

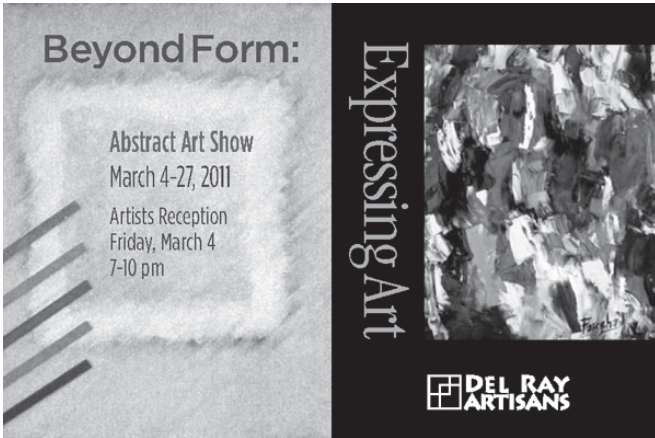


Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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The Well Crafted Word

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DRA's Abstract Show Opens March 4!

Gallery Without Walls Exhibit at Signature Theatre Opens March 14, 7-10 pm!

Betty Plummer and Fareeha Khawaja, Curators

DRA's March ALL-MEDIA ABSTRACT SHOW, open to all area artists, spotlights painting. Come see the gallery zipping with positive energy, beauty, truth, and color! See the counterpoint of monochromatic simplicity, stillness, and restraint—lending balance and white space.

Gallery Without Walls Abstract Art Exhibit at Signature Theatre in the theatre's lobby gallery runs from March 14 – June 12 as part of Signature's showing of ART by Yasmina Reza, in which a white-on-white abstract painting plays a leading role! See Signature Theatre's Web site, <http://www.sig-online.org/> for details and tickets. — *Betty Plummer*



ABSTRACT ART WORKSHOP: "Revealing What Is Hidden"

Saturday, March 12, 2011, 10 am – 1 pm

Our workshop/panel discussion features **John Blee** and **Beverly Ryan** from The Art League; **Paula Lentz** from DRA and The Touchstone Gallery; and our own **Rusty Lynn**.

First 2 hours: our panel of artists, teachers and historians, will hit highlights in Abstract Art's colorful history. What are Abstract Art's precursors? How is it defined? Who are some of the big name artists and what did they contribute to the genre? And ... we'll find out what artists are favorites of the panelists while engaging in lively discussion all around!

Last hour: a feedback opportunity. Bring a finished or unfinished abstract art piece, or get constructive comment on your artwork showing in *Beyond Form*.

Workshop fees: \$10, DRA members; \$15, non-members. Maximum participants is 25. Advance registration by Tuesday, March 8 is required. Register soon for this thought-provoking and inspiring workshop! Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org to register. — *Rusty Lynn* (rustylynn@earthlink.net) & *Betty Plummer* (bplummer11@verizon.net)

Coming to DRA in April... bands, instruments, lyrics, rebellious youth culture, a lifestyle dedicated to glamour and excess... **It's Only Rock 'n' Roll But I Like It!**

Opening Reception: Friday April 1, 7-10 pm.

Rock Movie Marathon: Sunday April 10, 12 noon - 9 pm.

Open Mic Lyric Slam: Sunday May 1, 2 - 4 pm. Read and recite your original songs or slam the lyrics of your favorite songs. — *Fierce Sonia, Curator*

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in January!

Gail N. Beaumont - Watercolor

Stuart Bradley - Letterpress Printing, Photography

Ruth Brannigan - Photography

Sally Brasse - Glass

Patricia Everett - Photography, Watercolor

Mary Rose Janya - Watercolor, Mixed Media

Margaret Kennedy - Video Production

Marie Lenker - Calligraphy

Catherine R. Levi

Robin Ludt

Tracy MacDonald - Mixed Media, Photography

Karen Schwarz - Jewelry, Greeting Cards, Oil

Rebecca Stone - Mixed Media, Photography, Sound

Lee Ann Woodcock - Fiber, Tissue, Acrylic



"Baby, It's Cold Outside" — an Outstanding Success!

Along with putting on a diverse and profitable show our talented artists helped collect over 400 pairs of new socks for the Carpenter's Shelter — that's an estimated 5 month supply! Thank you to everyone who showed their amazing work and pitched in to pull this show off. We truly did get by with a lot of help from our friends. — *Curators Celeste & Connie Zabowski*

Corner

Curators'

Greetings from Your New DRA Curator Coordinator:

The New Year is filled with great, interesting shows! If you want a piece of the excitement, then volunteer!

We are always looking for people to help out—to welcome and meet other artists at receiving or show closing, help hang shows and gallery sit. You don't need to have an art piece in the show to help out. It's a rewarding experience to interact with other DRA artists and volunteer at the same time! Our gallery offers many different volunteer opportunities. Email me at DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com or Volunteer Coordinator Lesley Hall at DRA.volunteers@gmail.com.

Marketing Tip:

Put a business card on your artwork. This provides a way for your art to be identified as yours by its new owner and his/her friends. You could also include a small bio on the artwork to give even more context and background.

