



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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# The Well Crafted Word

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

## It's Only Rock 'n' Roll, But I Like It!

Del Ray Artisans pay homage to all things rock 'n' roll during our April show. This open, all-media juried show celebrates the bands, instruments, lyrics, rebellious youth culture and a life style dedicated to glamour and excess.

**Show Opening and Artist Reception:** Friday, April 1, 7-10 pm. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Rock attire encouraged, but please no smokin' in the boys room!

**Three North Carolina Poets:** Friday April 8, 8-10 pm. Washington, D.C.'s Ruthless Grip Poetry Series visits Del Ray Artisans for National Poetry Month! Acclaimed North Carolina writers Lee Ann Brown, Chris Vitiello, and Dianne Timblin will read from their works. Email Bryan Koen ([bwkoen@gmail.com](mailto:bwkoen@gmail.com)) or visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for details.

**Rock Movie Marathon:** Sunday, April 10 from noon-9pm. Specific schedule to be announced. Stop by to enjoy a day of rock themed movies. Come for one. Stay as you please. Popcorn concessions.

**Open Mic Lyric Slam:** Sunday, May 1 from 2-4pm. This interactive program will honor the poetry, words and anthems of rock music. Participants will have the opportunity to read and recite their original songs or slam the lyrics of their favorite songs.

Contact curator Fierce Sonia ([FierceSonia@aol.com](mailto:FierceSonia@aol.com)), Jennifer Chappell ([Jen.Chappell@cox.net](mailto:Jen.Chappell@cox.net)), or Curator Coordinator Drew Cariso ([DRA.CuratorCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.CuratorCoordinator@gmail.com)).



## Welcome, New Members Who Joined in February!

**Terry Atkin Rowe & John Rowe** - Mixed Media, Photography  
*Welcome Back Founding Member Terry!*

**Maryjo Baxter** - Friend

**Jodi Beatty & Household** - Acrylic on canvas

**Shanie Bartlett**

**Barbie Fischer** - Acrylic

**Diana Gamerman**

**Rick B. Jones** - Sculpture, Painting

**Ezmira & James Junkala & Household, Inara Junkala, Emil Khamnei**

**Sandra Mann** - Acrylic

**Leslie E. Nicholls** - Mixed Media, Photography

**Mary Heather Petroni** - Painting

**Sara Ponce** - Mixed Media, Painting, Computer Graphics

**Zade R. Ramsey** - Oil Painting, Multi-media

**Virginia Sywyj** - Oil

**Amy N. Thomas** - Mixed Media, Collage, Acrylic, Oils

**James Wang** - Mixed Media

## Gallery Without Walls Abstract DRA Gallery Without Walls Exhibit at Signature Theatre

**DRA's opening reception March 14** in the theatre's lobby played to appreciative attendance of exhibiting artists, friends, and Signature Theatre staff members. Mark Martin graced the evening with his lovely harp music. The lobby gallery exhibit 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 tickets to *ART*, and come see our art show! — *Betty Plummer*



*Photos by John Hiller*

## Brain Storm Meeting Coming



A Gallery Foot Traffic brain storm meeting is being created. For details, please contact Drew Cariso at [DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.curatorcoordinator@gmail.com).

## Corner

### Curators'

### Student Exhibit Opening May 6 Showcases Alexandria's Artists of the Future

Del Ray Artisans and T.C. Williams High School's Art Department jointly present the 14th Annual Student Art Show at the DRA gallery, from Friday, May 6 through Sunday, May 15. The exhibit will feature the work of members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS).

Students are inducted into the NAHS upon recommendation by their art teachers. T.C. Williams students must have completed a minimum of two years of high school art study during which they have demonstrated exemplary achievement. Fifteen juniors and seniors comprise this year's selection. Many of these students will continue to study art at the college level, and much of the work on exhibit was featured in their winning college admission portfolios. Alfred University, The Chicago Art Institute, Maryland Institute College of Art, Penn State, Temple University, and VCU Arts are among the schools eager to welcome T.C. artists this fall.

T.C. Williams offers a vibrant art program that attracts hundreds of 9th-12th graders each year. Former students can be counted among today's working fine artists and art teachers, graphic artists and web designers, fashion and fabric designers, and animators and special effects artists.

Come celebrate these newest additions to those proud ranks! The opening reception will be held Friday, May 6, 7-10 pm.  
— *Drew Cariaso*,  
Curator Coordinator

### Alexandria Art Market Gears Up For Its Second Season

Del Ray Artisans begins its second season of the outdoor Alexandria Art Market on May 7. We'll host 25 artists. The monthly art market gives DRA members an opportunity to sell their original handmade artwork and offers them regular community exposure.

