

# The Well Crafted Word

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October 2004

## ThinkAsia for October

Ever sought after Japanese suiboku ga paintings? Checked out Chinese brush painting? Inhaled Ikebana arrangements, hankered for haikus or tried your hand at Origami?

ThinkAsia curator **Darlene Wood-Harvey** has gathered exciting examples of these traditional art forms in an exhibit showcasing the arts, people and culture of Asia.

And there's a twist-Wood-Harvey also challenged non-traditional artists to submit work with a Far Eastern flair.

Lovers of all things Oriental can delight in the delicate beauty of silk scrolls, view calligraphy, ceramics, colorful paper lanterns and other art forms while experiencing the creation of work firsthand during Art on the Avenue, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (10 AM-6PM). as the gallery will host Asian art-inspired demonstrations and dance performances.

ThinkAsia opens Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-10:00 PM at the DRA Gallery and runs through October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Gallery hours:  
Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and  
Sundays Noon – 4:00 PM.

Art on the Avenue, Saturday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Noon - Dance performances by the  
Choreographers Collaborative Project  
1:00-3:00 PM - Face Casting by DRA artist  
**Theresa Kulstad**  
3:00 - 4:15 PM - Artist Pam Eichner will  
demonstrate the "Torn Washi Paper" method

If you miss Art on the Avenue, there will be a chance to attend additional demonstrations:  
Thursday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00- 8:00 PM - Artist Betzi Robinson  
demonstrates Oriental Brush Painting.

Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00 PM - Artist Nellie Chao  
demonstrates Chinese Brush Calligraphy.



## MASK-SCARA fundraiser headed to DRA

Okay everyone, it's time to "face" it, MASK-SCARA is coming! DRA is brewing up some fun for funds! Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM the spirits will start stirring around the amazing display of unique mask art created by artists near and far.

We encourage you to arrive in costume and be ready for the bidding of these one-of-a-kind "maskerpieces!" We will also be offering you chance at prizes but you may have to reach into a coffin for your "trick or treat" when the "Masker of Ceremonies" calls your number! So gaze upon goblins, dance with devils and watch out for witches as you enjoy some "finger" foods and perhaps sip some potion as DRA hosts another fabulous party where you and the art are the guests of honor!

Tickets will be available starting October 1<sup>st</sup> for \$20 per person. "Mask-scarading" attendees have several options for purchasing tickets:

- purchase at the gallery during open hours
- order on-line [DelRayMasks@aol.com](mailto:DelRayMasks@aol.com)
- order by mail:

Jen Chappell  
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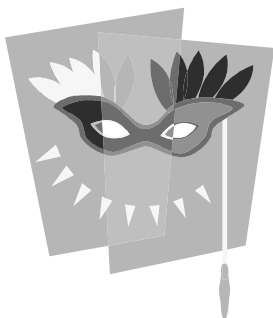
- order by phone 703.304.9281

All major credit cards and checks accepted

### Note to Mask artists:

Artists submitting masks will receive their discounted tickets (\$10.00 per mask entry) when their completed masks are dropped off at the gallery.

Several artists expressed the need for more time to work on their creations. Additional Mask due dates have been arranged. They are October 14 & 15 from 6-8:30 PM.



Contributors this month include: **Susan Slattery, Karen Schmitz, Kathryn Brown, Theresa Kulstad, Doris Lockard** 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

Thanks to the **Alexandria Commission for the Arts** for their continuing support.

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**Submission deadline**-20<sup>th</sup> of month preceding (10/20 for November)  
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**Alexandria Festival of the Arts**

The weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Alexandria hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of the Arts on King Street in Old Town. The beautiful weather brought thousands of art lovers out to enjoy the event.

As a part of this year's festival, there was a Regional Artists Juried Exhibition. Forty-four artists submitted up to three pieces each. Of these, 24 had a single piece juried into the show, with ten of those selected identified as being Del Ray Artisans! DRA members included were: **Martin Angebrannt, Kathryn Brown, Kimberly Bush, Barbara Chiminello, Paula Lantz, Marlin Lord, K. Alexa Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, Lise Schioler, and Eve Stocker.** Bravo!

Additional congratulations to **Kathryn Brown**, whose photograph titled "Prismatic Scatter" won one of the three

Honorable Mention awards which honored those selected with cash prizes. There was also a First Place award given.

Del Ray Artisans had a table set up to display our information to attendees. Many thanks go to **Vivienne Lukacs**, Volunteer Director, for lining up the following members to sit the table on Saturday and Sunday: **Amoret Bell Bunn, Dianna Diatz, Diane McClaugherty, Kristine Lingle, Karen Schmitz, Mary Shockley, Alice Rogalski, Alicyn van Dijs, Carrie Beauchamp, and Barbara Chiminello.**

And thanks also to **Marlin Lord** for bringing the items for display to and from the gallery. The festival was a marvelous way to reach out to the greater Alexandria community.