I hope you will decide to help your gallery in the exciting times ahead!
— *Drew Cariaso*

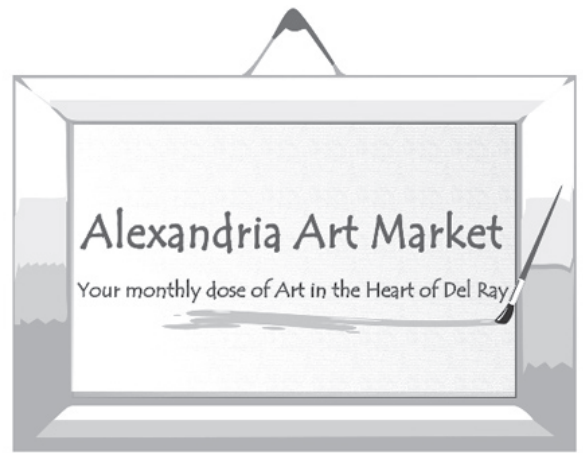
DRA Communications Team Seeks HTML Layout Volunteer

We're looking for someone to help layout the DRA weekly Eblast in HTML. This volunteer would work with the Eblast editor to format DRA and metro-area art events into a weekly email publication. Must know HTML and be able to FTP files; an approximate 1-2 hours per week commitment. Contact Dawn Wyse Hurto at 703-765-1767 or WebCurator@TheDelRayArtisans.org.
— *Dawn Wyse Hurto*

Alexandria Art Market Gears Up For Its Second Season

Del Ray Artisans is embarking on our second season of the Alexandria Art Market...your monthly dose of Art in Del Ray.

Due to last year's incredible success we have expanded the market to host 25 artists and have extended the market an extra month!



Our monthly outdoor art market will give DRA members an opportunity to sell their original handmade art work and provide them with consistent exposure to the community.

There will be 6 monthly markets on the first Saturday of the month: May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and November 5, 2011, all 10 am – 4 pm.

Diverse musical performances and food purveyors are scheduled each month.

Art space fee is \$35 per market or \$30 per market if you commit to 3 or more market days. The art market is held on the lawn area around the DRA gallery. Ten percent 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. The outdoor art market will be held rain or shine.

Please check our website for application details, or contact me at 703-627-7656 or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com. — *Kimberley Bush*



Partners in Art: A New Group Forming at DRA!

Our objective for Partners in Art is to create a regular forum where attendees receive support while working towards individual art objectives.

We are on the DRA calendar through April for the following dates and times:

Mar. 7, 2-4 pm	Apr. 4, 2-4 pm
Mar. 21, 2-4 pm	Apr. 18, 2-4 pm

While all bring different skill levels and art goals to the table, we want to foster a creative exchange of ideas to help to motivate and encourage all participants. We plan to start each meeting with a discussion topic and a short demonstration or creativity exercise. Then everyone may talk about what they're currently working on, where they're finding inspiration, and what artistic challenges they're facing. The group will evolve with participants' interests.

We feel that such a group will, at its best, provide a non-threatening environment to share ideas, help to generate work for DRA shows, and encourage involvement and membership.

This program will be free and open to members and non-members. Occasionally there may be a charge for supplies for a group project or exercise. People of all skill levels and working in any medium are encouraged to attend. See the calendar on www.theDelRayArtisans.org for dates and times. — *Millie Mateu* (gloaleducationsolutions@gmail.com) and *Katherine Rand* (katherine@katherinerand.com).

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter! **Renewal** **New Member**

Name _____

Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone Home () Cell () Work ()

E-mail Address(es) _____

 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

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

Friend

- \$35 Friend of DRA

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 DRA Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for \$ _____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the DRA Art Camp for Youth for \$ _____.

Please indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 10-hour per year volunteer commitment:

- Communications Newsletter Facilities Archives Outreach Anything DRA needs
- Fundraising Grants Publicity Volunteers Financial Other, special talents:
- Programs Website Gardening Administrative Shows _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301, or pay online: www.thedelrayartisans.org.**Drawing the Clothed Figure with Alice Kale****WORKSHOP: Sunday, April 3**

1-4 pm class; 4-5 pm optional chat

Students will practice drawing the clothed model in a simplified manner intended to express the underlying human form. Initial gesture drawings will help students to understand and quickly capture a pose. We will then progress into a fully developed drawing of the clothed figure. All skill levels welcome.

The drawing session will run from 1-4 pm. We will have refreshments and a group discussion on what we learned during the session for those who would like to stay on from 4-5 pm.

Please bring newsprint (18"x24"), a fat Sharpie pen and a charcoal pencil. You may bring more drawing materials of your choice, better quality drawing paper, or a portable easel.

Fees: \$15, DRA members; \$18, non-members. For more details, contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com. Space is limited. Registration by Wed., March 8 is required. Register online or at the gallery.

