

The Well Crafted Word

Del Ray Artisans
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July 2004

Del Ray Artisans to cease operation

The Del Ray Artisans announced on June 30, 2004, that in the very near future they will suspend operations and close the Gallery where they have hosted an average of 10 art exhibits per year for the past five years. Citing the conflicting issues of growing community interest, judged by increasing membership enrollments, and sharp declines in member participation the Del Ray Artisans have exhausted the tremendous support of a very small core of less than 25 volunteers.

An example of the lack of volunteer help was evident at the last Exhibit Opening. Over 35 members were contacted and asked to provide some help with the Opening Night events. Of those who were contacted, not one member responded to the telephone message, much less came forward to actually help.

Being an all volunteer organization, i.e. there is no paid staff, every activity relies on members to provide assistance. Volunteers are needed to help in 2-3 hour increments where exhibits are concerned.

Board of Director positions usually involve 4-6 hours per month. To date help largely has come from a very small group of tireless souls.

This core group has been forced to do triple and quadruple duty serving the needs of keeping the Del Ray Artisans running. Its culture of being a fun place for artists, members and the community-at-large to meet and enjoy the wide range of exciting arts, fun-themed gallery events and parties, now must come to an end due to lack of people who don't contribute even a few hours to guarantee success.

Do YOU want the above to come true? If not, then please, please offer to share a few hours of your time to come to the aid of **YOUR** arts organization.

Together, we'll make sure the above does not happen and we'll continue to bring terrific events to everyone. To sign up to volunteer or to get information about Board positions, contact **Vivienne Lukacs** at: 703.979.8996 or viv703@msn.com

Fun 'n Games Redux show a hit

What does one do when there is a smash hit show? Why one simply "Reduxes" it two years later.

One dark and stormy night approximately 150 fans turned out to celebrate the 2nd installment of Fun 'n Games.

There was face-painting, limbo dancing and tarot readings as well as fun-related art to purchase and, under a palm tree, grab bags galore. Punching out Bozo in the Vent Tent was only slightly dampened by the weather. All this and food, drink and music to restore the "humours" of those who attended.

An August to Treasure show

Founding DRA members, Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord present a two-person show in August. Work from their extensive portfolios will include photographs, paintings, drawings and sculpture. The gallery should be quite full with a wide variety of pieces on view.

The show runs weekends August 6-22, with a preview on 1st Thursday, August 5th (6:00-9:00 PM). Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Sundays 12:00-4:00 PM. An opening reception will be held August 6th from 7:00-10:00 PM with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.



Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery, Karen Schmitz, Marlin Lord** 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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Members' General Meeting continues Fun 'n Games

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 15th 7:30 PM. That is the night of the DRA General Members quarterly event...a night of fun 'n games. Programs Director **Samatha Lentz** and the Fun 'n Games crew is planning a night of games, frolic and food. Don't miss this one!

Several past Ted Eichers Memorial Scholarship Award winners will also be on hand to discuss their art. So let the fun begin and come on out for what will be an entertaining evening. ***If you can bring a board game or extra card table, please contact summerh@erols.com***

Fall 2004 Art-O-Matic

Have you seen the recycled vending machines that sell original art works, no bigger than a candy bar or cigarette pack?

arts event run by and for artists and friends of the DC-VA-MD arts community.

Well they're baaaaack! Art-O-Matic is a volunteer-organized and managed

Want to get involved? Check out the available committees at www.artomatic.org/getinvolved.asp

2004-05 Calendar of Events



July 1	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00PM)
July 10	<i>USA/City Birthday Celebration</i> (4-10:30PM) Oronoco Bay Park; Contact Linda Silk 703.533.7689 & Darlene Wood-Harvey 866.651.1128
July 13	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
July 15	General Member Meeting and Game Night
August 5	1 st Thursday event (6:00-9:00 PM)
August 6-22	<i>An August to Treasure</i> , Two person show by Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord
August 10	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
August 17	DRA Pool Party (6:00 PM)
August 27-29	Board retreat
Sept. 2	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> – Co-curators Karen Schmitz, Samantha Lentz & Doris Lockard
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-scare-ah Fundraiser</i> Contact Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517 and Lynn Wyvill
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)
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January 7-30	<i>Inspired by Elvis Show</i> , Channeling by Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery, Smouse and the Memphis Mafia
January 8	<i>Elvis'70th Birthday Dance Party</i>

Thank you, thank you, thank you

We have our first Gold Corporate Sponsor. Longtime members and supporters, **Margaret** and **Brett Wohler**, sent in an early renewal of their membership and upgraded to the new Gold level. Thank you very much !

