

The Well Crafted Word

Del Ray Artisans
.....since 1992

www.delrayartisans.org

November 2005

The return of the Wood Show

From the modern design aesthetic of furniture maker Hugh Belton to the signature fluted trumpet bell forms of Phil Brown, "Washington Wood 2005" and the concurrent Del Ray Artisans' "Still Life, Landscape and Other Perspectives" exhibit, will present a juried selection of work in the gallery. Curator **Martin Angebrannt** promises it will be another exciting collaboration of the two groups.

Among the twenty Woodworkers Guild members exhibiting will be **Patrick O'Brien**, who specializes in natural edge turnings; John Noffsinger, a turner who specializes in post turning treatments including pyrography and dyed woods, and **Alan Becker**, who was recently featured in "Élan" design magazine.

Curator Angebrannt, also an accomplished woodworker, will be exhibiting his piece "Challenged Perspectives--an homage to William Bailey" in the show. Angebrannt describes the piece as being "made of walnut

and walnut-veneered plywood with the shelf tilting downward at 3.5 degrees. Each turned object on the shelf is turned in two axis to allow them to sit plumb on the tilted surface to surprise the viewer. The arrangement of objects recalls still life paintings with dueling perspectives such those by William Bailey."

Displayed on the walls will be the "Still Life, Landscape and Other Perspectives" exhibit which will feature art by ten DRA members. The exhibit includes work by watercolorist **Alice Kale**, known for her skilled renderings of Del Ray, along with photography, paintings and more by **Barbara Chiminello**, **Candace Clifford**, **Michele Reday Cook**, **Beverly Hilbert**, **Steve Polo** and **Diane McClagherty**.

Opening Friday, November 4 (7-10 PM), the concurrent shows will run through Sunday, November 27, 2005. Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10-4PM / Sundays, noon-4PM.



A Holiday Market of fine art, fine crafts, food and gifts

The Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market will be the place to go this holiday season to find everything you need to celebrate—exquisite gifts created by members, festive baked goods to indulge your sweet-tooth and support a good cause, a chance to create and sell your own ornaments and lots of good fun!

The festivities begin Friday evening, December 2, with a Wine and Cheese preview reception from 7–10 PM. Saturday, the gallery will open at 10 AM and extend its evening hours through the Tree lighting next door as Del Ray celebrates Holiday on the Avenue. Sunday hours are noon-5 PM.

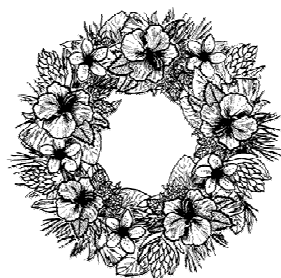
In conjunction with the Market, Food for Thought, our holiday bake sale, will tempt you with seasonal treats—a great chance to share your holiday favorites and find new ones, too! Proceeds go to support DRA's Katrina Relief efforts for artists.

An exciting addition this year is the Holiday Ornament Tree! DRA members may stop by the gallery in coming weeks to purchase as many as three blank wood ornaments (\$1 each) to decorate. Members are encouraged to create

ornaments reflective of their personal artistic style. Completed ornaments must be returned during regular gallery hours—no later than Thursday, December 1st, between 6:30-8:30 PM. Please price ornaments ahead of time. All ornament proceeds will go directly to the artists, who need not be present for the ornament sale.

All of this could not happen without the work of a number of individuals. Many thanks go to our two jurors, Joe Egerton (Arts Afire) and Carol Supplee (Imagine Artwear). Also a special thank you to **Becky Heavner** for her contribution of creative artwork for our publicity. We also thank the following people who volunteered to serve on the committee and make this event happen: Market coordinator **Laurel Lukaszewski**, **Kathryn Brown**, **Angela Calos**, Vicky Choy, **Theresa Kulstad**, **Vivienne Lukacs**, **Karen Schmitz**, **Linda Silk**, **Susan Slattery** and **Joan Ulrich**.

Volunteers are still needed for Market weekend to sell holiday food items, sit the gallery and help publicize the Market. To help, please contact **Laurel Lukaszewski** at laurelsl@hotmail.com.



Contributors this month include:
Vivienne Lukacs, **Laurel Lukaszewski**,
Karen Schmitz, **Susan Slattery**, **Linda Silk** 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—20th of month
preceding (11/20 for December)
email to: f8photog@yahoo.com

Website: www.delrayartisans.org

Want an aMUSEing start to the New Year?



