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May 2004

8th Annual student show

For the eighth consecutive year the Del Ray Artisans are the sponsoring organization for the Annual Student Art Show.

From May 7th through 23rd, the gallery space of the Del Ray Artisans (DRA) will be filled with vibrant artwork from nearly two hundred students who attend school in Alexandria. An annual tradition since 1997, DRA sponsors this exhibition of artwork by students enrolled at Minnie Howard School, F.C. Hammond Middle School, George Washington Middle School, and T.C. Williams High School.

Always an eye-opening experience, the Student Art Show allows budding artists to "strut their stuff" in a public forum and gives the community a chance to connect with these tweens and teens on a different level. Ribbons are awarded for painting, drawing, graphic design, printmaking, pottery, mixed

media, and more by a judging panel of professional artists.

The opening reception will be held on Friday, May 7th from 7-9:30PM, and will feature live musical entertainment. The recipient of the Del Ray Artisans-Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship will also be announced during the reception.

Again this year, the herculean effort of installing this show is being coordinated by **Linda Silk**. She and her crew work long hours arranging and hanging this show. If you would like to help with the hanging of this year's show, contact **Linda** at lsilk@worldnet.att.net

Gallery hours during the show are: Saturdays 10:00am-4:00PM, and Sundays noon-4:00PM.



Mark your calendar, it's Fun 'n Games Redux!

Can you just STAND it? Remember the times we had at the first DRA Fun-n-Games event in 2002? Remember the mile-high chapeaus worn by the curators, the music, the neon?

We'll we're baaaaack! Yep, Fun 'n Games Redux rolls its carnival tent into town on June 4th, with a pre-opening viewing on the 3rd, and a 6-week long run. We're planning to have face painting, tarot card reading and games for children.

We need artists to make sure there are

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Gala

A Spring Gala to mark the 20th Anniversary of Alexandria Commission for the Arts is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 6:30PM at the Hilton Mark Center.

The program will feature live music as well as an exciting array of visual presentations retrospective of two decades of fostering

plenty of new works for this longest running show of the DRA year. Pick up a call for entry at the DRA gallery, and join the fun!

Keep in mind that the last one of these shindigs brought huge crowds to the opening and a high visitor count during the run of the show. See our article on p.3 about specifics for help we need, or contact **Jen Chappell**, 703.765.1510, jchappell@fscs.com, **Susan Slattery**, 703.922.7290, summerh@erols.com or **Dave Nicholson**, f8photog@yahoo.com

Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery**, **Linda Silk**, **Rob Ruddick** 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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Spring outdoor art sale

The Del Ray Artisans are holding a Spring Outdoor Art Sale on Saturday, May 8th (the day before Mother's Day), from 10:00 AM to 6:00PM. The sale will be in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, which adjoins the Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia. Twenty DRA members are banding together to show and sell their creations "en pleine air."

Lisa Schumaier, Linda Sherman, Mary Shockley, Leah Sturgis, Jennifer Thompson, and Janice Weiser.

Coordinator **Rob Rudick** hopes to see you and your friends, with checkbooks. It is a great opportunity to see a lot of art from a lot of artists. There will be specially priced unframed prints and matted works as well as ready-to-hang pieces. The timing of the sale will also afford buyers a chance to purchase unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day.

We need a few more hands to help on the day of the event. If you're interested call **Rob Rudick** at 301.270.2323. Special thanks to **Linda Silk** for creating the post card and posters for the sale.

Participating artists: **Cornelia Atchley, Kimberly Bush, Michele Reday Cook, Jane DeWeerd, Dianna Diatz, Karen di Benedetto, Lillian Fitzgerald, Ann Jackman-Hynes, Paige Ireland, Jewell Lewis-Terry, Doris Lockard, Marlin Lord, Vivienne Lukacs, Rob Rudick,**



2004 Calendar of Events

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 8	<i>Spring Art Sale</i> (10:00AM – 6:00PM) Contact Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
May 11	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
June TBA	Card making party (noon-5:00 PM) Contact Meri Cole Henshaw 703.581.4111 or Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
Jun. 3	1 st Thursday Preview <i>Fun 'n Games Redux</i> (6:00-9:00 PM)
Jun. 4-Jul. 18	<i>Fun 'n Games Redux</i> / curators- J. Chappell, S. Slattery, D. Nicholson
Jun. 8	Board meeting (7:00 PM)
July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM) <i>Choreographers Collaboration Project</i>
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 15	General Member Meeting and Game Night (7:30 PM)
July 26-30	<i>Art Camp</i> / L'Tonya Tobin , camp director LDTobin@ByLTonya.com Still needed are art teachers.
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
Sept. 11-12	<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
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. 30	<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



April All-Members show

For the semi-annual All-Members Show DRA was lucky to have **Lillian Fitzgerald** jury the entries. This was our first effort at having an outside juror. If you saw the works, we think you would agree that the caliber of work was very high indeed.

