



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

September 2012

# The Well-Crafted Word

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**Sneak Peek on Del Ray's First Thursday Celebration: Sept. 6 from 6 – 9 pm**



**It Runs in the Family, September 7 – 30**

**Opening Reception Fri., Sept. 7, 7 – 10 pm**

This exhibit explores how the need to create seems to run in families. Many artists can name at least one relative who influenced their own careers. Do we make art because we grew up in families that encouraged creativity or did we inherit the creativity gene?

Interpreting “family” very loosely, DRA asked area artists to show us their artistic heritage by submitting a work of art of their own, together with a collection of their family’s artworks. Artists searched out the best art in their families to display at DRA. The curators arranged by family groups, so visitors can explore the differences and similarities among the artists who are connected and related to one another. — Michele Reday Cook ([mredaycook@gmail.com](mailto:mredaycook@gmail.com)) and Megan R. Cook ([mcm7@gmail.com](mailto:mcm7@gmail.com))

Postcard artwork by Megan Rose Cook, Liz Reday, and Michele Reday Cook.

## IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

**Artistic Families Show Their Roots**

**September 7–30, 2012**

Opening reception: Friday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 7–10 pm

DEL RAY ARTISANS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION PICNIC  
SATURDAY, SEPT 29<sup>TH</sup> 3 PM



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## Sweet ‘n Salty Show, Oct. 5 - 28


Artists, get your cravings on for the Sweet ‘n Salty show!


*Sweet: pleasing to the taste, mind, feelings, eye or ear*  
*Salty: seasoned with or containing salt, related to the sea, racy*

Give in to your cravings and become inspired by the theme Sweet ‘n Salty. Both words have a variety of connotations and meanings. Let your senses and personal experiences inspire you, and create dynamic and interesting interpretations of this very tasty and feeling-filled theme. Push your personal boundaries and become a little salty or try to be sweet.

### Fun activities planned for October:

 **Poetry Event, October 14, 4 – 6 pm:** Enjoy a play on sweet-n-saltiness as we watch performance artists (novice? experienced? you interpret!) perform poetry written by others. We are sure that unexpected outcomes will abound as writers see their poetry being performed in ways they may not have expected!

 **Sweet ‘n Salty Movie Night, October 19, 8 pm – midnight-ish:** The curators will choose a ‘sweet’ movie and a ‘salty’ movie for all to sit back and watch while we enjoy air-popped popcorn with a tasty selection of sweet and salty toppings!

 **Halloween Social Hour, October 27, 6 – 9 pm:** Start off your Halloween festivities at the gallery while taste-testing beverages created specifically with the Sweet ‘n Salty theme in mind.

For more information, please visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or contact the curators: Tracy Wilkerson ([tlwideas@comcast.net](mailto:tlwideas@comcast.net)) and Amanda Wright ([arook20@gmail.com](mailto:arook20@gmail.com)).

**So Delicious  
Everyone Wins!**



During the August 19 Membership Meeting, the 7th Annual “My Oh My” Pie-Baking contest was held. Judges Paul Barsic, Kurt Peterson, and Karen Schmitz selected three winners: Third Place - Liquid Gold Peach Pie by Kathy Turner; Second Place - Chocolate Mousse by James Locke; and First Place - Tomato Pie by Marie Lenker.

The award winners were rewarded with prizes, and all attending members were rewarded with tastes of all the submitted pies! Thank you to our judges and all the bakers who baked and submitted pies. Thanks also to all our members who attended, and to all our volunteers who helped make this meeting a wonderful success! — Kathryn A. Brown

Sweet ‘n Salty October 5-28, 2012



[www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

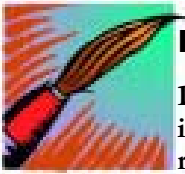
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## Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market 2012

- Nov 30 – Dec 2 weekend
- Dec 7 – 9 weekend
- Dec 14 - 16 weekend

Welcome new and returning artist exhibitors! We redesigned the Holiday Market this year to enhance the space and opportunity for artists by hosting the Market over three weekends. Check out the 2012 Application at [thedelrayartisans.org/shows/calls/Due-2012-09-07-HolidayMarket.pdf](http://thedelrayartisans.org/shows/calls/Due-2012-09-07-HolidayMarket.pdf) or in paper copy at the gallery. **The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 7!** Fill it out now and follow all directions. Vendor notification will be on Friday, Sept. 14, so accepted exhibitors will have plenty of time to build inventory. The DRA Holiday Market has been going for 16 years – as we redesign some details for our 17<sup>th</sup> year, we feel these changes and your continued support will make this our best year ever!

