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Del Ray Artisans
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December 2003



Jingle Del rocks

Holiday shop-a-thon at Del Ray Artisans annual arts and craft sale. This year it's a 2-day event!

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th, 29 DRA members will be selling their creations ranging from fine crafts to fine art. Among the bounty will be beautiful hand-painted velvet purses by **Barbara Brecher**,

exotic wood winestoppers by **Martin Angebranntt**, colorful glass platters by **Madeline Ramsey** and much more! Each day will feature a different group of artisans. So mark your calendars and plan to shop BOTH days. Your purchases support arts and artists. Hours are 9:00AM to 4:00PM both days.

January brings a renaissance..... show

We all have been inspired in our creative pursuits by teachers, the classics, nature and many other ideas. We have used this inspiration to invigorate our art.

Renaissance means rebirth and what better way to begin the New Year than by exhibiting pieces fueled by a rebirth in our ideas.

From January 9th through January 25th, 2004, help celebrate the New Year. Join us and share your inspiration and the sparks that result in a Renaissance Show.

Opening reception is January 9th from 7:00-10:00PM. See the enclosed Call for Entries or contact **Richard F. Wyvill** at 703.548.3940.

RED2 redux, again and again

Here's a chance to adopt another "too fabulous" wooden heart for the **RED2** fundraiser scheduled for Friday, February 6th. We have over 60 hearts looking for a good temporary home, while they receive a dressing up getting ready for their big auction night. Get yours now!

Completed hearts are due back at the gallery by Friday evening, January 30th or during the day, Saturday, January 31st. Please contact **Susan Slattery**, summerh@erols.com or **Jen Chappell**, jchappell@fscs.com, if you have questions.

Remember if you submit a completed heart you receive one reduced admission to the event.

Need inspiration? Drop by the gallery and check out last year's "Heart Art" displayed on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Don't forget to think about those celebrities you know! Seek 'em out, sign them up for a heart, then deliver it to the celebrity artist of your choice. How can they turn you down-it's the holidays?!

Are you wondering about other ways to get involved in the Valentine fundraiser? Check in with the RED2 committee at their next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00PM at the gallery.

Also help out by soliciting entertainment, get-aways, instruction, chef specialties, books, artwork or fabulous tchochkes for the Silent Auction and RED2 Raffle.

Contributors this month include:
Susan Slattery, Richard Wyvill, Deb Mezzetta, Linda Silk, Martin Angebranntt, Dave Nicholson, and Karen Schmitz
Edited by: **Dave Nicholson**
Submission deadline-20th of month preceding (12/20 for January)
email to: f8photog@yahoo.com

Card making party in January

Give yourself three hours to enjoy the pure pleasure of creating on Sunday, January 18th from 1:00-4:00PM.

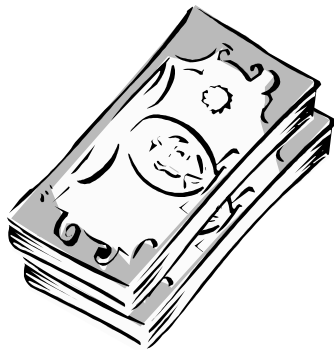
Express your creativity while getting to know other Del Ray Artisans in a convivial setting. No experience is necessary. You are welcome to bring friends along.

We will be making handmade one-of-a-kind cards, with a predominantly Valentine theme. These cards are sold to help raise funds for DRA.

In addition to the supplies listed below, a little snack to share with the group would be appreciated.

Please bring any and all supplies: scissors, card stock, paper and envelope blanks, decorative papers, wrapping paper, yarns, tape, glue sticks, ruler, X-acto knives, colored pencils, acrylic and watercolors, ribbon AND a cutting board.

RSVP to **Deb Mezzetta** at mezzetta@aol.com or 703.650.3734.



Donations from sales set to increase

The Board of Directors, after much discussion and a survey of other local galleries' practices, has decided to increase the requested artist donation to 20% from its current 10%, effective January 1, 2004.

This is the first such increase in 11 years and represents the reality of operating in

today's environment. The requested donation applies to all who exhibit and sell through or as a direct result of exhibiting at the Del Ray Artisans gallery.

The donation is requested from sales made at other locations if DRA helped in identifying the site.

