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March 2004

March show redux

The March winds usher in our annual collaborative exhibit with Springwater Fiber Workshop. The show opens on Friday, March 12th (7-10 PM) and promises to be a fascinating show of fiber art...and more.

Curators **Julie Geschwind** and **Dianna Diatz** have been hard at work preparing for this event. Join us on the 12th or any weekend through March 28th (Sat. 10-4 and Sun. 12-4). You'll be blown away!

RED2 rocked!

RED2, held Friday evening, February 6th, was a big success! The red-clad crowd, including Alexandria's Mayor, Vice Mayor and several City Council members, boogied and bid the night away in a red-lit, confetti-saturated wonderland created in the DRA gallery by **Deb Mezzetta, Charlotte Corcoran** and **Christopher Wright**. With the help of many "drop in" volunteers over the span of a week, the team attached an endless number of paper squares to the walls that made up the exciting "cascading confetti" look. **Brian Marquis'** innovative neon pieces added to the effect perfectly.

Wammie award winners (Wash. Area Music Assoc.-WAMA) **Ruthie** and the Wranglers blew through five rocking sets of tunes while guests enjoyed sweet treats, sparkling wine and a coffee bar.

Celebrity and DRA member hearts ranged from romantic to slapstick to highly-evolved art form, which contributed to healthy competitive bidding. Alexandria Vice Mayor **Del Pepper** along with Torpedo Factory artist and nationally-recognized printmaker **Rosemary Feit Covey**, judged the artist member hearts and awarded the following:

Best in Show	Patti North-Rudin
Most Romantic	Linda Silk
Funniest	Sally Coler
Sappiest	Barbara Robinson
Most Exotic	Theresa Kulstad
Most Creative Materials	Trish Hogan

Among the fifteen heart-making celebs were Mayor **William D. Euille**, City Council members **Rob Krupicka** and **Andrew McDonald**, nationally-recognized artists **Sam Dixon**, **Brian Gibson**, **Mehran** and **Joel Traylor**, and Alexandria Symphony conductor **Kim Allen Kluge**. Raffle prizes ran the gamut of canine treats from the Hydrant Barkery and vintage jewelry from the REMIX to hand-knit boas, music CDs, dining at local faves **Panatier** and **Evening Star**, art work by DRA members and tickets for cruises with the Potomac Riverboat Company. Among the Silent Auction contributors were **Cruiseship Dandy**, **Imagine Art Wear** and vocal coach **Wynn Creasy**.

The RED2 Co-chairs, **Jen Chappell** and **Susan Slattery** together with the entire RED2 committee would like to thank all of those who participated, contributed, volunteered and attended RED2.

Interested in a Spring sales event ?

We are trying to gauge interest in an outdoor Spring Art Sale possibly to be held on the lawn in front of the Colasanto Center on Saturday, May 8th. Del Ray Artisans would provide the publicity; members would provide their own tables, shelters and displays.

A small participation fee would be required. Right now we're checking to see who might be interested.

Contact **Rob Rudick** at 301.270.3939 or rob.rudick@usace.army.mil



Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery, Jen Chappell, Kathryn Brown, Deb Mezzetta** and **Dave Nicholson**.

Many thanks to our monthly sponsors: **Royce Flowers**-the lovely arrangements seen at every opening **Radiodelray**-giving us our little corner on the world wide web

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Windows 'o Art on the Avenue & the Boulevard

DRA member, St. Elmo's owner and local developer **Scott Mitchell** is offering window space for the display of artwork near St. Elmo's. Please respond quickly. This is currently unleased property-this opportunity will last only till the spaces are rented. Contact **Kathryn Brown** 703.549.5227.

Chris Walker, manager of Clarendon Grill in Arlington, has offered wall space for showing artists' works. The restaurant is not responsible for vandalism or theft to the pieces To find out more about this opportunity, call **Chris** at 703.524.7455.

Help put the FUN into another Fun 'n Games Show

The team that brought you Fun 'n Games in 2002 is at it again this coming June!

for our first planning meeting, Wednesday, March 24 at 7 PM.

If you remember the giggles you had at that show and you would like to be part of this year's FUN, join us at the gallery

For more information, contact **Jen Chappell** jchappell@fscsco.com or **Susan Slattery** summerh@erols.com