**The 6 monthly markets on the first Saturday of the month are: 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 is assigned a 10' X 10' space. Each artist must provide their own tent, tables, chairs, and displays. Artists who sign up for 3 or more markets will be assigned a permanent space. The market is held rain or shine. Check our website for application details. Contact me at 703-627-7656 or [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com). — *Kimberley Bush*



### Partners in Art: A New Group at DRA!

*"a regular forum where attendees receive support while working towards individual art objectives"*

**April sessions: Apr. 4, 2-4 pm; Apr. 18, 2-4 pm**

Participants come with different skill levels and art goals. We foster creative exchange of ideas to motivate and encourage. We start with a discussion topic and a short demonstration or creativity exercise. We then talk about what we're working on, where we're finding inspiration, and what artistic challenges we're facing. The group evolves with participants' interests and provide a safe environment in which to share ideas, help generate work for DRA shows, and encourage involvement and membership.

This program is free and open to members and non-members. There may be a charge for supplies for a group project or exercise. See the calendar on [www.theDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.theDelRayArtisans.org) for dates/times. — *Millie Mateu* ([globaleducationsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:globaleducationsolutions@gmail.com)) and *Katherine Rand* ([katherine@katherinerand.com](mailto:katherine@katherinerand.com)).

### Open Life Drawing Sessions at the Gallery in April and May

*NOTE: All models will be clothed in April!*

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, nonmembers. Two-hour sessions: \$6, members; \$8; non-members.



*Pat Rand*

Please visit the DRA web site or contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or [DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com) for details.

April 6, 11-1 pm (gesture) & 2-5 pm (short/long pose)

April 13, 6:30-9:30 pm (short/long pose)

April 20, 11-1 pm (gesture) & 2-5 pm (short/long pose)

May 11, 11-1 pm (gesture) & 2-5 pm (short/long pose)

May 25, 6:30-9:30 pm (long pose)

**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](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

## Café Sketching Workshop

Have you always wanted to sketch in cafes? Are you wary of drawing in public? Do you get frustrated trying to capture people who don't stay put? Join us for this two-part Café Sketching Workshop with **Hamil Ma** to learn some techniques and gain confidence. Hamil Ma, local artist/Del Ray resident, teaches art at Prince George Community College.

All skill levels are welcome. Bring a sketchbook, drawing pencils and an eraser. Fee for the two sessions: \$25, DRA members; \$30, non-members. Questions? Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or [DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com). Space is limited. Advance register online at [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).



### Tuesday May 10, 2-5 — Mock Café

During the first session we'll have the gallery set up like a café with small tables and chairs. Hamil will demonstrate strategies for simplifying the figure while drawing quickly and fearlessly in a sketchbook. He will cover poses and actions to expect in this setting. You'll practice and get comfortable with these methods in the mock café environment.

### Tuesday May 24th, 2-5 — Café Sketchcrawl

For the second session we'll start at the gallery with a review of what we learned and have practiced in the interim. and then head out to Mount Vernon Avenue to do some actual café sketching. Hamil will give pointers and encouragement along the way.

*Ben's Chili, by Hamil Ma*

# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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## 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

<b>March</b>			
27	Drop-off Rock 'n' Roll artwork, 6:30-8 pm	7	Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm. Kimberley Bush <i>DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com</i>
28	Drop-off Rock 'n' Roll artwork, 6-8:30 pm	10	<b>WORKSHOP Café Sketching,</b> 2-5 pm
<b>April</b>		10	Board Meeting, 7 pm
1 – May 1	<b>SHOW It's Only Rock n' Roll, But I Like It!</b> Fierce Sonia curator <i>fiercesonia@aol.com</i>	11	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
3	<b>WORKSHOP Drawing the Clothed Figure,</b> 1-5 pm	11	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose
4	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	14	Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments, 11:30-3:30 pm
6	Life Drawing, 11 am -1 pm, gestures	15	Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments, noon-4 pm
6	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose	24	<b>WORKSHOP Café Sketching,</b> 2-5 pm
8	Ruthless Grip Poetry Read, 8-10 pm	25	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, long pose
10	Rock Movie Marathon, 12-9 pm	<b>June</b>	
12	Board Meeting, 7 pm	2	First Thursday, open until 9 pm
13	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm	3 – 26	<b>SHOW Drawing Inspiration From the Figure</b> (All-Member Show) Pamela Underhill Katherine Rand curators <i>pamunderhill@comcast.net</i> <i>katherine@katherinerand.com</i>
16	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm	4	Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm. Kimberley Bush, DRA <i>AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com</i>
18	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	8	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
20	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures	8	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose
20	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose	14	Board Meeting, 7 pm
<b>May</b>		15	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
1	Open Mic Lyric Slam, 2-4 pm	22	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
5	First Thursday, open until 9 pm	22	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long pose
6 – 15	<b>SHOW TC Williams Student Art Show</b>		

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## If you ever watch the Westminster Dog show, then you'll understand...

It is just one judge's opinion. The most fantastic dog could just stand wrong in the show ring and throw the win. We value every piece of artwork that enters our gallery.



Curators try to accommodate as many artpieces as physically possible. So the possibility of not accepting artwork is one of the hardest decisions our curators face in every show. — *Drew Cariaso*



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