or workshops; presentation style (framing, etc.), critique groups or legal issues discussions.

Let the Program Committee hear from you. It is a great way to express your views and see that DRA supports your needs. Contact **Michele Reday-Cook** at [mredaycook@aol.com](mailto:mredaycook@aol.com) or 703.548.2273

## Quilts take Center Stage with 3-D works in June

Starting with June 5<sup>th</sup>'s First Thursday's Preview and continuing the next night with the gala opening, the **Q&A** quilt exhibit kicks off June's events.

with 3-D works from DRA members. This represents another example of successful DRA collaborations in the metropolitan area.

The award-winning quilts will be displayed

Curator **Becky Heavner** promises some new and very different twists on quilt themes.

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## Artist-In-Residence Program Being Explored

DRA is considering starting an Artist-In-Residence Program. An exploratory meeting will take place at the Colasanto Center on Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM. Please come prepared to discuss

your thoughts and ideas of how to make this program a success. Direct questions and concerns to **L'Tonya Tobin** via email: [ldtobin@yahoo.com](mailto:ldtobin@yahoo.com) or by calling 703-739-0424.

## Stained Glass Artist Needed

DRA wants to receive proposals from artists who wish to execute an original stained glass work for use in the cupola on the Colasanto Center. The work will be backlit in order to shine out onto Mt. Vernon Avenue, announcing the gallery's

presence to all passing by the center.

Please submit your proposal to **Martin Angebrannt** either in email format or by snail-mail as soon as possible. Martin may be reached at: 703.521.7703 or [2angebranntds@comcast.net](mailto:2angebranntds@comcast.net).

## Membership form

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: (E) _____ (D) _____
Email: _____
I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____
<b>I will volunteer for :</b> _____ gallery sitting ___ fundraising ___ phoning ___ clean-up ___ show hanging ___ exhibits planning ___ teaching a class ___ curating/co-curating ___ <b>just about anything, contact me</b> ___
This is a membership renewal yes ___ no ___
Membership dues: individual-\$35, household-\$50, corporate-\$100, student/senior/disabled-\$10
Make payment payable to Del Ray Artisans and mail with this form to:
<b>Del Ray Artisans Attn: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22301</b>

## About Our Organization...

Arts Resource Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public membership organization formed to create and support community-based arts organizations and promote the arts as a resource for community development. **Del Ray Artisans** is a community arts group featuring two and three dimensional works of decorative and functional art and fine crafts that provides them to the community through exhibits, lectures and instructional classes. **Del Ray Artisans** is funded, managed and operated by **Arts Resource Foundation**.

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