— Tracy Wilkerson, Coordinator



## Partners in Art

DRA's Partners in Art artists meet regularly to share art-related goals, report on progress, and obtain feedback on current artwork. Meetings are usually held twice a month. Looking for support as you strive to reach your art-related goals? Become a regular or drop-in with artwork to get feedback. Contact us for current topics of discussion: *Millie Mateu* ([milaenartes@gmail.com](mailto:milaenartes@gmail.com)) and *Katherine Rand* ([Katherine@KatherineRand.com](mailto:Katherine@KatherineRand.com)). Donations (\$1-\$3) are appreciated. Dates: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)



Join us Tuesday, 1 - 4 pm at the gallery on Sept. 11 & 25; Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

Come play with the Collage Cut-Ups in a supportive environment that promotes an exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. This is an informal group (not a workshop) where everyone works on individual projects. Questions? Contact Millie Mateu at [milaenartes@gmail.com](mailto:milaenartes@gmail.com).

## DRA's 20th Anniversary Picnic Is Saturday, Sept. 29

DRA turned 20 this year! We'll celebrate with Open Art Tents and a picnic from 3 - 6 pm, at the gallery. Members and non-members — everyone is welcome!

## Fashion's Night Out: Thursday, September 6

Come to the gallery from 6 - 9 pm! Stay tuned for more details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/FNO](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/FNO)

## Join DRA's Board in 2013!

Seeking volunteers to serve as Vice President, Fundraising Director and Communications Director. Email Nominating Committee's Millie Mateu at [milaenartes@gmail.com](mailto:milaenartes@gmail.com) if you're interested or have questions.



## Come to the Alexandria Art Market!

Saturday, September 1, 10 am - 4 pm  
"rain or shine", held in the park next to the gallery!

Musical Performances from 12-2 pm:

Saturday, September 1 - Snakehead Run  
Saturday, November 3 - Janna Audey

See painters, photographers, jewelers, ceramists, metal & textile workers!

Hear the fun, toe-tapping sounds of Snakehead Run on September 1!

Call for artists: artspace available for the LAST art market, Nov. 3!

Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket), for details. To apply for an artspace, contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or [ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## Flickr is a Guy's Best Friend

Pen & ink artist Guy G. Jones of "Anthropomorphic Animals" fame just had a wonderful experience with the DRA's website. Do you know that there is a photo archive of your artwork under "delrayartisans" on Flickr? Go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/alltags> and click on your name to view your art exhibited at DRA within the last two years. Wow! Guy's friend who works at an educational publishing house did this. He showed his editor some of Guy's art. Guy was selected to do 70 illustrations for a teaching version of the classic *Wind in the Willows*. This magical resource is a product of many hours of photographing members' artwork by DRA's Director of Archives/"Superman"/Academy Award winning artist John W. Hiller. John's Oscar was for his work on the Documentary Short called *The Stone Carvers* about the Washington National Cathedral. This "modern technology" from which we all can benefit was set up by volunteer member Nate Hurto and is maintained by Dawn Wyse Hurto, Director of Technology. We all now may appreciate our new friend "Flickr". Check it out! And Hip Hip Hooray for Guy! — *Karen Schmitz*



"Hop in the Sack" by Guy G. Jones. Photo by John Hiller.

