



# The Well Crafted Word

a monthly publication of the **Del Ray Artisans...** since 1992 [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org)

## GLOBAL RHYTHM

By Matthew Tito Cuenca

From Paul Gauguin to Amedeo Modigliani, artists have been inspired and entranced by the culture, people, and artistic vision of a foreign land. Whether it's their ethnic technique or the exotic appearance, artwork influenced by a foreign culture opens the minds of fellow artists and patrons alike – displaying a visual passport to a new, beautiful and unfamiliar world. This juried show celebrates that global inspiration.



Four art professionals from around the world selected artists from the national applicants by evaluating their artistic vision, potential and relevance. After the jurors made their choice of artists they selected from submitted examples of their artwork those pieces that best reflected the theme of global inspiration.

Join us in viewing these mini-exhibitions unified by "Global Rhythm." Opening reception will be held at the DRA gallery at 7:00 p.m. July 2nd, and the exhibition runs through July 18th, 2010.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Rita Cohen**

*Weaving*

**Sloane H. Siegel**

*Various 2D & 3D*

**Christopher Waters**

*Wood tables*

**Kelly Hutchinson**

*Oil and Acrylic Paintings*

**Carolyn Raich**

**Pam Rigden Snead**

*Photography*

**Sharon Wiltshire**

*Oil pastel, Chalk pastel, Acrylic, Pencil*

**Laurie & Chris Young**

*Wood, Metal, Paper, Jewelry, Illustration, Others*

**Catherine R. Clement & household**

*Sculpture, Collage*

**Jamie C. Back**

*Friend*

**Amanda Wright**

*Painting, Mixed Media, Collage*

**Nancy Parnell**

**Fareha Khawaja**

*Painting: oil, acrylic; Mixed Media, Charcoal, Pastels, Photography, Digital art*

**Fatima Argun**

**Lisa J. Pettit**

*Printmaking*

**Bonnie Lebesch**

*Acrylics*

**Hallie A. Lenneman**

*Sculpture, Painting*



## ALEXANDRIA ART MARKET LAUNCHES

By Kimberley Bush

As I was reflecting on the success of our Grand Opening of Alexandria Art Market, I just wanted to say CONGRATULATIONS to all of the participating Del Ray Artisans on launching our first Alexandria Art Market.

It was so good to see all of you and the weather held up nicely. I do know that Mayor William Euille, Councilman Rob Krupicka and Tina Leone, President of the Chamber of Commerce came to lend their support. They all had great things to say about the market. The music performance by The Lovejoy Group was amazing and the pizza from Sapore D'Italia was great!

I look forward to the buzz about the Market spreading like wildfire and becoming a staple in the community. Please continue to blog, text, talk and email about our wonderful little market. It is your continued marketing that can increase our attendance.

Northern Virginia Magazine is going to do a piece on us for the August issue and I hope to do a very specific zip code mailing of our postcard. The Alexandria Art Market was listed in the Post and the Gazette as well as a LARGE variety of other online and in print publications. With that said the market can only get better!

Mark your calendars for the following first Saturdays: July 3, August, 7, September 4, November 6.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns please feel free to share them with me at DRA.

[AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who participated in the Alexandria Art Market!

## NEW T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

New DRA t-shirts are now available! Be among the first to be seen wearing this latest design, created by member Gail Goriesky. The shirts are available in sizes ranging from small to 3X, so there is a size for everyone. Priced at \$22 - \$26, the snazzy shirts are a must for every DRA wardrobe. All proceeds to benefit Del Ray Artisans.

## FROM THE CURATORS' CORNER:

To increase the likelihood of your artwork getting selected for shows, don't overlook the importance of proper presentation. Well-executed art that is poorly presented risks rejection because it looks unprofessional. Thus, unframed, inappropriately framed (using wrongly sized "ready-made" mats and frames), unfinished canvas, or frames without wire and screw eyes (please do NOT use any "sawtooth" hangers) appear amateurish, unfinished (as though the artist didn't care), and just not as good as other work that gets accepted.

If you don't seem to care about your artwork, why should a juror or curator? Visit local galleries and museums for ideas--see how the art is displayed and bring those ideas to your own artwork. Also, mark your calendars for a "framing basics" workshop being planned for September. Stay tuned for details and registration.

