



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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# The Well Crafted Word

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**Get Sparked! Art inspired by writing, October 7 - 30**

**Opening Reception: Fri., Oct. 7, 7 - 10 pm**

**More Spark Events:**

**Fri., Oct. 14, 7 pm: SPARK writers will read aloud their inspiration pieces.**

**Fri., Oct. 21, 7 - 9 pm:**

**Welcome, New Members Who Joined in August!**

Sarah A. DuFrane - Beaded Jewelry, Metals, Crystal, Wire

Toni Gualtieri - Waterbased Media

Patricia P. Hickey - Mixed Media

Maria T. Illingworth, Steve Conn & Victoria Illingworth - Glass Mosaic

Mary Louise Marino - Drawing, Mask Making

A kid-friendly student reception will be held and will feature light refreshments and an art project to take home.

Join Del Ray Artisans and SPARK: *art from writing/writing from art* as we embark on an artistic journey that pushes boundaries. This show is a first for Del Ray Artisans: 72 artists signed up to respond to poems and prose by seven SPARK writers. Each artist received one written piece (their creative "spark") and then had approximately two months to create new work using the assigned story or poem as a jumping off point.

"There's nothing like a deadline to get the creative fires burning," said Amy Souza, show co-curator and SPARK founder. "Plus the story or poem gives you an immediate starting point, something to ponder and delve into for images and ideas. In essence, the written work becomes the artist's muse."

Co-curator Amanda Wright is running a Get Sparked! round for students at Greenbriar East Elementary. Students will be given a story or a poem to be inspired to create a new art piece, a select group of work will be displayed at the gallery, and the rest will be included in a school-wide spring art show at GBE. "It's such a fantastic opportunity and experience for children to share their creativity and imagination with others and to see their work in a gallery setting!" said Wright.

*SPARK is a quarterly creativity project in which artists, writers, and musicians from around the world use each other's work as inspiration. Started in 2008, SPARK has resulted in 781 new works of art, writing, music, and video during 12 rounds. The project is open to all who wish to participate. See [www.getsparked.org](http://www.getsparked.org). — Amanda Wright, [arook20@gmail.com](mailto:arook20@gmail.com) & Amy Souza, [amy@getsparked.org](mailto:amy@getsparked.org), co-curators*

**Art on the Avenue and DRA Silent Auction — Saturday, October 1**

From 10 am-6 pm DRA will present the following artists at work: Linda Hill (mixed media), Drew Cariaso (sculpture), Eileen O'Brien (mosaic), Rick Jones (sculpture), Tessa Barsic (oil painting) and fellow artists in front of the gallery. Inside the gallery, the current exhibit showcases everyday life and features a silent auction which ends at 6pm. The auction item is "Garden Desk", a beautifully restored and painted child-size desk by artist Kelly Cox. Proceeds benefit DRA. Come enjoy the demonstrations and art! — *Millie Maten*



**Del Ray Dozenz Photography Show Opens Friday, Nov. 4**

**Mark you calendars!** The reception is from 7 to 10 pm, and the show runs through November 27. Come out and see the best photographs produced by our members in the last two years! — *Rob Rudick, curator*

**DRA's going green!**

Starting in January 2012, newsletters will be sent to members electronically. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the gallery.



**Alexandria Art Market**

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

**The next and last market is November 5, 10 am - 4 pm.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

### Nominations Open for 2012 Board of Directors

Candidates for DRA's 2012 Board of Directors are eagerly sought by our nominating committee: Ellyn Ferguson (elferguson@netzero.net); Charlotte Landis (landiscf@comcast.net); & Paula Wulff (paula@wulffmedia.com).

Please consider joining our Board. Learn more about it from any Board member or from our 3 nominating committee members. The 2012 slate will be presented at our general membership meeting on Sunday, Oct 16, 6 - 8 pm.

Many thanks to Ellyn, Charlotte and Paula for their work in finding candidates to serve on our Board. — Michele Reday Cook

### Collage Bring Your Scraps, Cut Ups Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 11 & 25

Come play with the Collage Cut Ups in an environment that promotes exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists.

— Millie Mateu, Outreach Director



### Partners in Art Meeting Schedule

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

Join us on Mondays, 2 - 4 pm:

Oct 10; Nov 7 and 21; Dec 5.

On Oct. 24, tour "The Bright Beneath" at the National Museum of Natural History. The exhibition by Shih Chieh Huang merges science and art. Details at [calendar.thedelrayartisans.org](http://calendar.thedelrayartisans.org) under Oct. 24. RSVP by Oct. 20: [milaenartes@gmail.com](mailto:milaenartes@gmail.com).

— Millie Mateu & Katherine Rand

### Annual Membership Meeting — Sunday, October 16, from 6 – 8 pm

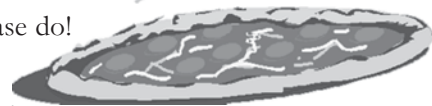
Join fellow members on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH from 6 – 8 pm in the gallery for the latest DRA news, networking, and the election of next year's Board Members! Even though this election may not be as compelling as our current national politics, "Uncle DRA" still needs you! Also, hear about the exciting exhibits being planned for 2012!

DRA will supply pizza, so please do us the great favor of RSVPing (only if you plan to attend), so that we will have a better idea when ordering this meeting's pies!

PS: If you decide to come at the last minute, please do! You will still be welcome!

