



The Well-Crafted Word

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Shades of White kicks off the New Year with an artistic challenge to create artwork using only different shades of white. In 1951, artist Robert Rauschenberg scandalized the art community with his series of white paintings, proving that white isn't "just white". Curators Betsy Mead and Hillary Mead challenge DRA artists to go beyond Rauschenberg's work in their creative process by remembering the myriad hues and tones that make "white". They were to consider reactions that may occur in mixing or firing white pigments. The only restriction — artists had to use various shades of white in creating their artwork.

"Shades of White" Fused Glass Plate Workshop (Jan. 14 & Jan. 21)

Artist Betsy Mead will show you that "white isn't just white". She will use two shades of white glass to create an 8" x 8" plate that, when fused, can have shades of black, brown, grey, or blue. 2-part workshop: Mondays, January 14 and January 21, 10 am - Noon, at the gallery. Fee: \$65 DRA members, \$75 non-members. Details and registration at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/FusedGlass. — Curators Betsy Mead (202-362-6405, egmead@gmail.com) and Hillary Mead (202-905-7509, hpm713@gmail.com).



Dot and Dash — February's Show Opens Friday, Feb. 1

Get ready for the February Show: **Dot and Dash!** All work starts with a basic dot or dash. This show investigates getting back to the basics. What types of marks do you use to start your creative process? Deconstruct and reconstruct your art-making to interpret Dot and Dash in your unique style — from work that is painterly, graphic, realistic, and abstract, to work in three dimensions. Surprise us with your expertise in your favorite medium! Call for Entry is included in this issue. Drop-off Dates: Sunday, January 27, and Monday, January 28, 2013, 6-8 pm. — Curators Amanda Wright (arook20@gmail.com) and Colleen Dolinger (colleendolinger@gmail.com).

Dot and Dash Children's Art Workshop: This two-hour hands-on workshop will provide children the opportunity to express themselves by creating two quality pieces of work, focusing on the attributes of lines and shapes in two- and three-dimensions. Time/Date: 1 - 3 pm on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013. Fee: \$10/child for DRA members, \$12/child for non-members. The maximum number of students accepted will be 30. Registration will be filled by first-come/first-served. Register online at TheDelRayArtisans.org/dot-dash-workshop by February 3. Open to children ages 5-12.

Welcome, New Members Who Joined in November!

- Olga B. Ferreras-Anderson - Canvas, Acrylic
- Donna Lee Gallo - Mixed Media/ Collage with Found Objects
- Lee Wood - Oil, Drawing, Charcoal



Thank You, DRAngels!
...from Fellow DRA Members and Friends...

● Thank You to members and friends who helped paint the gallery and joined the fun on Dec. 22.

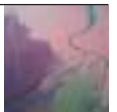
● Thank You, Alice Eichers, Greg Knott, Charlotte Landis, Linda Mierke, Tracy and Tamara Wilkerson, and Amanda Wright who helped with the Barnes & Noble gift-wrapping fundraiser for DRA.

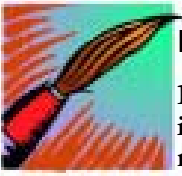
● A Special Thank You to all the members who went above and beyond their required 10 hour of volunteer work for DRA!

● Thank You to our 2012 curators: Jeanne Tiffit, Tracy Wilkerson (twice!), Amanda Wright, Michele Reday Cook, Megan Cook, Tamara Wilkerson, Betty Plummer, Fareeha Khawaja, David Kosar, Kurt Peterson, Barbara Boehm, Linda Elliff, Zade Ramsey, and Gordon Frank; including and especially Director of Curating Drew Carriaso.

View Sweet 'n Salty until Jan. 27 ...

during office hours at Prudential PenFed, 300 N. Washington St, Alexandria. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.





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) and *Katherine Rand* (Katherine@KatherineRand.com). Donations (\$1-\$3) are appreciated. Dates: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Open Life Drawing in 2013

Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills at the gallery? DRA offers a range of open life drawing sessions. These sessions are drop-in with no advance registration. Bring your supplies and join us to draw or paint (no acrylics or oils) our live models. We don't supply easels, but you may bring your own. All skill levels welcome.

Gesture Sessions (two hours)

Loosen up and participate in a fun, fast-paced drawing experience of dynamic 1-5 minute poses. We may throw in a continuous motion drawing exercise to keep things interesting.

Short Pose Sessions (two hours)

Sessions feature 5-15 minute poses. Get in lots of drawing practice with a wide variety of poses.

