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October 2005

## Board elections-October 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM

On the evening of Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, annual elections for the Officers and Directors of the Del Ray Artisans will be held. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM with elections to be held followed by a short business meeting. Dinner will be served.

Several speakers will report on the State of the Corporation, summarize the past year and comment on the direction and plans going forward.

Members interested in having specific questions addressed should forward their questions, before October 15<sup>h</sup>, to the Communications chair, **Dave Nicholson**, at either 703.578.6471 or [f8photog@yahoo.com](mailto:f8photog@yahoo.com).

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please support DRA by voting via a Proxy Ballot. Complete the requested information, mail or deliver your ballot to 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria VA 22301 before 5:00 PM on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed is a Proxy Ballot that may be mailed. The form is also available at [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org).

### Slate of Candidates

- PRESIDENT (Officer)  
*Susan Slattery*
- VICE PRESIDENT (Officer)  
*Laurel Lukaszewski*
- SECRETARY (Officer)  
*OPEN*
- TREASURER (Officer)  
*Marlin Lord*
- ASST. TREASURER (Officer)  
*Kathryn Brown*
- COMMUNICATIONS  
*Dave Nicholson*
- FACILITY  
*Karen Schmitz*
- FUNDRAISING (co-chair)  
*Julie Branson*
- MEMBERSHIP (co-chairs)  
*Courtney Brownwell*  
*Catherine Bott*
- OUTREACH  
*Linda Silk*
- PROGRAMS  
*Theresa Kulstad*
- VOLUNTEER  
*Vivienne Lukacs*
- HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST  
*Charlotte Corcoran*
- COMMUNITY/CORP. REPRESENTATIVE  
*OPEN*



## Adopt-a(n)-(arts)Family

As the horrors of this hurricane season have unfolded, the DRA Board has been mindful of the misery visited on the people of the Gulf coast.

Last year DRA solicited funds for an Adopt-a-family project during the holiday season. True to form, our members opened their hearts and wallets by making generous donations which were used to assist one family. We are especially proud that in addition to the money donated, several members contributed equally valuable volunteer time to the effort. Every dollar donated went to the family, AND no funds from DRA were used in the program.

100% payout and zero financial impact to DRA!! Wow!!

We are announcing this year's campaign with a bit of a twist. The Board has decided to search out and provide assistance to a sister arts organization in the Gulf area affected by Katrina. We want to offer help to rebuild, restock, resupply or rejuvenate an organization similar in nature to DRA.

We are also discussing offering gallery space and/or mounting an exhibit of works by artists from the damaged area, **continued-page 3**

Contributors this month include: **Laurel Lukaszewski, Karen Schmitz, Susan Slattery,** and **Dave Nicholson.**

Many thanks to our monthly sponsor **Royce Flowers**-for the lovely arrangements seen at every opening

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

Edited by: **Dave Nicholson**  
**Submission deadline**-20<sup>th</sup> of month preceding (10/20 for November  
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## Heat, humidity and Ho! Ho! Ho!



Snowmen, Christmas trees, wreaths and Ho! Ho! Hols were in the balmy air at the Carpenter's Shelter, Alexandria's main shelter for the homeless, September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, DRA's **Karen Schmitz** and new member **Joan Ulrich** hosted two art-making evenings for the children living in the facility. Over 20 youngsters, ranging in age from 6 to 16, learned painting and printmaking techniques. They then created original holiday images for a packaged holiday card fundraiser to benefit the Shelter. The range of work was intriguing and colorful. "One girl even made some 'lucky holiday dice'," said Schmitz.

Jasmine Witcher, the Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator, sent the following to organizer **Karen Schmitz**: "Many thanks to you and the Del Ray Artisans for working with our children to create some really great artwork. You really know how

to bring out their artistic talents! Again, we can't thank you enough for coming out not once but twice to allow us to get the best possible artwork for our cards."

Schmitz had some comments of her own: "The kids were a pure joy! I thank them for showing me the magic a lil' paint and time spent can make in their eyes."

Other "art elves" included DRA member **Randy Scheessele** and his brother **Eric**, **Laura "Cousin" Parker** and Alexandria Volunteer Bureau's Alison Bell, as well as several Shelter volunteers. Please look for these special holiday cards to be available for purchase in the near future. More DRA members can experience the joy of making a difference in a child's life as future art projects at the Shelter are being planned for early 2006. Contact Karen to get in on the fun: 703.317.9340.

## Woodpecker's delight arrives in November

The Washington Woodworkers Guild and Del Ray Artisans once again present an exciting collaborative art effort coming up in November 2005. The juried exhibit, curated by **Martin Angebrannt**, which opens Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> with a reception from 7-10 PM, is a two-part endeavor. Washington Wood 2005 showcases the work of

twenty talented woodworkers, their carvings, turnings and period furniture. Still Life, Landscape and Other Perspectives features a 2D works by ten DRA members.

