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July 2003



And We'll Have Fun, Fun, Fun...

This month's General Membership meeting is scheduled for July 15th and starts at 6:30 PM with a Swim Party. Welcome is extended to our new members and a hearty salute to volunteers.

Please join in the festivities and hear about what has been happening at Board of Directors meetings. What, you think this Newsletter contains ALL the news on what is transpiring?

So plan on an evening of fun, food and news. Learn how you can sign up to be more active. Share your thoughts on what services, help, instruction or events you'd like to see.

Contact **Michele Reday-Cook** at 703.548.2273 or mredaycook@aol.com or any DRA Board member to let us know you can attend.

See the enclosed insert for details.

August Show-World of Elements

You won't want to miss the opportunity to be part of the World of Elements show. What elements make up you life?

For those of you who think August is just about humidity, heat, lightening and trips to the beach you could also think about August as an exciting time of element activity in our environment. Let your creative juices flow.

The four common substances that our ancestors most often thought of when referring to "elements" were *earth, air, fire and water*. Let's expand our thinking and our creations for this exhibit to also include the elements of mathematics, chemistry, physics, electricity, weather, community, the World Wide Web, the business world, the military and the elements of religion.

DRA member and first time curator, **Darlene Wood-Harvey**, describes this theme as Life Components or happenings during our journey through life.

Dictionary descriptions of elements: 1. fundamental, essential or irreducible 2. member of a set 3. point, line, plane 4. part of a geometric configuration, such as an angle 5. substance composed of atoms and can not be reduced to simpler substances by normal means 6. earth, air, fire, water 7. resistant wire in an electrical appliance 8. forces that constitute weather 9. an environment suited to an individual 10. a distinct group within a larger community 11. part of a military force 12. bread and wine of the Eucharist.

The opening reception will be August 8th from 7-10 PM. all artists are requested to wear something representative of their "element" creation.

See the enclosed Call for Entry for details. Additional information is available by contacting **Darlene Wood-Harvey**, "Ten Sho" at 866.651.1128 or tensho@harvey-intl.com

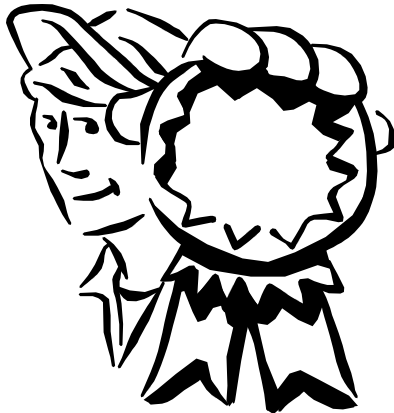
Another Art Camp Sponsor

The **Potomac West Business Association (PWBA) Foundation** will sponsor a camper's tuition at Art Camp.

Pat Miller of the PWBA said, "This camp is tremendous and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to lend our support."

Contributors this month include:
Patti North-Rudin, Michele Reday-Cook, Becky Heavner, Karen Schmitz, Kathryn Brown, Darlene Wood-Harvey, Dave Nicholson
Edited by: **Dave Nicholson**
Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (7/20 for August)

Garden Award



Garden Committee Chair, **Becky Heavner**, reports that she received a letter from the Alexandria Beautification Commission selecting the Del Ray Artisans for a Beautification Award. The award is for the “good work in designing and maintaining the landscaping at the Nicholas Colasanto Center is such a way that it is a pleasure for the passer-by and an asset to the City.” Criteria for making the award included visibility from the public right of way: plant colors; textures and forms; maintenance; proportion;

landscaping accents and elements; and relationship to the neighborhood.

An Awards Ceremony will be Tuesday, October 7th at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Mayor William Euille, will present the Award Certificates and a slide show of winning properties will be shown.

Contact **Becky Heavner**, by August 1st, if you would like to attend.
becky@beckyheavner.com or
703.683.1544

2003 Calendar of Events



July 3	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
July 7 – 11	<i>6th Annual Art Camp</i> -organizer Michele Reday-Cook 703.548.2273
July 8	Board meeting (7:30-9:30 PM)
July 15	General Member Event (7:30 PM) Pool Party
Aug. 7	<i>Del Ray Neighborhood's First Thursday</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Aug. 7-23	<i>The World of Elements Show</i> curator- Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
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	ACVA's <i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Oct. 3 - 26	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> -curator Rob Rudick 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 Solon Candage 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)

Snack Food Junkies Please Help Art Camp

So come on and suck up those crispy, baked mashed potato(e) snacks. Art Camp co-chair, **Michele Reday-Cook**, is calling all Pringle's cans for **Lorraine Bentley's** kaleidoscope-making class.

Please save the cans and especially the lids! You can drop them off at the Gallery before July 7th.

Questions? Contact **Michele Reday-Cook** at 703.548.2273 or mredaycook@aol.com

Decoupage Class-Instructor's Comments

Vivienne Lukacs forwarded a letter from Durwin Rice, instructor at the recent decoupage class. Mr. Rice is a recognized authority in the art of decoupage. He has written several books on the subject and has appeared on television.

In part his letter contained the following comments, "...**Lorraine Bentley, Vivienne**

Lukacs, Beverly Hanson, Anne Leslie and **Frances Ward** could not have done a more excellent job!" and this about DRA, "It is always inspiring to me to find a local organization, such as yours, that really succeeds in its goal of promoting artistic talents within the community."

And we thank Mr. Rice for joining us and look forward to a return visit.

Our Continuing Sponsors

Again our thanks to our DRA Mt. Vernon Avenue business supporters.

Royce Flowers who provide the wonderful floral arrangements for openings. And **Radio Del Ray** where **Randy Allen** posts *The Well Crafted Word* at www.radiodelray.com

Also, thanks to **Steve Crossett** for being the coding-link master and overseeing posting of the monthly Newsletter to the Radio Del Ray website.

Thank You All Very Much!!

Are You Due?

Lots of memberships have come 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.

Please use the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Do not just send in a check.

And let us know if you can volunteer to help out, too!

Photo Call for Entries

Do you have a great black & white photo that was not what you had planned but something else altogether, something surprising and exciting? Those wonderful shots that happened by chance, through luck or perhaps from the workings of your subconscious are what we would like to hang in our next show called Happy Accidents.

Specialty Arlington lab, **Black & White**, is mounting the show.

Submissions no later than July 18 or earlier if you think your photo would look good on their postcard. The show opens July 25th.

Call **Kit** or **April** at 703.525.1922 to let them know you plan to enter a shot.

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Congrats...

DRA member, **Patti North-Rudin**, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Alexandria Commission for the Visual Arts.

You may wish to send her your best wishes at pnorth@pnrpa.com

DRA Gallery Clean-up and "Mop"-athon

Members and Friends join us for a July clean up. Let's clean out closets, organize the kitchen and paint...all in a cool empty space.

We're looking to schedule the dust-along sometime between July 16th thru 24th.

Contact **Karen Schmitz** at 703.836.0035 or schmityk@yahoo.com so times can be arranged.

Membership form

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: (E) _____ (D) _____
Email: _____
I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____
I will volunteer for : _____ gallery sitting ___ fundraising ___ phoning ___ clean-up ___ show hanging ___ exhibits planning ___ teaching a class ___ curating/co-curating ___ just about anything, contact me ___
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:
Del Ray Artisans Attn: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22301

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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