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ALEXANDRIA ART MARKET...

your monthly dose of art in the heart of Del Ray

WHEN: Saturday, June 5
Saturday, July 3
Saturday, August 7
Saturday, September 4
Saturday, November 6

WHERE: Nicholas A. Colasanto Park adjoining the Del Ray Artisans gallery

CALL FOR ARTIST VENDORS (DRA members only)

Del Ray Artisans has just launched a new monthly outdoor art market that will give members an opportunity to sell their original handmade art work and provide them with consistent exposure to the community.

There will be five (5) monthly markets on the 1st Saturday of the month on the following dates: **JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7, SEPTEMBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2010** from 10 am to 4 pm. The market will be held rain or shine.

The art space fee is \$35 per market or \$30 per market if the artist commits to 3 or more market days. The art market will be held on the lawn area of the Del Ray



Artisans gallery and 10% of each artist's sales from each market are due to DRA.

Each artist will be assigned a 10' X 10' space. Each artist is responsible for providing their own tent, tables, chairs and displays. Artists who sign up for 3 or more markets will be assigned a permanent space. Additional details and registration requirements are listed on the registration form.

Please register online, by Monday, May 3, at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or pick up a registration form at the gallery. For additional information please contact Kimberley Bush, Market Coordinator, at 703-627-7656 or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

UNDECIDED/DIALOG: ALL MEMBER-ALL MEDIA SHOW A MONTH AWAY!

BY BETTY PLUMMER
AND MICHELE REDAY-COOK, CURATORS

Time has flown through this season's interesting art shows and suddenly, it's summer! There's still time to decide what to submit for "Undecided: A Dialog between Artist and Viewer" the end of this month. Think: colorful, wild, free, expansive, expressive, and ... fun!

But also think: enigmatic, mysterious, unfathomable! We want to engage our viewers and have fun with this summer show! That effusive, engaging energy will certainly engender dialog with our gallery visitors, and should elicit their responses to our art—and sales. This show is open to all DRA members. Make sure your membership is up to date so you are eligible to have your art displayed.

"Undecided" is about adventure into the mysterious, colorful world of creation, images and forms. It's about the process of creating art and noticing how subjects, realistic or abstract, emerge. In addition to our opening reception on June 4, 7 – 10 pm, we'll have a closing reception Sunday, June 27, starting at 5 pm. in which artists discuss their art with viewers, and the artists' original titles are revealed. Who knows? Perhaps our visitors succeeded in articulating our themes and subject matter better than we could ourselves and artists end up changing the titles of the work as a result!

IN MEMORIAM: DONNA BERGHEIM

Dr. Donna Bergheim, a long standing member of Del Ray Artisans and a very strong supporter of DRA, passed away on March 27th. She was particularly active in the Alexandria Arts community, as well as having served on the Virginia Commission for the Arts for many years starting in 1993. She also served on the board of directors for Metrostage. She has received many awards for her contribution to the arts. In 2008 she was recognized along with her husband, former Alexandria vice mayor, Mel Bergheim, as one of the Living Legends of Alexandria. The Bergheims were supporters of the Alexandria Scholarship Fund.

Each year DRA presents a \$1000 cash award to a graduate of T.C. Williams High School who is going to attend college majoring in art. We would therefore suggest that Del Ray Artisans members wishing to honor Donna's life and contributions to the arts, make contributions to DRA's Ted Eichers Memorial Arts Scholarship Fund in her memory. This fund is administered by the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. We have informed her husband, and he agrees that this would have value to them. Also, DRA is making a contribution to the Metrostage in Donna's memory.

Please contact Marlin G. Lord if you have any questions, or to arrange your contribution.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

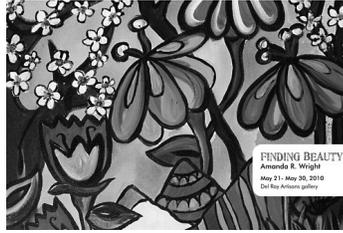
NANCY C. JACQUES
Photography, Painting, Drawing

CAROL MORGAN
Watercolor, Sculpture

FINDING BEAUTY

AMANDA R. WRIGHT

DRA welcomes VCU Masters Thesis student Amanda Wright to our gallery. Her lovely art works are a reflection of what she sees - bold, colorful interpretations that are sure to captivate all who see them. Please join her on May 21, 7 – 10 pm for her opening reception. Amanda's show runs through May 30th.