**2004-05 Calendar of Events**

Oct. 1 - 24	<i>ThinkAsia</i> – Curator <b>Darlene Wood-Harvey</b> 941.266.4430
Oct. 2	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
Oct. 7	Oriental brush painting demonstration (7:00-8:00 PM)
Oct. 10	Chinese brush calligraphy demonstration (2:00-4:00 PM)
Oct. 12	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 19	DRA General Meeting & Board of Directors Elections (7:30 PM)
Oct. 30	<i>Mask-Scara Fundraiser</i> - Contact <b>Theresa Kulstad</b> 703.283.0399
Oct. 31	Del Ray Halloween parade
Nov. 5–28	<i>Del Ray Dozen Photography Show</i> – Curator <b>Rob Rudick</b> 301.270.2323
Nov. 9	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Nov. 25	Alexandria Turkey Trot 5 Miler race
Dec. 4 & 5	<i>Holiday Art &amp; Craft Show</i> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)
Dec. 11 & 12	<i>Holiday Art &amp; Craft Show</i> (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) Contact <b>Liz Martinez</b> 703.901.1308 or <b>Linda Silk</b> 703.533.7689
Dec. 14	Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
31	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Night Alexandria</i> (6 PM-Midnight)
<b>2005</b>	
Jan. 8-30	<i>Inspired by Elvis Show</i> , Channeling by <b>Chappell, Schmitz, Slattery, Smouse and the Memphis Mafia</b>
8	<i>Elvis' 70th Birthday Dance Party</i> (8 PM-Midnight)
11	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
Feb. 4-27	<i>House of Cards Show</i> – Curator(s) pending
8	Board Meeting (7:00PM)
15	DRA General Meeting & the Return of ART SWAP! (7:30 PM)
Mar	Del Ray Citizens Association Meet-n-Greet



## Board of Directors elections

The night of October 19<sup>th</sup> is a General Members meeting. During this meeting the slate of candidates for Board of Director positions will be voted on by the DRA members.

Listed here is the current candidate standing for each position. Please note there are unfilled positions on the Board. Why not give a few hours a month to your favorite arts group and enjoy the camaraderie of this fascinating organization?

President: Susan Slattery  
 VPres: Jen Chappell  
 Secretary: Stacy Block  
 Treasurer: Marlin Lord  
 Asst. Treasurer: Kathryn Brown  
 Facilities Director: Karen Schmitz  
 Communications Director: David Nicholson  
 Outreach Director: Linda Silk  
 Volunteer Director: Vivienne Lukacs  
 Membership Director: Doris Lockard  
 Fundraising Director: Theresa Kulstad  
 Historian/Archivist: Charlotte Corcoran  
 Gallery Coordinator: Open  
 Curator Coordinator: Open  
 Programs Director: Open

## Benefits of membership

What does one receive from membership in the Del Ray Artisans? We haven't recapped the benefits in a long, long while (if ever) so we thought it appropriate with the Board of Director elections upon us to list the benefits resulting from membership.

In no particular order they are:

1. Commonwealth 1 Credit Union membership
2. Card-making parties
3. White Elephant swap meet
4. Two All-Member shows annually
5. Spring Art sale

6. Holiday Art sale
7. Gallery Without Walls-currently 4 locations available
8. End of summer cook-out, pool party, ice cream social
9. Lending library
10. Employment opportunities-two within last 12 months
11. Classes-two within last 12 months
12. Links page from DRA website (pending)
13. e-Directory of artists at DRA website (pending)
14. Professionally written PR to promote shows
15. "Press only" show previews (pending)

## Fall-icious show fabulicious

The Fresh for Fall 2004 All-Member Show reception started off with a wonderful compliment from one of our members, **Bob Landis**. "This is the BEST Show ever for the members," he said. (The) organizing, hanging and such (resulted in) a terrific variety of artwork!" Talented ceramic artist **Joseph Dailey** found the "lucky floor leaf" during the reception, winning a 16"x20" matted photo of **Karen Schmitz's** "Fall-icious" postcard.

Sixty artists with over 121 pieces of artwork were showcased by curators **Doris Lockard** and **Karen Schmitz**. They ranged from seven year old member **Mark Niernberger's**, (son of **Marie Niernberger**) "Summer Storm"

mosaic, to works by 80 year old seasoned artist **Grace Hill**. Grace fascinated all with her "Visions" painting.

Other notable works included **Alison Sigethy's** barbed wire-embellished "American Flag 2004," **Karen Craley's** "Computer Motherboard Clock in Stained Glass," and **Carrie Beauchamp's** fabric art "Party Down in Cicadatown."

Many thanks to **David Martin** and the Open Hand Drum Experience for the musical magic created at September's First Thursday event. Also thanks to **C.F.Wright, James Locke, Richard Wyvill** and **Vivienne Lukacs** and all that do what they do to keep DRA happening and on track.

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### Community Representative

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around Alexandria and Arlington. Listen in on the pulse of a progressive, fun, hard-working and dedicated group of volunteers who make NEWS for the Del Ray Artisans and tell others about what is happening. Contact **Dave Nicholson** at f8photog@yahoo.com for information.

## Join DRA as an artist or supporter

<b>MEMBERSHIP FORM</b>		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"/>		
<p><b>Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA</b>, I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of <b>10 volunteer hours</b> 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:</p> <p><b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> Mailings__ Newsletter__ Public Relations__; <b>FACILITY:</b> Gallery Maintenance __ Gardening __; <b>FINANCE:</b> Grants __; <b>FUNDRAISING:</b> Solicitation __ Special Events __;</p> <p><b>GALLERY COORDINATOR:</b> Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __;</p> <p><b>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:</b> Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; <b>OUTREACH:</b> Community Events/Activities __;</p> <p><b>PROGRAMS:</b> Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; <b>VOLUNTEER:</b> Telephoning __;</p> <p><b>JUST ABOUT ANYTHING</b> __</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<p><b>Dues:</b> Gold Corporate \$500__; Silver Corporate \$250__; Friend of DRA \$35__;</p> <p>Individual \$35__; Household \$50__; Student/Senior/Disabled \$10__. Dues payable to <b>DEL RAY ARTISANS</b> and mail with this form to Del Ray Artisans, Attn.: Membership, 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.</p>			

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