The Ancient Muses were the Greek goddesses who presided over the arts and sciences, inspiring those who excel at those pursuits. In fact, the word museum is derived from Muses meaning "a place or source of inspiration." In January 2006, the "Name Your Muse" juried show, curated by **Richard Wyvill** and **Karen Schmitz**, will give artists the opportunity to share their Muse(s). The exhibit entry fee (members-\$10 / non-members \$15) will allow artists to submit up to three new works of art, each with its own muse: a person, an

animal, a place or object; a memory, a poem or a song, etc.

Georgia O'Keefe had the stunning American Southwest as her Muse, while Edward Weston's wife Charis was the inspiration (and his model) for a famous series of nude photographs. John Lennon composed "Imagine" as a utopian anthem to his dream of world peace. Let Name Your Muse reveal the inspiration(s) behind your work! Exhibit dates are January 6-29. The exhibit call for entry is enclosed in this newsletter.

Election results

Blue or Red parties were not an issue at DRA's annual October 18 meeting. The winning party was Purple (for the Del Ray Artisans)! Forty official votes approved a slate of fifteen to the 2006 Board. (See Page 4 sidebar for listings.)

A very special thank you to "retiring" Vice President **Jen Chappell** for her dedicated work on the Board. Jen is stepping down to enjoy being a first-time home buyer, and has also taken a new job at the Washington Design Center.

Delicious Asian-influenced edibles prepared by **Theresa Kulstad** and **Jen Chappell** were enjoyed by those in attendance. President **Susan Slattery** and team gave state-of-the-art reviews of 2005, and presented the 2006 DRA calendar with a light, artsy, yet professional, approach!

Jen's contributions to such projects as grants writing, the curators' manual, co-curating of "Aloha Elvis" and "SPLASH!," co-chairing "Red" and "Red2" (not to mention her photography skills!), have greatly enhanced DRA. Her cool, Icelandic charm will be missed.

Art on the Avenue everyday!

"A Show of Hands," a new retail store, located at 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue, showcasing original art in Del Ray, will hold their grand opening Sunday, December 3rd, from 3-6:00 PM. The store, owned by **Pat Miller** and Maria Wasowski, will sell original art from local artists.

made by local artists," said Pat. The shop will consign with artists to sell their work. "We are hopeful local artists will consign with us so we can show the public what great works our artists create."

"We're hopeful that we can provide the community original fine crafts and art hand-

What a great opportunity for DRA artists! For further information, contact Pat Miller at 703.683.2570 or pmiller1806@comcast.net.



Food for Thought- food gifts for sale at the Holiday Market

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market will feature a sale of delicious delicacies prepared and donated by the loving hands of our members. All proceeds from the sale will go to an "adopted" arts group in the Gulf Coast region. Perhaps YOU have a special food item you can make. The sale will include, but is not limited to, baked goods. Spiced nuts, homemade candies, secret seasoning

packets and other items are welcome. And remember, a festive presentation of your donation is always well-received!

Contact **Theresa Kulstad** at 703.283.0399 or tkulstad@verizon.com for more info. Food items should be dropped off Friday evening or Saturday morning at the gallery. Pricing items in advance will be appreciated.

