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DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM THE FIGURE

This show runs
June 3 – 26



Welcome, New Members Who Joined in April!

Graham Bell & Household -
Mixed Media, Photography

Beth Coast - Pottery

Nancy S. Kline - Friend

Nina Schwartz - Oil on canvas

Sarah Sertic - Photography,
Painting, Assemblage

Arthur Shifflett

Ira Silverberg

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Fellow DRA members and
supporters,

We are sorry to announce the
resignations of two DRA Board
Directors: Betsy Mead,
Programs, and Paige Ireland,
Communications.

Although Betsy has been on the
Board for a short time, she has
made many important improve-
ments to the way we manage the
workshops, programs and events
that now take place regularly. You
may have noticed the number of
new workshops and events in the
past few months!

Paige, during her two years on our
Board, virtually created our com-
munications department, overseeing
all written and visual material that
goes out to local and regional
publications and news sources, and
onto our website and the internet,
including social media sites. As a
result of her work, our exhibits,
programs such as Life Drawing,
Art Market, Art Camp, and artists'
workshops are drawing in crowds,
thanks to our professional present-
ation in this wide variety of media.

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Opening reception—Friday, June 3, 7-10 pm. *Come participate in
an art supply raffle and enjoy an exciting dance performance!*

For hundreds of years artists have used models to understand proportion, structure, movement and the expressive nature of the human figure. Through these studies wonderful works of art have intrigued and stimulated our senses through many styles and centuries.

This exciting all-member show explores the ways artwork reflects our responses to the human form. Co-curators Pamela Underhill and Katherine Rand invited artists to show how the human figure informs or inspires their art. The resulting show is a provocative mixture of realistic and abstract artworks that stem from observing the human figure.

See captivating figure drawings done from life. Many of these were done during DRA's regular open life drawing sessions and workshops. Of interest are preliminary artist sketches then developed further into works that hang in this show. — Pamela Underhill and Katherine Rand

Related Art Events

Fri., June 17, 7 - 9 pm: ATC Party. Create Artist Trading Cards with the human figure as inspiration. (Contact PamUnderhill @comcast.net for details).

Open Life Drawing Sessions on Wednesdays (Contact DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com for details):



Pat Rand

- June 8, 11 am - 1 pm (Gesture Drawing) & 2- 5 pm (Short/Long Pose)
- June 15, 6:30 - 9:30 pm (Long Pose)
- June 22, 11 am-1 pm (Gesture Drawing) & 2- 5 pm (Short/Long Pose)



Katherine Rand



DRA Art Camp 2011

July 25-29, from 9 am – 4 pm.

Join Del Ray Artisans as we travel around the world in five days. Students ages 8-14 will experience an international expedition through the arts. Each day features projects and activities related to cultural traditions and artistic movements around the world. Classes are taught by professional artists and educators and draw from the dramatic, visual, and musical arts. The culmination of the week will be a gallery show of students' projects.

The cost is \$260 before June 1 and \$275 after June 1. Register at www.thedelrayartisans.org. Scholarship support may be available. Contact Lisa McKee, Art Camp Director at DRA.ArtCamp@gmail.com.

Alexandria Art Market

Your monthly dose of Art in the Heart of Del Ray,

DRA's Art "first Saturday" Market opened May 7 on a splendid sunny day. June 4 is the next "rain or shine" market day for some 25 artists and artisans. The market gives DRA members an opportunity to sell their handmade artwork in a festive atmosphere in which to meet and greet the Del Ray community —and beyond.

The 5 remaining markets are: June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, & November 5, held from 10 am – 4 pm.

— *Kimberley Bush* (703-627-7656; DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com)

14th Annual DRA–T.C. Williams High School Student Art Show

Lauren Jennings was awarded the Del Ray Artisans's Ted Eicher Scholarship this year. Congratulations, Lauren, and good luck with your future art studies!