The exhibit will be open Saturdays (10-4 PM) and Sundays (12-4 PM), and will run through November 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this one – 2003's show was a knock out!

## 2005–06 Calendar of Events



Oct. 1	Art on the Avenue 10 AM-6 PM
Oct. 7-30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Del Ray Dozen exhibit– Curator <b>Rob Rudick</b>
Oct. 11	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct. 18	DRA General Meeting & Elections 7:30 PM
Oct. 29	Del Ray's Annual Halloween Parade 2 PM
Nov. 4-27	Washington Woodworkers' Guild Collaborative show Curator <b>Martin Angebrannt</b>
Dec. 2-4	Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market – <b>Laurel Lukaszewski</b>
<b>2006</b>	
Jan. 7	VIVA Las Elvis Birthday Party
Jan. 10	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan. 13-29	Who's your Muse? exhibit – Curator Richard Wyvill
Jan. 22	Card making Party (noon-4:00 PM)

## Fall Member Show recap

As part of membership in DRA, artists are allowed to showcase their work twice a year in an All Member Show. September heralded the fall show and was representative of the quality of work produced by DRA members.

Over 124 works by 63 artist-members were on display. A wide range of art was displayed...and sold... during the show. A memorable moment happened on First Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, when several members got to see the pure elation on new member **Kimberly Tyler's** face as she sold her first work of art, "Phlox subulata".

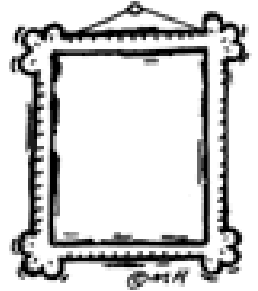
Hurricane Katrina relief was on the minds of several artists. A heartfelt touch was added when **Theresa Kulstad** added a wall tag to postcard cover art "Shortened Days" and her horse painting, stating that proceeds would be donated to Hurricane Katrina programs.

DRA added a donation jar with proceeds going towards an arts organization in need.

Big kudos to volunteers **Laurel Lukaszewski** and **Joan Ulrich** for their help with hanging work as well as painting the display cubes. Thanks go to **Royce Flowers** for the deep caramel-colored urn filled with the autumn colors of tiger lilies and cattail.

Additional show help praise goes to **Kathryn Brown, Susan Slattery, Karen Schmitz, Leslie Wilder, Vivienne Lukacs,** and **Christopher Wright.**

DRA also welcomed the works of 13 shiny new members: **Catherine Bott, Courtney Brownewell, Glenna and Seanna Gallagher, Deborah Gibson, Kay Graf, Rosemary Herman, Lucy Johnson, Melanie Jones, Angela Maray, Leanna Lanier, Cathy Messina, D.B.Propert,** and **Grazia Zalfa**



## Slide service

Do you need images of your work for your portfolio, juried exhibit submissions or web site posting?

DRA is considering providing this service. We would photograph each work, providing 5 original slides plus a CD with a tiff and jpg file of the works. Price per piece for DRA members - \$25, non-members - \$30. Non-members may elect to become members at the time of the photo session, and would then pay the member rate.

In order to offer this service, we need to gauge interest in it. There needs to be enough participating artists to set up a schedule in which the photographer(s) can work continuously for at least a 3 hour period. Photography would take place in the DRA gallery.

If you are interested in this service, please email **Dave Nicholson** at [fphotog@yahoo.com](mailto:fphotog@yahoo.com).



## Adopt-a(n)-(arts)Family-cont'd ...

possibly New Orleans. Additional research is underway to identify and contact a sister arts organization.

Please make a tax-deductible contribution to the Adopt-an-arts Family fund today. All artists and those who appreciate art can shudder at the thought of what "could" happen "if."

Mail your contributions, payable to Del Ray Artisans, to 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA 22301. Mark the envelope Adopt-an-arts Family.

If you wish to donate via credit card, contact Assistant Treasurer **Kathryn Brown** at 703.549.5227. A receipt will be mailed to those paying by credit card.

## 2005 Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market

Deck the Halls with the Del Ray Artisans! Artists, come celebrate the holidays in creative style! After ten successful years, we are pleased to invite members to apply to this year's *NEW Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market* to be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the DRA gallery. An application is enclosed.

The Holiday committee will select a diverse group of 20 artists who will represent the many talents of our members, in order to create a cohesive and exciting holiday marketplace. The timing of the event will coincide with Del Ray's *Holiday on the Avenue* which will feature strolling performers, festive luminaries along "The Avenue" and the annual Christmas tree lighting next door to the gallery. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 21, so be sure to send in your application if you wish to be considered. All current DRA members are invited to apply. New members are welcome too!

NEW for 2005 will be a special evening Preview Reception featuring seasonal libations, to be held Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7–10 PM. Additionally, the gallery will remain open late Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, to welcome guests from the tree-lighting event.

A Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with the Market. Donations of baked goods, pre-priced and festively-presented will be gratefully accepted. Details will follow in the November newsletter, but **Theresa Kulstad** is happy to answer any questions in advance. Email [tkulstad@verizon.net](mailto:tkulstad@verizon.net) and/or call 703.283.0399.

If you are interested in volunteering for our exciting holiday weekend, we are looking for help with poster/postcard distribution, decorations, bake sale staff, gallery sitters and more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Laurel Lukaszewski** by email at [laurelsl@hotmail.com](mailto:laurelsl@hotmail.com).



## Hey, where did you get that cool T-shirt?

This is the kind of buzz Del Ray Artisans members love to hear when people catch a glimpse of a member-designed T-shirt! Enter our "I Want a Cool DRA T-Shirt Contest!" by designing an Artisans' T for 2006! We are seeking zippy, original fun 'n-funky designs which will have people saying "I want!" Watch for the "Cool T" call for entry

in November's newsletter. A special prize awaits the winner of the design contest too! Deadline for entries: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 This is in anticipation of premiering the design at the Spring All Member show in April. So get started now on an award-winning design! Contact **Karen Schmitz** at 703.317.9340 or [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com)

## In-gallery Holiday tree will feature artists' Ornaments

This year, DRA members will have the opportunity to create unique ornaments for sale during the Holiday Market! Artists will choose from a variety of wooden "blanks" selected by the Market committee. Examples include snowflakes, snowmen, stars, etc. The finished ornaments will be displayed on an in-gallery holiday tree. Interested members may stop by DRA

as early as Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to select up to three ornaments (\$1ea., payable at time of pick-up). Final drop-off of ornaments: Thurs., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (6:30-8:30 PM). Ornaments must be delivered ready-to-hang. Bring your price list, we'll provide the pricing labels. Holiday tree "elves" needed to help with display of the ornaments, please contact **Susan Slattery** at [summerh@erols.com](mailto:summerh@erols.com).



## Public Art Project initiative in Del Ray

The Del Ray Citizens Association is seeking proposals for public art projects in the neighborhood in order to create a durable artistic contribution to the streetscape.

There will be no entry fee. Look for a detailed design call available soon at the DRA gallery, or contact **Pat Miller** at [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net).

# DEL RAY ARTISANS Proxy Ballot Voting Form

Ballot for **current** members unable to attend the General Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUE:**

**I support the following slate of officers and directors put forth by the Del Ray Artisans' Nominating Committee.**

PRESIDENT (Officer)	<i>Susan Slattery</i>
VICE PRESIDENT (Officer)	<i>Laurel Lukaszewski</i>
SECRETARY (Officer)	<i>OPEN</i>
TREASURER (Officer)	<i>Marlin Lord</i>
ASST. TREASURER (Officer)	<i>Kathryn Brown</i>
COMMUNICATIONS	<i>Dave Nicholson</i>
CURATOR COORDINATOR	<i>OPEN</i>
FACILITY	<i>Karen Schmitz</i>
FUNDRAISING (co-chairs)	<i>Julie Branson</i>
GALLERY COORDINATOR	<i>OPEN</i>
MEMBERSHIP (co-chairs)	<i>Courtney Brownewell &amp; Catherine Bott</i>
OUTREACH	<i>Linda Silk</i>
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HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST	<i>Charlotte Corcoran</i>
COMMUNITY/CORP. REPRESENTATIVE	<i>OPEN</i>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a copy of the minutes of the membership meeting:  YES  NO

Save the postage, I'll read it on the website at [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org):  YES  NO

Mail your **signed** Proxy form to: **Del Ray Artisans  
Proxy Ballot  
2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301**

**NOTE: Mailed Proxy Ballots must be received before 5:00 PM, Monday, October 17, 2005.**

If a member prefers to deliver form in person, but is unable to stay for the vote, delivery may be made at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at the gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA..

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**Visual & Performing Arts Teachers Wanted**

Opportunities are available with the City of Alexandria for qualified instructors of Music, Theatre, Dance, and Visual Art. Sessions cover a max 4-10 weeks and may cover four quarters. Instructors will be self-employed contractors and not City of Alexandria employees.

Submit letters of interest and qualification statements to: harold.little@alexandriava.gov OR mail to:  
 Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center  
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<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 __; <b>GALLERY COORDINATOR:</b> Curating/Co-curating __ Hanging Shows __; <b>HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:</b> Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks __; <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Data Input __ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation __; <b>OUTREACH:</b> Community Events/Activities __; <b>PROGRAMS:</b> Art Camp __ Class Instructor __; Member Events __; <b>VOLUNTEER:</b> Telephoning __; <b>JUST ABOUT ANYTHING</b> __</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<p><b>Dues:</b> Gold Corporate \$500 __; Silver Corporate \$250 __; Friend of DRA \$35 __; 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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