RSVP to Kathryn Brown, Director of Membership:

[Membership@thedelrayartisans.org](mailto:Membership@thedelrayartisans.org). — Michele Reday Cook, DRA President



### Made In The U.S.A. — Gallery Without Walls Exhibition at Prudential Carruthers

Curators: Drew Cariaso (DRA) and Becky Arnold (Prudential Carruthers)

DRA in partnership with Prudential Carruthers presents "Made In The U.S.A." at Prudential Carruthers (300 N.

Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria VA 22314). The exhibit runs from

August 10 through October 31, 2011 and is on view on Monday through Friday, 9 am

- 5 pm. Artwork inspired by U.S. people, places and/or things.

Artists were asked to create artwork with U.S.-made materials so as to emphasize both the origin of the materials and that we represent a large, important purchasing bloc. The goal of this exhibit is to reflect everything that represents the U.S., including the actual artistic materials themselves.



*Photos from Opening Reception Sept. 12, are by John Hiller.*

### Exploring Watercolor and the Figure Workshop—Wed., Oct. 19, 2 - 5 pm

Are you intimidated by watercolor? Join us for this introductory workshop to explore using watercolor to paint the figure with our instructor Diana Gamerman.

Diana, a working artist, graduated from George Washington University and received her art education at the Corcoran School. She frequently exhibits her work at the Arlington libraries.

Diana will begin with a short talk on different types of watercolor paint, mediums, paper and brushes. Participants will then have a chance to experiment with these different materials as we paint from a live nude model. Diana will show examples of watercolors by Picasso, Matisse, Van Gogh and Wayne Thiebaud as well as demonstrate her bold, loose painting style during the workshop.

This workshop is ideal for beginners and those that want a refresher on using watercolor. All supplies will be provided. The workshop fee is \$18 for Del Ray Artisans members or \$20 for non-members. Registration in advance is required. Register online at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/watercolor](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/watercolor). Contact Katherine Rand, 703-836-1468 or [LifeDrawing@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:LifeDrawing@TheDelRayArtisans.org), if you have questions.



Watercolor by Diana Gamerman

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title                      First                      M.I.                      Last

Additional Household Members \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

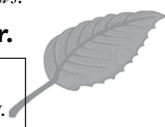
*Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.*

**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 receive DRA mailings, including the newsletter.**

**DRA is going green!** Starting in January 2012, newsletters will be sent to members electronically. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the gallery. 

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:**

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

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

**Collage Workshops with Nationally Recognized Mississippi Gulf Coast Artist Lori K. Gordon**



**Saturday, Oct. 29–Day 1: Techniques to create small collages with organic shapes & torn paper**  
**Sunday, Oct. 30–Day 2: More advanced techniques to build complex collages**

Lori Gordon has been featured on national media outlets including CBS, NPR, and CNN. You may remember her from DRA's Southern Surge show in 2007 to benefit Gulf Coast artists affected by Hurricane Katrina. She was one of a dozen Mississippi Coast artists who gave a 2-day workshop in conjunction with the show.

Both workshops are 9 am - 4 pm. Cost for DRA members: \$115 for one day or \$210 for both days. Cost for non-members: \$130 for one day or \$240 for both days. Supply fees: \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days cover homemade/found papers, support panels, glues, and photographic images from the artist's collection. Bring your own images too! Register at: <http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/collage>. See Lori's work at: <http://sixdegreeswesttoeast.blogspot.com>.

**Are there other workshops you'd like to see?** What would you like to learn in DRA workshops this fall?

Please pass along your ideas to me at [Programs@thedelrayartisans.org](mailto:Programs@thedelrayartisans.org), or call me at 703-521-7623. — *Linda Hill*



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**Gallery Hours:**

Thursday: noon-6 pm  
First Thursday: 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**

**October 2011**

- 1 COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue;  
Silent Auction ends
- 7 – 30 **SHOW Get Sparked! Art inspired by writing** Amy Souza, Amanda Wright curators amy.souza@gmail.com arook20@gmail.com
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 11 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 12 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 14 Get Sparked! Reading, 7 pm
- 16 Annual Member Meeting, 6-8 pm
- 19 **WORKSHOP Exploring Watercolor and the Figure, 2-5 pm**
- 19 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
- 21 Get Sparked! Students, 7-9 pm
- 24 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm at National Museum of Natural History
- 25 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
- 26 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 26 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 29 **WORKSHOP Collage with Lori Gordon, 9 am-4 pm**
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**November 2011**

- 4 – 27 **SHOW The Del Ray Dozenz**  
Rob Rudick, Jen Chappell curators  
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- 5 Alexandria Art Market, 10 am-4 pm, Kimberley Bush, [ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org)
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 8 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 9 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
- 21 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 22 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

**December 2011**

- 2 – 4 **Holiday Market** Tracy Wilkerson coordinator  
[HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org)
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, gestures
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, short/long poses
- 13 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm
- 9 - 18 **SHOW tbd** curator TBD
- 27 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

**January 2012**

- 6 - 29 **SHOW Artist Warriors: Post Apocalyptic Adventure**  
Curator Zade Ramsey  
[zade.ramsey@gmail.com](mailto:zade.ramsey@gmail.com)
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm

**Artwork Dropoff Schedule**

**Artist Warriors: Post Apocalyptic Adventure, January 2 & 3**

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**Congratulations! to Our Pie Contest Winners, Aug. 14, 2011**

*Best Looking Pie by Stacy Ransch for her coconut/almond joy pie; top prize for Best Tasting Pie by Margaret Slipek for her crunchy peach pie; and Most Interesting Pie by Lesley Hall for her vanilla/chocolate pudding pie.*

**Special Thanks...** to the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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