Growing up in Plattsburgh, New York I am inspired to use the beauty of the Adirondack Mountains in my art work. I have earned my undergraduate degree in Studio Art with a concentration in painting from the State University of New York at Potsdam and received a certificate in K-12 Art Education at St. Lawrence University. I currently reside in Arlington, Virginia and work as elementary Art teacher at Greenbriar East Elementary in Fairfax County. I find my job to be extremely rewarding and fun.

I am excited to work with the Del Ray Artisans gallery to complete my Masters Degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University. Mixed media, painting and collage are my chosen medium, and have learned that experimenting with these different media can produce beautiful results. My quest is to find beauty in the environments around me. I combine imagery from my experiences and as a child and as an adult in Washington D.C with my own personal style. Creating colorful organic forms help me to reveal the bold and radiant qualities of my inspired environments. Completing this MIS program has been an amazing experience in personal growth as an individual and an artist.

WHAT'S YOUR BAG? A HUGE "SACK-CCESS"



Whether it was paper, fabric, metal or plastic, it all showed fantastic!

Exactly 100 exhibit pieces were displayed in the gallery with countless others in the accompanied Marketplace. Participating artists from near and far really explored the theme in some of the most unexpected ways. In addition to our member participation, the call for entry caught the eyes of many new-comers to exhibit at DRA. A wonderful showcase of recycled materials was evident in the diverse selection of media.

Co-curators Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz gave six "Curator's Choice Awards" to Cindy Sayers, Tamara Wilkerson, Guy G. Jones, Deborah Wiggins, Cherrie Reddinger, and Barb Boatman for their take and execution of this theme. Great publicity and weather made for an energetic opening night that started with good sales and finished with attendees stirring up fabulous tangos!

Karen and Theresa would like to thank Dawn Wyse Hurto, Linda Elliff, Paige Ireland, Kurt Peterson, Connie Springer-Zabowski, Guy G. Jones, Drew Cariosa, Tracy Wilkerson and Barbara Boehm for their help.

Check out the photos on DRA's Facebook page. Many thanks to John Messina for the photos of dancing at the reception.

WOMEN IN ART SHOW A WINNER

The Divas of Decoupage thank everyone who helped make our Women in Art: Body of Work show a wonderful one - with 97 pieces of art and more than 30 participating artists.

We weren't sure what would happen when we proposed our March show and left it to artists to interpret women's roles in art and life. There was no need to worry. Artists rewarded us with an amazing range of artwork, some of it quite inventive and several that were thought-provoking.

The show was full of surprises including an impromptu tango dance session at our March 5 opening reception by Constantino "Tino" Bastidas. Tino, in addition to making sculpture from found pieces, is also a dance instructor.

Hats off to Michele Reday Cook, Jeanne Tiff, Tracy Wilkerson, Dawn Wyse Hurto – the curator rescue team that patiently responded to all questions, big and small.

Our March show produced a number of sales, including the silent auction purchase by Beth Temple of the Divas' collaborative piece, Every Woman. Every Woman was the beautiful copper torso who graced the postcard for the show. The \$100 from the sale went to the Del Ray Artisans' Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund.

Every Woman's sister, the silver and black Other Woman, is a part of the What's Your Bag? show. Thanks to the inventiveness of curators Karen Schmitz and Theresa Kulstad, they've draped her with a bag filled with raffle tickets for their show.

ADOPT A PARK

Well how about that! We made it through another and another and another winter and all that snow. An guess what the daffodils have waited to announce that Del Ray Artisans is again embarking on the 2010 ADOPT-A-PARK program. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped with our ADOPT-A-PARK program in the past. It is a very simple way to gain some needed funds, improve the environment, help beautify the city and get a little fresh air as well. The response from DRA members has been so great that we have most of the first part of the season scheduled. We will be scheduling the last part of July through November around the first of July. We look forward to your support.