2004 Calendar of Events

Mar. 12-28	<i>Conceal/Reveal</i> , Springwater Fiber Workshop/DRA Collaboration, curator- Julie Geschwind 703.768.3897/ DRA co-curator- Dianna Ditz
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>Student Art Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
May 7-23	<i>Student Art Show</i> / curator- Linda Silk 703.533.7689
May 11	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 3	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Fun 'n Games 2 Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Jun. 4-Jul. 18	<i>Fun 'n Games 2</i> / curators- J. Chappell, S. Slattery, D. Nicholson
Jun. 8	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
Jun. 15	DRA General Meeting & Game Night (7:30 PM)
July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM)
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 26-30	<i>Art Camp</i> / L'Tonya Tobin , camp coordinator, Still needed are art teachers. Contact Samantha Lentz twinstar@aol.com
August 5	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00 PM)
August 6-29	OPEN – CURATOR NEEDED
August 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 17	DRA General Meeting & Pool Party (6:00 PM)
Sept. 4	1 st Thursday Preview of <i>Fall All Members Show</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Sept. 10-26	<i>Fall All Members Show</i> – CURATOR NEEDED
Oct. 1 - 24	<i>Asian Influence</i> / curator- Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
Oct. 2	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
Oct. 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 19	DRA General Meeting & Elections (7:30 PM)
Oct. --	<i>Mask Fundraiser</i> / Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
Nov. 5–28	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> / curator- Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
Nov. 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Dec. 4 & 5	<u>Holiday Art & Crafts Show</u> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 11 & 12	<u>Holiday Art & Crafts Show</u> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) Contact Liz Martinez 703.548.0885 & Linda Silk
Dec 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)



Calling Photographers

Join us for the first of what we anticipate will be a series of meetings on photography. The first meeting will be held Thursday, March 18th at 8 PM at the gallery. Please bring your portfolio, samples of your work, or any new & exciting information to share!

Our goal is to grow our community of

photographers, get to know each other better, and ultimately to show our work as a group in November. Hope to see you then!

Please RSVP to **Jen Chappell** at jchappell@fscs.com or **Rob Rudick** at rob.rudick@usace.army.mil by March 15th if you are able to attend.



New Board Secretary

A big welcome to **Linda Silk**, longtime DRA member, previous Well Crafted Word editor and curator for the wholly unusual, fascinating and woo-hoo! worthy *Creative*

Challenge Show that washed ashore into the gallery during February. Linda has signed on for a new challenge by becoming our new Board Secretary.

Call for Committee Members

Members **Theresa Kulstad** and **Lynn Wyvill** are forming a committee to create another exciting fundraiser for DRA. The theme will be Masks and the event is,

quite appropriately, planned for October! If you are interested in being involved, please contact Theresa Kulstad tkulstad@starpower.net



Just look what you missed...

A 'heart-y' thank you to **Deb Mezzetta** and all who participated in the Del Ray Artisans Card-Making Party on Sunday, January 18, 2004. Twenty-three artists braved the cold weather to participate, and created well over 100 cards in one afternoon!!

The results were a wide variety of delightful and beautiful valentine-themed cards which sold like red hots at RED2.

Feel free to create cards anytime to donate

to Del Ray Artisans fundraising efforts. Consider hosting a card making party --any time of the year!

Thanks again to all who set up for the party, provided supplies, yummy snacks, stayed late to clean up, prepared cards for packaging, invited friends, provided delightful conversation and camaraderie, and for making the card-making party a great success. Oh yes, and a special thank you to the wise purchasers of the handmade cards.

...and what else

Tuesday night, February 17th the Gallery was abuzz with the quarterly General Meeting. The pizza and art supply swap fest attracted a large group of members.

Theresa Kulstad greeted arrivals and adorned them with Mardi Gras beads. **Samantha Lentz**, our new Program Chair, along with seasoned Gallery Coordinator **Karen Schmitz**, started the night with pizza and cheer.

Just some of the many items brought in for swap/exchange were frames, pastels, an oval mat cutter, copper tubing, a tin of vintage buttons & beads, pastels, oil paints, designer fabrics, papers, and more... along with loads of enthusiasm .

Calls for a repeat of this art supply swap have already poured in. Stay tuned as we'll plan another event before the year is out. Maybe a Fall "sweep-n-swap".

...so don't miss

Del Ray Citizens Association's [third annual "Meet-and-Greet" March 8th at 7:30 PM at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.](#) [Representatives](#) from [many](#) neighborhood

groups and the City will be on-hand to meet with the community-at-large and welcome new arrivals. This past year brought [190 new households to Del Ray!](#)

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Community Representative

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Board and Committee openings

Several positions on the Board and show committees remain open. We welcome anyone interested in how a non-profit, community-based arts organization operates to consider volunteering for one of the positions. Of course, like any organization today, we can consider job-sharing if your time is limited.

It's truly fascinating how a group of Del Ray residents got together over 12 years ago and came up with the idea that is the

Del Ray Artisans you see today. Our early struggles with funding, finding gallery space, newsletter publishing, exhibition planning and scheduling still exist today. Albeit on a larger scale.

We've grown from under 25 members to 300+, with a mailing list of almost 1,000.

Not bad for a bunch of dog owners. Ask any Board member what that reference means....and how you can get involved!

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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