## August's Borderlines Showcased Art of DRA's Directors



L to R: Lesley Hall, Kathryn Brown, Michele Reday Cook, Drew Carioso, and Dawn Wyse Hurto. [Artist Nora Partlow not pictured.] Photo by John Hiller

Liz Martinez. We really appreciate your time and support. Thanks for helping to make our show successful! — *Dawn Wyse Hurto*

Del Ray Artisans' Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who volunteered to support the Board showcase: Borderlines. Special thanks go to Kurt Peterson and Tracy Wilkerson for their assistance during hanging and throughout the show. Thank you to the reception volunteers: Marlene Ellis, Tessa Barsic, Kathy Lawler, and Chris Fedderson; and thank you to the additional gallery hosting volunteers: Mary Louise Clifford, Karen Thuermer, Phinsuda Tarmy, Nikole Smith, DJ Gaskin, and



**During HOT! HOT! HOT!  
The Gallery Rocked!**

*Salsa Dance Lesson Night was June 29 led by instructors Digna Rodriguez and her husband LB. Photo by Tracy Wilkerson.*

See more HOT! pics at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/sets/72157630000675748/>. — Tracy Wilkerson, Co-curator

**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**

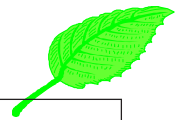
- \$75 Household
  - \$50 Individual
  - \$25 Senior (62 & over)
  - \$25 Full-time Student/Disabled
- Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.*

**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.**

**DRA has “gone green!”** As of January 2012, a monthly notice is sent to all members via e-mail when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter continue to 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:**

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

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

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**Gallery Hours:**

Thursday: noon-6 pm  
First Thursday: noon-9 pm (May-Sept.)  
Friday: noon-9 pm  
Saturday: 10 am-9 pm  
Sunday: noon-6 pm

**Submission Deadline:** 15th 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.

**2012 Calendar**

**September 2012**

1 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm,  
Kimberley Bush,  
*ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org*  
6 Fashion's Night Out, First Thursday,  
6-9pm  
7 It Runs in the Family Reception,  
7-10pm  
7-30 **SHOW It Runs in the Family**  
Michele Reday Cook curator  
*mredaycook@gmail.com*  
10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
11 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
11 Board Meeting, 7pm  
16 Cardmaking Party, 2-4pm  
19 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short pose  
(clothed)  
23 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am,  
Gesture  
24 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
25 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
29 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blowout Picnic,  
3-6pm

**October 2012**

5-28 **SHOW Sweet 'n Salty** Tracy  
Wilkerson Amanda Wright curators  
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6 **COMMUNITY Art** on the  
Avenue, 10am-6pm  
8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
9 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
9 Board Meeting, 7pm  
10 Life Drawing, 11 am-1pm,  
Gesture (clothed)  
10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long  
poses (clothed)  
14 Poetry Event, 4-6pm  
17 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
pose  
19 Sweet 'n Salty Movie Night, 8pm-??  
21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am,  
Gesture

22 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
23 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/  
Long  
27 Halloween Social Hour, 6-9pm

**November 2012**

2-25 **SHOW Telling Images**  
Jeanne Tifft curator  
*jlittifft@cox.net*  
3 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-  
4pm, Kimberley Bush,  
Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
5 Life Drawing, 11 am-1pm,  
Gesture  
7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/  
Long poses  
13 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
13 Board Meeting, 7pm  
14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm,  
Long pose (clothed)

30-Dec 16 **Holiday Market**  
coordinator Tracy Wilkerson  
*HolidayMarket@thedelrayartisans.org*

**December 2012**

10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
11 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4pm  
11 Board Meeting, 7 pm  
12 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm,  
Gesture (clothed)  
12 Life Drawing Holiday Party,  
1-2pm  
12 Life Drawing, 2-5pm,  
Short/Long poses  
19 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short

**Artwork Dropoffs**

**It Runs in the Family**, accepted pieces  
only, Sept 3 (6-8pm) & Sept 4 (9-11am)  
**Sweet 'n Salty**, Sept 30 & Oct 1,  
6:30-8:30pm  
**Telling Images**, accepted pieces only:  
Oct 28 (6:30-9:30pm) &  
Oct 29 (9am-Noon)

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**Congratulations! to Our August 19th "My Oh My" Pie Contest Winners**

L to R: Marie Lenker, Kathy Turner, and James Locke.  
Photograph by Wayne Huleban

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