DRA has adopted the Colasanto Park, which is the parkland from the Center/Pool fence north to the intersection of Commonwealth and Mt. Vernon Avenues. We earn money for DRA through a point system and last year we only lost one point. BRAVO! Points are taken off for cans, bottles or pieces of paper or other litter. This is a perfect way to fulfill some of your 10 hours of DRA volunteer commitment. We consider it an hour of volunteering toward your commitment.

Funds have been used to continue the beautification of the landscaping around the Center, and also for other support of gallery events - we need everyone's help to keep enjoying the fruits of these labors!

The Board and the membership thank you!



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GALLERY HOURS:

Thurs: noon-4pm
First Thursdays: noon-9pm
Fri: noon-9pm
Sat: 10am-9pm
Sun: noon-6pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5th of the month
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2010 CALENDAR

MAY

- 1 **SPRING ART SALE**,
Rob Rudick,
DRA.SpringArtSale@gmail.com
- 6 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 7 - 16 **TCW STUDENT SHOW**
- 11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 11 am - 2 pm
gestures
- 12 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
short/long poses
- 21 - 30 **MASTER THESIS**,
AMANDA WRIGHT
- 26 Life Drawing, 11 am - 1 pm
gestures
- 26 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
short/long poses

JUNE

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 4 - 27 **UNDECIDED: A DIALOGUE
BETWEEN ARTIST
AND VIEWER**
(All-Member Show)
*Betty Plummer curator
plummer.betty@epa.gov
with Michele Reday Cook*
- 5 Alexandria Art Market,
Kimberley Bush,
*DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@
gmail.com*
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 13 General Member Meeting,
time TBD
- 23 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm

JULY

- 1 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 2 - 18 **GLOBAL RHYTHM**
*Matthew Tito Cuenca curator
matthewcuenca@gmail.com*
- 3 Alexandria Art Market,
*DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@
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- 13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 14 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 26 - 30 **ART CAMP**, Jen Athanas
DRA.ArtCamp@gmail.com

AUGUST

- 5 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 6 - 22 **GATHERING OF THE LEGENDS**
*Nina Tisara Project Director
gecko@tisarapfoto.com*
- 7 Alexandria Art Market,
*DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@
gmail.com*
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 25 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 3 - 19 **BOARD SHOWCASE**
curator tbd
- 4 Alexandria Art Market,
*DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@
gmail.com*
- 8 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 25 Yard Sale, outside
- 26 Card Making Party, time TBD

OCTOBER

- 1 - 24 **ONCE UPON A TIME**
*Christina Richardson and
Laura Bell curators
christina@figaroconsulting.com
bellineart@aol.com*
- 2 **COMMUNITY ART ON
THE AVENUE**
- 6 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
Annual Member Meeting &
Elections, date and time TBD

NOVEMBER

- 5 - 21 **BLUE: AN INTERPRETATION**
(All-Member Show)
*Betsy Mead curator
betsymead31@starpower.net*
- 6 Alexandria Art Market,
*DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@
gmail.com*
- 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 14 Card Making Party, time TBD
- 24 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 30 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7 - 9 pm

DECEMBER

- 1 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7 - 9 pm
- 3 - 5 **HOLIDAY MARKET**
DRA.HolidayMarket@gmail.com
- 8 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Life Drawing, 2 - 5 pm

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Does your business accept credit card transactions? If so, then you may be paying higher rates than you need if it's not through your credit union. At CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union we understand that small business owners are looking for ways to improve cash flow and lower their expenses. Or, if your business is not currently enrolled in a merchant processing program, CommonWealth One may have a cost-effective solution for you. To learn more about our merchant processing solutions, contact us at (703) 823-5211

and ask to speak with a Business Services Representative. We'll be happy to customize a program to help meet your business needs.

This would apply to any member who does craft and art shows as a vendor, including participants DRA's annual Spring Art Sale, the new Alexandria Art Markets, and the DRA Holiday Market. DRA membership allows one to become a member of COFCU. Our rep is Susanne Waltemyer, at SWaltemyer@cofcu.org.

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Many thanks to Royce Flow-ers for providing such spectacular arrangements for our opening receptions.