## CALLING ALL FINE ART & FINE CRAFT EXHIBITORS!



I know it's hot outside and there's not a snowflake to be seen but we are starting to plan NOW for DRA's Holiday Market! Want to sell your art & craft goodies at the Holiday Market the first weekend in December? If so, then check out the Holiday Market Application included in this newsletter (or on our website)!

Why is there an application process? Because gallery space is limited and the mix of goods available at the Market is kept in balance. The registration deadline is Friday, September 3, 2010 so don't delay! Fill out the application now and send it in with your payment and up to 3 pictures of your work. Vendor notification will be on Monday, September 20, so vendors who are accepted will have plenty of time to advertise and build inventory for the Holiday Market.

## UNDECIDED: A DIALOG BETWEEN

**ARTIST & VIEWER**, our all-member show, opened to enthusiastic reviews on June 4th. Viewers really took to the concept of naming the untitled artworks on display, with some art receiving over a dozen titles. This close attention to the art resulted in strong sales that night as well.

Curators Betty Plummer and Michele Reday Cook want to thank DRA members for submitting such fine art for this show and wish they could have displayed every piece submitted. For this show, 63 members submitted a total of 145 works, of which there was only room on the walls for about 100 pieces, plus a few 3D works on pedestals. In contrast, the April "Bag" show hung about 45 works; and the May thesis show, only 25. There was enough art turned away for an entire additional exhibit--and all of it was excellent!



Photo by Betty Plummer

Please keep submitting your great art--next opportunities in October (all area artists) and in November (all-member show).

## DEL RAY ARTISANS OPEN LIFE DRAWING

This month we will be having a special evening life drawing session at the Del Ray Artisans. If you haven't been able to come to our regular sessions due to other daytime commitments, take this opportunity to come draw from our live model. All sessions are drop-in so no registration is required. Bring your supplies and join us.

July 7th: 6:30pm-9:30pm, short/long pose

July 14: 11am-1pm gesture  
2-5pm short/long pose

July 21: 11am-1pm gesture  
2-5pm short/long pose

The fees for each 3-hour session are \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more details or if you have any questions contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or [DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com).



Model with Bottle by Pat Rand

## COME A'BOARD DRA NEEDS YOU

Join the DRA Board for a new experience with a creative team. Your energy, enthusiasm and input is very much needed to keep Del Ray Artisans on the map as a hip & happening place to be involved with. Several positions are in need of new Directors and Co-Directors. Below are just a "few that are available". We would love to have you contact the Nomination Committee to express your interest in serving in one of these positions.

Needed:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Director/Co-Director

This is just a start to filling DRA's fantastic Board, so please email the Nomination Committee to learn more about these opportunities and let the nominations fly! Remember this experience is great for career changers & resumes.

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HAMIL MA DEMONSTRATES DRAWING HANDS. L TO R: HAMIL MA, PATRICIA OLIVER, CATHRYN SACRA, DENISE MALUEG

## RECENT FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Hamil Ma, DRA member and local Del Ray resident conducted another figure drawing workshop in May at the Colasanto Center gallery. Participants worked in pencil and charcoal in attempts to capture elegant lines. Many thanks to Hamil for the useful tips and the inspiration to keep practicing.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

Renewal

New Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Middle Initial Last

Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Corporation Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip  
Phone Home (\_\_\_\_\_) Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) Work (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Artist  Media \_\_\_\_\_

**Patron**

- \$1,000 Platinum
- \$500 Gold
- \$250 Silver

*Patrons are considered Active Members and have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.*

**Active Member**

- \$75 Household
- \$50 Individual
- \$25 Senior (62 & over)
- \$25 Student/Disabled (circle one)

*All Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.*

**Friend**

- \$35 Friend of Del Ray Artisans

*Friends may participate in workshops, classes, and programs as members. Friends do not have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.*

**All membership levels above receive DRA mailings, including the newsletter**

I would like to receive DRA mailings:  electronically  via regular mail  both ways

I would like to make an additional donation to Del Ray Artisans in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to make an additional donation to the Del Ray Artisans Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please indicate committees you are willing to serve on, to meet your 10 hour volunteer commitment:**