Short/Long Pose Sessions

(three hours) These sessions start with some short 1-5 minute warm-up poses and progressively move into 10-45 minute poses. Hone your drawing and observation skills.

Long Pose Sessions (three hours)

These sessions are composed of two long poses starting with a few warm-ups.

Fees: three-hour sessions are \$10/DRA member & \$12/non-member; two-hour sessions are \$8/member & \$10/non-member. Contact: Katherine Rand, 703-836-1468 or LifeDrawing@TheDelRayArtisans.org

THANK YOU for Making the Holiday Market Another Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Holiday Market a success!

We expanded over 3 weekends, and were able to showcase more artists and get more local businesses involved! We had steady traffic all 3 weekends. Customers purchased items from artists, poinsettias, and hand-made ornaments from DRA. Special thanks go out to the local businesses who helped support our event: Cheesetique, Planet Wine, Los Tios, Pork Barrel BBQ, Taqueria Poblano, Market-to-Market (Café Pizzaiolo) and West Landscapes.

The Holiday Market Committee also sends a huge special THANK YOU to all the bakers and volunteers for the Receptions and Bake Sale! We raised over \$400 to benefit Computer C.O.R.E (computercore.org). Thanks for your help: Tessa Barsic, Barbara Boehm, Marlene Ellis, Maria Illingworth, Charlotte Landis, Diana Manchak, Linda Goetz Mierke, Kate Niner, Stacy Rausch, Suzanne Tillman, Jack Tsu, John and Matt Wulff.

The Holiday Market would not be a market without our great group of artist exhibitors! Thank you for participating: Jen Athanas, Marghi Barnes, Tessa Barsic, Barb Boatman, Drew Cariaso/Ann Veitenheimer, Rita Cohen, Leisa Collins, Michele Reday Cook/Megan Cook, Chris Fedderson/Kathy Lawler, Carol Fogelson, Rachel Giunta, Derek Hall, Lesley Hall, Maria Illingworth, Steve Johnson/Kari Kelley, Nancy Kline, Genevieve Lynn, Diana Manchak, Erica Morris, Angelina Musto/Isabella Hale, Patti North, Sergio & Claudia Olivos, Tangela Roe, Brendan Smith, Howard Stelzer, Ron Tickerhoff, Chris Vinh, Joyce Wagner, Dorothy Weiss, Tamara Wilkerson, Tracy Wilkerson, Paula Wulff, and Monica Yichoy. — *Tracy Wilkerson, Holiday Market Coordinator*

From the President . . . Our Goals for 2013 and Beyond . . .

Happy New Year, DRA members! Your Board of Directors is looking forward to a busy year, with an exciting exhibition schedule, and new projects to inspire your artistic achievements. With five new directors joining us, there should be some interesting things happening, and you'll want to be a part of it!

It's a good time to tell you about our goals for 2013 and beyond. We recently completed our 2013-2014 grant proposal to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, in which we described what we would be working toward in the coming years:

1. Expand DRA's artistic contributions to the community, by:

- * Increasing the number of educational workshops and classes for local artists;
- * Developing art programs of interest to diverse cultural groups in Del Ray;
- * Continuing our development of art programs and activities for local children;
- * Continuing/expanding collaborations with other arts groups and community venues.

2. Increase fundraising efforts to support and expand our programs, through:

- * Developing and implementing annual fundraising goals;
- * Increasing the number of fundraising events and programs throughout the year;
- * Designating certain funds from other income-producing programs to support stated goals for the year; and
- * Forming a budget and fundraising committee for grants preparation and identifying other available grants.

3. Strengthen our governance and organizational practices, by:

- * Updating our 2007 Strategic Plan;
- * Reviewing and updating our Bylaws, Policies and Board Handbook;
- * Reviewing and updating our performance review process and contracts for our employees, paid consultants and independent contractors;
- * Developing our online membership database and volunteer tracking system; and
- * Regular review and updating of our budget and financial reporting procedures.