2003-2004 Calendar of Events

December 2	RED2 committee meeting (7:00 PM)
Dec. 6-7	<i>Holiday Arts & Craft Sale</i> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM), organizers- Linda Silk 703.533.7689 and Liz Martinez 703.548.0885
Dec. 9	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jan. 9-25, 2004	<i>Renaissance</i> , curator- Richard Wyvill 703.548.3940
Jan. 13, 2004	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Jan. 18	Card-making Party-Valentines for RED2 (1-4:00 PM)
Feb. 6	<i>RED2 Fundraiser</i> , (8:00 PM-midnight), co-chairs- J. Chappell/S. Slattery
Feb. 10	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Feb. 13-29	<i>Desert Island Challenge</i> , curator- Linda Silk 703.533.7689
Feb. 17	DRA General meeting (7:30 PM)
Mar. 5-28	<i>Springwater Fiber Art Collaboration</i> , curator- Julie Geschwind 703.768.3897/ DRA co-curator- Dianna Diatz 703.549.9949
Mar. 9	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
April 9-25	<i>Spring All Member Show</i> , curator needed
Apr. 13	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
May 6	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Students Art Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
May 7-23	<i>Students Art Show</i> , curator- Linda Silk
May 11	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 3	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Fun 'n Games Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Jun. 4-Jul. 18	<i>Fun 'n Games</i> , curators- Jen Chappell, Susan Slattery, Dave Nicholson
Jun. 8	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 15	DRA general meeting (7:30 PM)
July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM)
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 26-30	Art Camp- camp coordinator, art teachers and volunteers needed -Contact Samantha Lentz twinstar@aol.com



Woodworkers show and art exhibit

The opening reception for the Woodworkers Show was attended by approximately 300 people. Sales exceeded \$4,000 to exhibiting artists with almost 3/4 of these sales being made by DRA members.

Positive comments were made by members of the Washington Woodworkers Guild

Our continuing sponsors

Again our thanks to **Royce Flowers** for the terrific floral arrangements they provide for show openings.

Also thanks to Randy Allen of **Radio Del Ray** for hosting our webpages.

Do you really want to be listed?

Responses from last month's inquiry regarding whether artists would like to be listed in an e-directory have been a bit lacking. We'll extend the comment period an additional month to give everyone time to respond if they haven't already.

This is your chance to let us know if this would be a helpful/desirable member benefit.

regarding the quality of the DRA space, the mounting of the show and the professionalism of the gallery in general. Congratulations to DRA curator, **Martin Angebrannt**.

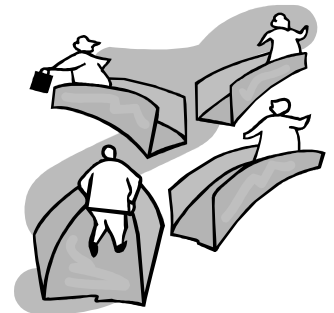
A future collaboration with the WWG is a distinct possibility.

Tickets for RED2

It's on your calendar, right? Friday, February 6th, 2004. Now, purchase your tickets early for this popular DRA fundraiser. Don't delay, as it was a sold-out event in 2003. Contact Jen Chappell at DelRayRED2@aol.com, to get 'em while you still can.

Also being investigated is the possibility of placing such a directory on the DRA page at the RadioDelRay web page.

Contact **Dave Nicholson** at 703.578.6471 or f8photog@yahoo.com with comments or questions.



Call for entries, grants and exhibition space

Target Gallery: Call for exhibition proposals. Deadline: January 15, 2004. Open exhibition (juried) competition in the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Open to individual artists and groups in all media in North America.

Exhibition dates: October 20th-November 28th, 2004. Application fee: \$35 for 20 images and proposal. Contact targetgallery@torpedofactory.org, 703.838.4565 or SASE to Open 2004, Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alex. VA 22314.

Goodwin House is a non-profit continuing care retirement community. They can exhibit 2D and small 3D works for 6-week intervals either in a solo or group format.

There is 84 feet of hanging space. Works are hung and labeled by the artist. No insurance coverage is provided.

Interested artists are encouraged to contact Colleen Ostrander, Creative Arts Director at 703.824.1125 to discuss opportunities.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts: Public Art Opportunity for the Duke Street Concourse. Deadline for proposals: 4:00PM, January 5th, 2004. Artists selected receive \$300 per 4' x 6' panel. Additional information, specs and architectural plans available from ACA, Public art committee, 1108 Jefferson St., Alex. VA 22314 or 703.838.6348

Arlington Commission for the Arts: Grants for Arlington-resident artists for FY 2005. Deadline: Tuesday January 27th, 2004. Guidelines and application at www.arlingtonarts.org or by calling 703.228.1850. Workshops offered, and are mandatory, for first-time applicants.

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Wanted...art teacher

Would you like to teach art to a 9 year old artist-in-the-making?

If interested in providing private lessons, contact Susan Mulvehill at 703.922.1484.

Gifts for DRA

During the holidays please remember the Del Ray Artisans with a donation that will help DRA continue to bring high-quality programs, events and art to The Avenue. Your donation can be for the general DRA treasury or earmarked for the Ted Eichers Scholarship Fund.

Also, many employers have donation-matching programs whereby your gift is increased further. Give a little to DRA so we can continue to give to all.

Thank You!

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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