2006 Calendar of Events

January 10	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
January 6-29	<i>Name Your Muse</i> Juried, curator Richard Wyvill 703.548.3940 & K. Schmitz
January 22 & 29	♥ <i>Card making Party</i> noon-4:00 PM Theresa Kulstad 703.914.1517
February 3-4	<i>Planet Cupid</i> event T. Kulstad/J. Ulrich/J. Branson Fri. 7-10PM, Sat. 12-5PM
February 14	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
February 18-26	Art workshops
February 21	DRA General Meeting & Artist Swap Meet 7:30 PM
March 3-26	<i>Mi Casa, Su Casa</i> -Springwater Fiber & DRA Collaboration Juried, co-curators Randy Scheessele 703.535.6510 & Linda Silk 703.533.7689
March 13	Del Ray Citizens Association <i>Meet 'n Greet</i>
March 14	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar. 31-April 23	<i>Spring All Member Show</i>
April 11	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
April 21	<i>12th Night Toga Party & Dance</i> Karen Schmitz & Susan Slattery
April 28-30	<i>Master's Thesis exhibit</i> / Leslie Rousseau 703.461.0631
May 12-28	<i>Student Art Show</i> , organizer Linda Silk
May 9	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
May 13	<i>Spring Arts & Crafts Show & Sale</i> , organizer Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
May 16	DRA General Meeting 7:30 PM
May 20	DRCA <i>House & Garden Tour</i>
June 1	1 st Thurs. Preview of <i>Contemporary Art</i> exhibit 6-9 PM
June 9–July 16	<i>Contemporary Art</i> / Juried, curator Laurel Lukaszewski 703.837.0543
June 13	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
July 6	1 st Thurs. Choreographers Collaborative Project performances 6-9 PM
July 11	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
July 24–28	<i>Art Camp</i> Theresa Kulstad / Linda Silk
August 3	1 st Thurs. Preview of <i>3 Artist Show</i> 6-9 PM
August 4 -27	<i>3 Artist show</i> , Kulstad , Lukacs & Silk
August 8	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
August 15	<i>DRA Pool Party</i> 6:00 PM, General Meeting & Pie Baking contest 7:30 PM
September 7	1 st Thurs. Preview of <i>Fall All Member Show</i> 6-9 PM
Sept. 8–Oct. 1	<i>Fall All Member Show</i>
September 9-10	<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i>
Sept. 12	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
October 6-22	<i>Bead 2</i> / Juried, curator Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878
October 7	<i>Art on the Avenue</i> 10 AM-6 PM, dance & art activities in the gallery
October 10	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
October 17	DRA Annual Meeting & Elections 7:30 PM
October 27-Nov.4	<i>Dia de los Muertos</i> workshops / event / exhibit / Irene Hoffman & S. Slattery
October 29	<i>Halloween Parade</i> 2 PM
November 10–26	<i>Del Ray Dozen</i> Photography Invitational exhibit, curator Rob Rudick 301.270.2323
November 14	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
November	Photography workshop
December 1-3	<i>Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market</i>
December 2	<i>Holiday on the Avenue</i> - Tree Lighting & Luminaria Display 6:00 PM
December 12	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
December	Cookie Swap / Ornament workshop



Executive Board

President

Susan Downs Slattery
703.922.7290 /summerh@erols.com

Vice-President

Laurel Lukaszewski
703.837.0543 / laurelst@hotmail.com

Secretary

Linda Elliff
703.360.1265 / lleliff@aol.com

Treasurer

Marlin Lord
703.683.1112/703.836.2724/mglala@aol.com

Assistant Treasurer

Kathryn Brown
703.549.5227 / neonkanb@aol.com

Directors

Communications

Dave Nicholson
703.578.6471 / f8photog@yahoo.com

Facility

Karen Schmitz
703.317.9340 /schmityk@yahoo.com

Fundraising

Juli Branson
703.693.4263 / jrbranson@hotmail.com

Gallery Coordinator - OPEN

Historian/Archivist
Charlotte Corcoran
703.548.1521 / corcorandesign@verizon.net

Membership Co-Directors

Catherine Bott
703.820.8344 / cb5800@yahoo.com
Courtney Brownwell
703.820.3781 / cbrownwell@yahoo.com

Curator Coordinator - OPEN

Outreach
Linda Silk
703.533.7689/lmsilk@worldnet.att.net

Programs Co-Directors

Theresa Kulstad
703.914.1517 / tkulstad@verizon.net
Joan Ulrich
703.683.3620 / ulrichclay@aol.com

Volunteers

Vivienne Lukacs
703.979.8996 / viv703@msn.com
Community Representative - OPEN

All things DRA

Our well-maintained website, thanks to member **Roy Wright**, is a one-stop, on-line resource for all things DRA. Find current calls for entry, announcements of events and exhibits, our membership form plus a list of member benefits, volunteer and job opportunities, the

current and archived newsletters, and much more! Visit early and often as the site is updated frequently. Please encourage your art-loving friends to do the same! www.delrayartisans.org

Also, check the link to our on-line store.

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"/>	_____	
<p>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:</p> <p>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 __</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<p>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.</p>			

DEL RAY ARTISANS

GALLERY LOCATION : 2704 MT VERNON AVE.

MAIL: 2210 MT. VERNON AVE.

ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA 22301

PH: 703.838.4827