Among Lillian's many credentials: Curator of both the Clinical Center Galleries at the National Institutes of Health and the gallery at Health and Human Services, plus she is the owner of Fitzgerald Fine Arts,

a consulting firm specializing in the collection and exhibition of original works of art. In addition, she is an exhibits specialist for the U.S. Botanic Gardens.

Over 80 works were represented and many showcased a spring theme; such as: **Richard Wyvill's** oil *Along the Creeper Trail*, **Kristine Lingle's** oil *Mrs. Slongwhite's Orchard*, **Paul Zapata's** pastel *Daffodils* and **John Solheim's** photo *Seeds*.

Glass-arts festival

Spend an afternoon with acclaimed glass artists from the Washington metropolitan area. This festival, the only one of its kind in the US, features demonstrations of a variety of art glass techniques and forms: stained glass, fused glass, glassblowing, mosaics, casting, flameworking, and more. There will be activities for children, and glass jewelry and artwork will be on sale.

Sponsored by the National Capital Art Glass Guild in co-operation with the Glen Echo Glass Art Consortium and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for the Arts and Culture, the festival will take place on Saturday May 8th, Noon- 5PM Admission to the festival is free.

For more information, call 301.320.7757

Fun 'n Games Redux, part 2

Volunteers are still needed to help with decorating the gallery on Saturday (May 29) and Sunday (May 30) to prepare for Fun 'n Games Redux's opening (June 5) and to assist with setting up games and activities for the opening (June 4), and Game Night (July 15).

Does anyone have access to a commercial-type cotton candy or popcorn making machine that they would be willing to make available for the opening?

Contact **Susan Slattery** summerh@erols.com or **Jen Chappell** jchappell@fsco.com

Dance performances-First Thursday, July 1st

During the Del Ray neighborhood's First Thursday event on July 1st, the Choreographers Collaboration Project will be presenting three performances at 7PM and again at 8PM in the DRA gallery. This group has performed in conjunction with DRA a number of times and their work is

always well-received. The pieces, entitled "Recreation", "Play Bach" and "Going", relate directly to the theme of the Fun 'n Games Redux show. Director Mary Jo Smet expects that the performances will run about 20 minutes.

For more information, call 703.683.2070.

Card-Making Party

Another DRA Card-Making Party is tentatively being planned for a Sunday in June. The date is still to be worked out. The theme this time is FUN, in homage to the upcoming Fun 'n Games Redux Show. We will be making all-purpose cards. Plan to bring your own scissors along with any miscellaneous supplies (such as stamps, stickers, etc.)

that you have on-hand, and a snack to share with your fellow cardmakers.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event or you want to attend, please call **Meri Cole Henshaw** 703.581.4111 or **Theresa Kulstad** 703.914.1517.

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Membership news

The Board of Directors has been discussing how to broaden the categories of membership in The Del Ray Artisans. It realizes that not everyone who is a member is an artist.

It also recognizes that not everyone can volunteer to help with the various tasks that continually occur in operating an art gallery, tasks such as, installing shows that occur each month, submitting proposals for grants, publishing and mailing a monthly newsletter, maintaining a large mailing database, painting and general maintenance of the DRA space.

Having given considerable thought to this issue, the Board has voted to create additional categories of memberships. One significant change is that the least expensive memberships will have a 'volunteer' component that will be mandated as part of membership.

Those who cannot or chose not to contribute time to DRA will be asked to pay a slightly higher membership fee. The Board feels this is the best way to acknowledge, and thank, the many volunteers. Details will be in future newsletters.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone:(E) _____ (D) _____
Email: _____
I am an artist yes ___ no ___ My medium is _____
Volunteers are needed for many positions throughout the year. We welcome both artisans and supporters to give of themselves, a few hours, to helping keep DRA a vibrant and vital part of the Alexandria community.
Please volunteer for a specific function as noted below or just let us contact you when/as needs arise. We promise to honor your generosity of time.
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

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