Alice Kale is a well-known local painter and popular teacher. In addition to numerous awards, her work has been featured in *Watercolor Magic* and *Artist's Sketchbook* magazines and in *The Washington Post*. — Katherine Rand

Open Life Drawing Sessions

Work from live models in our regular Open Life Drawing sessions at the gallery. All skill levels welcome. Sessions are drop-in. No registration required. Bring your own supplies. Fee for each 3-hour session: \$8, DRA members; \$10, non-members. Two-hour sessions: \$6, members; \$8; non-members. Please see the Calendar in this newsletter for dates or visit the DRA website for more details.

DEL RAY ARTISANS

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
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TheDelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-4 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: 10 am-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 10th of the month

Editor: DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

2011 Calendar

March

4 - 27 **SHOW Beyond Form: Expressing Art** Betty Plummer & Fareeha Khawaja curators
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fareehamkhawaja@gmail.com
7 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
9 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses
12 **WORKSHOP Abstract Art: Revealing What Is Hidden**, 10 am-1 pm
16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
21 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
23 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

April

1 - May 1 **SHOW It's Only Rock 'n Roll But I Like It!** Fierce Sonia curator
fiercesonia@aol.com
3 **WORKSHOP Drawing the Clothed Figure with Alice Kale**, 1-5 pm
4 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm

April life drawing sessions will all be clothed models.

6 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses
10 Rock Movie Marathon, 12 noon-9 pm
12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm TBD
18 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
20 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses

May

1 Open Mike Lyric Slam, 2-4 pm
7 Alexandria Art Market, 10 am-4 pm
6 - 15 **SHOW TC Williams Student Art Show**
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures & 2-5 pm, short/long poses
20 - 29 **SHOW Master's Thesis**
25 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm

Art Drop-off Dates/Times for Upcoming Shows:

Beyond Form: Expressing Art: Sunday, Feb. 27 & Monday, Feb. 28, 6-8 pm
It's Only Rock 'n' Roll...: Sun., Mar. 27, 6:30-8 pm & Mon., Mar. 28, 6-8:30 pm



Did You Know? ...

DRA gallery has gone wireless!

Members can now gallery sit and access the wireless system on their laptops and portable devices.

2009-2010 Art Campers' work is still on display!

DRA Art Camp 2010 students' photography is displayed in Alexandria Mayor Euille's conference room until July 1. You may see Art Campers' 2009-10 artwork at Alexandria's Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., until April 1.



John Hartman

DRA's 2010 Art Campers took fun advantage of the ball field next door.

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Many thanks to **Royce Flowers** for providing such spectacular arrangements for our opening receptions.

2011 Schedule of Shows and Events

Keep this schedule on your fridge or in your calendar for reference but please continue to check the newsletter and website for new events and more up-to-date information.

****Please note – some dates, events and times are subject to change throughout the year.**

March 2011

- 4 – 27 **SHOW Beyond Form: Expressing Art** Betty Plummer and Fareeha Khawaja
curators plummer.betty@epa.gov, fareehamkhawaja@gmail.com
- 7 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
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- 20 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
- 24 Open Mic Lyric Slam, 2 – 4 pm

May 2011

- 5 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 6 – 15 **SHOW TC Williams Student Art Show**
- 7 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 10 WORKSHOP Life Drawing Café, 2 – 5 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
- 14 Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments, 11:30 – 3:30 pm
- 20 – 29 **SHOW Master's Thesis**
- 24 WORKSHOP Life Drawing Café, 2 – 5 pm
- 25 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

June 2011

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 3 – 26 **SHOW Drawing Inspiration From the Figure (All-Member Show)**
Pamela Underhill Katherine Rand curators pamunderhill@comcast.net
katherine@katherinerand.com
- 4 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
- 8 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
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First Thursdays: (May – Sept) open until 9pm
Fridays: Noon – 9 pm
Saturdays: 10 am – 9 pm
Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

July 2011

- 2 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush, *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
5 – 17 **EXHIBIT Art Camp for Grown-Ups**
6 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
7 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
12 Board Meeting, 7 pm
20 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
25 – 29 **ART CAMP**

August 2011

- 4 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
5 – 28 **SHOW Board Show** curator TBD
6 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush, *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
8 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
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September 2011

- 1 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
2 – 25 **SHOW Retakes and Transformations: Art from everyday life (All-Member Show)** Dawn Wyse Hurto curator *dawn@dawnds.com*
3 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush, *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
7 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
21 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
29 - Oct 2 Special Exhibit, TBD

October 2011

- 2 COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue
7 – 30 **SHOW tbd** Amy Souza curator *amy.souza@gmail.com*
11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
12 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
19 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
26 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses

November 2011


- 4 – 27 **SHOW The Del Ray Dozens** Rob Rudick Jen Chappell curators *robrudick@yahoo.com*
jen.chappell@cox.net
5 Alexandria Art Market, 10am – 4pm. Kimberley Bush, *DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com*
8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
9 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
16 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

December 2011

- 2 – 4 **Holiday Market** Tracy Wilkerson coordinator *DRA.HolidayMarket@gmail.com*
7 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, gestures & 2 – 5 pm, short/long poses
9 - 18 **SHOW tbd** curator TBD
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

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March – DRA's 20th Birthday Celebration

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