We can do this only with the participation of our talented, artistic, loyal membership. Help our hard-working Board of Directors keep DRA a vibrant visual arts center in Del Ray. Volunteer to work with us on one of these projects! — *by Michele Reday Cook*



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Gallery Hours:

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

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Editor: newsletter@thedelrayartisans.org

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

2013 Calendar

January

- 4 – 27 **SHOW Shades of White** Betsy Mead Hillary Mead curators egmead@gmail.com Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short
- 7 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 9 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 14 **WORKSHOP Fused Glass part 1**, 10am-12pm
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
- 20 Life Drawing, 9:30-1:30am, Gesture
- 21 **WORKSHOP Fused Glass part 2**, 10am-12pm
- 21 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long

February

- 1 – 24 **SHOW Dot & Dash** Amanda Wright Colleen Dolinger curators arook20@gmail.com colleendolinger@gmail.com
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short (clothed)
- 6 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 8 **RECEPTION** for Diane Rugierro, 6-8pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 17 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 17 Annual "Art Swap", 2-4 pm
- 18 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)

March

- 1 – 31 **SHOW Power Art** Barb Boatman curator curatorcutssewcreatesstudio@gmail.com
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short
- 6 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 16 **WORKSHOP Bookmaking/Poetry Writing**, 10 am-4 pm
- 17 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 18 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 27 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

April

- 5 – 28 **SHOW Turn on your Masters** Drew Cariaso Zade Ramsey curators atenart@carioso.net zade.ramsey@gmail.com
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 8 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 17 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 22 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long



Artwork Dropoffs

- Shades of White**, Dec 30, 6-8 pm & Dec. 31, 4-7pm
- Dot & Dash**, Jan 27 & 28, 6-8pm
- Power Art**, Feb 24 & 25 (Time TBA)
- Turn on your Masters**, March 31 & April 1 (Time TBA)

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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.



CALL FOR ENTRY

Dot and Dash

February 1–24, 2013

All work starts with a basic dot or dash. What types of marks do you use to start your creative process? This show is an investigation about getting back to the basics. Deconstruct and reconstruct your unique art-making style to interpret the theme *Dot and Dash*. We are looking for area artists to create in their own unique style—painterly, graphic, realistic, or abstract—in two or three-dimensions. Surprise us with your expertise in your favorite medium!

Curators: Amanda Wright, arook20@gmail.com
Colleen Dolinger, colleendolinger@gmail.com

Entry Details:

- Receiving takes places Sunday, January 27 and Monday, January 28, 2013, from 6–8 pm
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork for display. Non-refundable entry fee is \$5 per piece for Del Ray Artisans (DRA) members, \$8 per piece for non-members. Each artist is also invited to submit three pieces of take-away art for an additional flat entry fee of \$5.
- Your art must be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. We cannot show work that is not ready for exhibition. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtGuidelines for details.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax-deductible) to *Del Ray Artisans*.

Accepted Artist Requirements:

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements, as well as delivery of sold work.
- **All artists MUST gallery host and/or volunteer** with set-up, hanging, opening/closing receptions, and/or take down. Please bring your calendar so you can sign up for duties at receiving. We'll ask you to contribute a food or beverage for the opening reception. (**DRA Members:** The volunteer hours are for entry into this show only and not part of your membership requirement of 10 hours of volunteer time per year to support Del Ray Artisans.)
- Insurance for artwork and all arrangements for work sold is the responsibility of the artist. Neither Del Ray Artisans nor the City of Alexandria can be held liable for any loss or damage.
- Permission to photograph any work for DRA publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- After the entries are accepted for the show, artists may not pick up unsold artwork until the show closes on Sunday, February 24.
- Work must be original (no reproductions) and not previously exhibited in a DRA show.



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Saturdays: 10 am – 9 pm
Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

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ENTRY FORM

Dot and Dash

Drop Off Dates: Sunday, January 27, 6-8 pm and Monday, January 28, 6-8 pm
Show Entry Fee: \$5/piece for Del Ray Artisans members, \$8/piece for non-members
Take-away Art Entry Fee: \$5 for up to three pieces

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

List show artwork below:

	TITLE	MEDIA	PRICE
1)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2)	_____	_____	\$ _____
3)	_____	_____	\$ _____

List take-away art below:

	TITLE	MEDIA	PRICE
1)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2)	_____	_____	\$ _____
3)	_____	_____	\$ _____

I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, the Board of Directors, and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this show.

Check here to have DRA automatically take a 20% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork.

Signed _____ Date _____



Important Dates

Artwork Drop Off:	Sunday, January 27 and Monday, January 28, 6–8 pm
Non-Accepted Artwork Pickup:	Tuesday, January 29, 6–8pm
Opening Reception:	Friday, February 1, 7–10 pm
Children’s Reception:	Friday, February 22, 7–9 pm
View the Show:	February 1–24, 2013 during gallery hours
Show Closes/Artwork Pickup:	Sunday, February 24, 6–8 pm

I agreed to GALLERY HOST on _____

I will staff the opening reception as _____ **Time slot:** _____

I will bring: (check one) ___ drinks, ___ veggies, ___ fruits, ___ cheese, ___ sweets



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