Every year DRA awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a T.C. Williams student and proudly adds his or her name to the Ted Eichers Memorial Scholarship plaque which hangs in the Del Ray Artisans gallery.

From May 6- 15, the Del Ray Artisans and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly presented the 14th Annual Student Art Show at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. Congratulations to all the students who exhibited and for being members of the National Art Honor Society. Special thanks to the dedicated art teachers who with DRA organized and made this a fantastic art exhibit: Leslie Rousseau, organizer, Margaret Appleby, Pam Johnson, Holly Langenfeld, Patty Lewis, and Ev Paul for stepping out of retirement to help out. Thank you all. — *Drew Cariaso, DRA Curator Coordinator*

Get Sparked! Art Inspired by Writing — October 7 – 30, 2011



Join Del Ray Artisans and SPARK: art from writing/writing from art, as we embark on an artistic journey that pushes boundaries. This show, open to all area artists, is unique for DRA: all art submitted must be created during a specific timeframe and done in response to a story or poem provided to you. The goal? To gain inspiration from a written work and to challenge yourself to think and create in a new way.

Details: • \$5 entry fee • Limited to 75 artist participants • Sign up by July 22 • Receive a written prompt via email on July 26 • Submit work on October 3 • Artists may submit two art pieces in response; at least one will be displayed.

Contact Co-curators: Amy Souza (amy.souza@gmail.com) and Amanda Wright (arook20@gmail.com).

More About SPARK: SPARK is a quarterly creativity project in which artists, writers, and musicians use each other's work to prompt new work of their own. Participants come from around the world and connect using the Internet. Learn more at getsparkd.org. Contact Amy Souza at amy@getsparkd.org. Stay tuned for more information on SPARK-related events associated with this show! — *Drew Cariaso*

Collage Cut Ups: Bring Your Scraps, ...and Come Have Fun!

Collage Cut Ups will meet from 1 - 4 pm on Tuesday, June 14.

Feeling overwhelmed with a deluge of junk mail and magazines? Here's your chance to beat the paper avalanche. Come play with the *Collage Cut Ups* in an environment that promotes exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. For details and to RSVP, contact me at DRA.Outreach1@gmail.com. — *Millie Maten*

FROM THE PRESIDENT, continued from page 1.

Betsy and Paige are available for a brief period to help us with the transition to new Directors. To facilitate this process, we're dividing areas of responsibility into more manageable slices, making it easier for members to envision their participation. As soon as this task is completed, we'll make specific job descriptions available to you, probably via our members-only eblasts.

Let me be clear: without your participation, we cannot sustain the level of activity, professionalism, and member benefits we and our community now enjoy. Please contact me, Lesley Hall (Volunteers Director), Paige, Betsy, or any Board member, to offer your assistance with one of the specific opportunities available. We have all the details you need, and want to hear from you now! — *Michele Reday Cook*



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Gallery Hours:

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

Submission Deadline: 10th of the month

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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

June
2 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
3 – 26 **SHOW Drawing Inspiration From the Figure (All-Member Show)** Pamela Underhill
Katherine Rand curators
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4 Alexandria Art Market,
10am-4pm, Kimberley Bush,
DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com
6 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
14 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
17 ATC party! 7-9 pm
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25 – 29 **ART CAMP**

August
4 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
5 – 28 **SHOW Board Show** curator TBD
6 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm.
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September
1 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
2-Oct 2 **SHOW Retakes and Transformations: Art from Everyday Life (All-member Show)** Dawn Wyse
Hurto curator *dawn@dawns.com*
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DRA's "Beyond Form" abstract show at Signature Theatre runs through June 12

You still have time to go see DRA's "Beyond Form: Expressing Art abstract exhibit in Signature's lobby gallery. **This is Signature Theatre's "last picture show."** We were informed on May 17 that their art gallery space will be reappropriated after our show for things other than art. Congratulations and thanks again to the Signature-selected artists whose artworks made this first of its kind Gallery Without Walls experiment a great success! — *Betty Plummer*



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