For anyone wishing to also upgrade their membership, please refer to the last page of this newsletter.

Join your fellow artists and become one of the DRA gold sponsors.

Board of Director openings

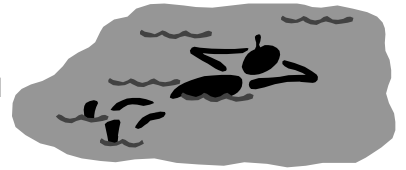
See our lead article; DRA needs you. There currently are several opening for board members. These positions require 4-6 hours per month involvement. Help keep DRA moving forward and growing as a presence in the greater Washington arts community.

Positions available: Historian, Curator coordinator, Fundraising, Facility and Community representative. Contact **Karen Schmitz** at schmityk@yahoo.com or 703.317.9340 for details on each position.

Splish splash – More Fun in the Sun

Stay tuned for a tiki-fueled, ho-daddy **Pool Party** on Thursday, August 17th starting at 6:00 PM. Grab your Speedos and join the big (and little) Kahunas for a splashdown

to remember. Scarf down some charred dogs, potato salad and other cookout fare for carnivores and herbivores alike. Stay tuned for more details in August.



Get your Art up

Advance notice to begin preparations for the **September All Members show**. This twice-yearly event always draws many works by a large number of members.

So don't fritter your summer away like the grasshopper. Instead get down to work like the ant. Details in the August newsletter.

In search of...

...interesting themes for shows for the 2005 calendar. Gallery coordinator, **Karen Schmitz**, has begun casting her net in search of exciting show ideas as well as curators who would like to oversee these shows.

If you have an intriguing proposal or even an inkling of something that might be woven into a show theme, please contact Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com or 703.317.9340 to discuss your idea(s).

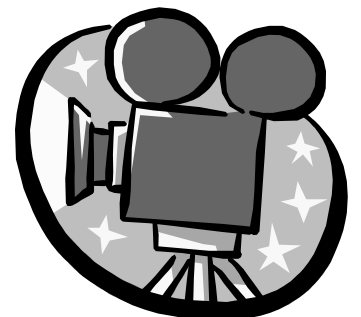
Woo-hoo, Free Outdoor Film festival

The City of Alexandria and Comcast will hold the city's first **FREE Outdoor Film Festival** for families on Friday, July 30; Saturday, July 31; and Sunday, Aug. 1. The event will take place at Ben Brenman Park, 5000 Duke Street in Alexandria.

Vendors and area restaurants will sell popcorn, homemade lemonade, and food beginning at 7 PM with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Campagna Center. All movies begin at approximately 8 PM (when dark).

Films being shown are 'Grease' on Friday, 'Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets' on Saturday, and 'Shrek' on Sunday.

Families are invited to bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled. For more information, call 703.838.4800.



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Want to join one of the world's oldest professions? Nope, not that one! Become a writer and editor of The Well Crafted Word. Gain valuable experience not only in sharpening your journalistic

skills but learn about the inner workings of a successful non-profit organization. Extensive "getting off the ground" help is available. Contact **Dave Nicholson** at f8photog@yahoo.com or 703.578.6471.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FORM		Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Title _____	Name(s) _____		
Corporation Name _____			
Address _____			
Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____	Email _____
Artist <input type="checkbox"/>	Media <input type="checkbox"/>		
Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours annually. These are hours non-related to the requirements of an exhibiting artist in a DRA show, as all exhibit participants are required to gallery sit or assist with other aspects of an exhibit in which they participate. Please indicate below your areas of interest:			
COMMUNICATIONS: Mailings__ Newsletter__ Public Relations__; FACILITY: Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __; FINANCE: Grants __; FUNDRAISING: Solicitation __ Special Events__;			
GALLERY COORDINATOR: Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __;			
HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; MEMBERSHIP: Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; OUTREACH: Community Events/Activities __;			
PROGRAMS: Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; VOLUNTEER: Telephoning __;			
JUST ABOUT ANYTHING _____			
Signature _____		Date _____	
Dues: Gold Corporate \$500__; Silver Corporate \$250__; Friend of DRA \$35__; individual \$35__; Household \$50__; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10__. Dues payable to DEL RAY ARTISANS and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.			

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