- Communications  Newsletter  Website  Publicity  Archives  Administrative  Financial
- Fundraising  Grants  Facilities  Gardening  Volunteers  Outreach  Shows
- Programs  anything DRA needs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: DEL RAY ARTISANS. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301 or pay online at [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org)

## TORPEDO FACTORY LAUNCHES VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM

Edited by Betty Plummer

Congratulations! to DRA members Megan Coyle, David Alfuth, Bonnie Lebesch and Cheri Redlinger upon being selected as Visiting Artists in The Torpedo Factory Art Center's newly launched Visiting Artist Program, whose aims are "to expose visitors and patrons to a rotating group of accomplished artists ... providing a unique opportunity to interact, explore, and exchange ideas. The artists will join in art enrichment events, demonstrating and lecturing about their work.

This year's juror was curator and gallery director, Jack Rasmussen of The American University's Katzen Art Center. He writes, "... the Torpedo Factory has done such a great job, is so respected and space within so coveted, that someone must choose who comes and who doesn't. I apologize to those whose genius I was too blind to see, and I congratulate those selected for studios. The Torpedo Factory should be a very interesting place this summer!"

## 2010 VISITING ARTISTS

More than 50 applicants applied from the US and South America. The ten artists selected are:

### JUNE

Megan Coyle (Alexandria, VA) Collage - Studio 30  
Robin Childers (Mt. Ranier, MD) Screen-prints - Studio 301  
Erica Raby (Cuyahoga Fall, OH) Sculpture - Studio 332  
Julian Parker-Burns (Silver Spring, MD) Mixed-media & collage - Studio 333

### JULY

David Alfuth (Washington, D.C.) Collage - Studio 4  
Corwin Levi (Alexandria, VA) Mixed-media painting - Studio 25  
Megan Coyle (Alexandria, VA) Collage - Studio 30  
Wan-Ju Wei (Allston, MA) Oil & acrylic painting - Studio 223  
Kazaaan Viveiros (Alexandria, VA) Large-scale painted panels - Studio 301  
Erica Raby (Cuyahoga Fall, OH) Sculpture - Studio 332  
Julian Parker-Burns (Silver Spring, MD) Mixed-media & collage - Studio 333

### AUGUST

Cherie Redlinger (Alexandria, VA) Oil painting - Studio 4  
Corwin Levi (Alexandria, VA) Mixed-media painting - Studio 25  
Bonnie Lebesch (Alexandria, VA) Acrylic on panel and or paper - Studio 30  
Wan-Ju Wei (Allston, MA) Oil & acrylic painting - Studio 223  
Robin Childers (Mt. Ranier, MD) Screen-prints - Studio 333



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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  
Editor: DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com

## 2010 CALENDAR

### JULY

- 1 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 2 – 18 **GLOBAL RHYTHM**  
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- 3 Alexandria Art Market,  
[DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com)
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 14 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 14 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 21 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 21 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 26 – 30 **ART CAMP**  
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### AUGUST

- 5 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 6 – 22 **GATHERING OF THE LEGENDS**  
*Nina Tisara Project Director*  
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- 7 Alexandria Art Market,  
[DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com)
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 11 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 12 Living Legends Reception 7-8:30 pm
- 25 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 25 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm short/long poses

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 3 – 19 **BOARD SHOWCASE**  
*curator tbd*
- 4 Alexandria Art Market,  
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- 8 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 22 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 26 Card Making Party, time TBD

### OCTOBER

- 1 – 24 **ONCE UPON A TIME**  
*Christina Richardson and Laura Bell curators*  
[christina@figaroconsulting.com](mailto:christina@figaroconsulting.com)  
[bellineart@aol.com](mailto:bellineart@aol.com)
- 2 **COMMUNITY ART ON THE AVENUE**
- 6 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 6 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 20 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- TBD Annual Member Meeting & Elections, date and time TBD

### NOVEMBER

- 5 – 21 **BLUE: AN INTERPRETATION**  
*(All-Member Show)*  
*Betsy Mead curator*  
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- 6 Alexandria Art Market,  
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- 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 10 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 14 Card Making Party, time TBD
- 17 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 17 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 30 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7 – 9 pm

### DECEMBER

- 1 WORKSHOP Mosaic 7 – 9 pm
- 3 – 5 **HOLIDAY MARKET**  
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- 8 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 8 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm gestures
- 15 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm short/long poses

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