



# The Well-Crafted Word

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

## REINCARNATIONS

February 7–March 2, 2014

featuring  
"Artcyclopedias"  
and other  
landfill rescues



Opening reception: Friday Feb. 7, 7–10 p.m.

Artwork by Lesley Hall

### REINCARNATIONS:

**Refuse as Muse!**

Show runs February 7– March 2

► **Opening Reception Fri., Feb. 7, 7 - 10 pm**

The next life — imagine the possibilities! That is what our artists have done this month with everything you can imagine. Artists were called upon to re-design, repurpose, recycle and re-fashion found and salvaged items to create the imaginative exhibit REINCARNATIONS at Del Ray Artisans February 7 through March 2. Sculptures, assemblages and altered objects will be just some of the items in this juried show.

► **Featured within this show will be a special exhibit of "Artcyclopedias".** Realizing that encyclopedias have been trumped by internet search engines, several artists accepted a previous challenge to alter a set of Encyclopedia Britannica books that were being discarded.

A variety of media and techniques have been applied to these volumes and the result is sure to intrigue.

► **Show some LOVE!** Forget about those predictable, expensive, mass-produced, saccharinely sweet, cliché laden cards for your Valentines this year! Show special people in your life your fondness by giving or sending an original work of art as a Valentine card. **Come to the Del Ray Artisans gallery between noon and 4 pm on Sunday, Feb. 9.** Card-making Cupids will be there to share supplies and get you started! This year consider showing the love to everyone you appreciate!



**Welcome! New Members Who Joined Us in December ...**



Diana Papazian – Jewelry

Pam A. Barton – Jewelry (metals, stones), Painting (acrylic)

**Repurpose Art Supplies at the Winter Member Meeting and ART SWAP! — Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 - 4 pm**



**The popular annual Art Swap is approaching on Sunday, Feb. 16.** Winter is a good time to sort through art supplies and ask, "Am I really going to use this stuff?" Don't hoard those unused supplies. Swap them with a fellow artist. **To participate in the Art Swap and take home a new-to-you treasure, you must first contribute** some artist supplies, a recyclable treasure, or items an artist/crafter might like to use. Use your imagination, but get it out of your house! This is a great opportunity to **unclutter!** Join us on Sunday! Snacks and beverages will be provided, but if you'd like to, do bring a small appetizer/snack to share. Questions to Linda Elliff:

[membership@thedelrayartisans.org](mailto:membership@thedelrayartisans.org)

**See page 2 for details ...**

## Del Ray Artisans' March 2014 Show: Portraits of Pop Culture

Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 7 – 10pm

**NOTE TO PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Art Receiving is Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4, 5 – 8 pm.**

Pop culture is so pervasive in our society that it distracts the public's focus from the important issues that shape our world. Our media is populated by absurd celebrities, politicians and pundits; they drive pop culture and run from the profound to the profane. What will our portraits of pop icons reveal? Do they fascinate or irritate? Keep in mind: artists have



Artwork by Gordon Frank

used famous people as their subjects from before da Vinci to after Warhol. All media are accepted in this show, but dimensions can be no larger than 3 ft. x 3 ft. Depictions of existing cartoon characters cannot be accepted. Cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians and other pop figures are most welcome. If using a photo that you have not taken, it must be transformed into completely new artwork — your own illustration of pop culture. Questions? Contact Zade at 703-731-8802 or email: [zade.ramsey@gmail.com](mailto:zade.ramsey@gmail.com).

— Curators Zade Ramsey and Gordon Frank



**Get a head now!**

**HEADS UP! — A DRA FUNdraiser!**

## Holy Cow!

Del Ray Artisans received a donation check for \$46.50 on January 23. ALL of this money came from the 25-cent donations per hamburger at Holy Cow Burger Joint. Del Ray Artisans is on the Holy Cow non-profit donation list as #088. We get money when someone orders and designates that donation for us. THANK YOU to the 186 people (so far) who purchased burgers and designated the donation to Del Ray Artisans! For more details, visit: <http://www.holycowdelray.com/holy-cow-and-ACT-for-Alexandria.htm>.

## 2014 Calendars are here!

Start the new year with a wall calendar featuring 43 art pieces by talented Del Ray Artisans members. For \$12, purchase this beautiful date-saving planner at the gallery. Visit: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/about/shop.html](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/about/shop.html).



### HEADS UP! — A Mini-FUNdraiser to Support Gallery Exhibits!

Help support DRA with your artistry and imagination! Soon plain white styrofoam heads will be waiting for artists to transform them into works of art. For a \$5 donation, take home a “head”, to decorate, desecrate, destroy and rebuild into anything at all! Let your creativity delight, amuse, puzzle, and inspire our gallery visitors to bid on them in our silent auction during the “Portraits of Pop Culture” show. Proceeds will be used to support our gallery exhibits. **Pick up your head at the gallery on Sunday, Feb. 2 or Monday, Feb. 3 from 6 – 8 pm, or any Thursday or Friday in Feb. from 12 – 6 pm. Completed heads are due by Mar. 3 & 4,** during receiving for the “Portraits of Pop Culture” show.

## Artwork Left at the Gallery

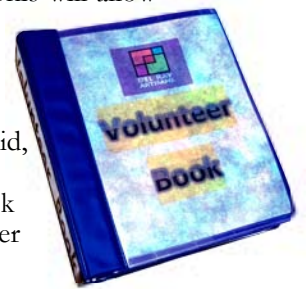
As of Jan. 1, all unpurchased artwork must be picked up from the gallery within 30 days after a show closes. ALL artwork left at the gallery after the 30-day deadline WILL become property of Del Ray Artisans.



During the Primary Colors opening reception, Del Ray Artisans President Michele Reday Cook presented Megan Webb, Executive Director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, with a \$700 donation which was earned through the Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market Bake Sale.

## Did you know? ...

- ▶ **An Artist Bio Notebook** is in the gallery - please make sure you get a copy of your bio in there! Contact Kathy Turner at [bellsonherfingers@gmail.com](mailto:bellsonherfingers@gmail.com).
- ▶ **Our Office Manager** works every Thursday and Friday from 12-6 pm. She works diligently to get our funds deposited and disbursed on time, keeps everything (and everyone) organized and makes sure that the gallery runs smoothly for customers and members alike. If you sell a piece of artwork in a show, please be aware that checks will be processed AFTER the show is over.
- ▶ **Our new Saturday hours** are 12 – 9 pm starting January 1. This will allow us to schedule more workshops and activities for artists on Saturday mornings.
- ▶ **Volunteer Notebook:** if you volunteered for DRA recently, did you record your hours in our Volunteer Notebook? If you did, thank you! If you didn't, please get to the gallery this month and update your volunteer hours list. If you don't yet have a notebook page, use a blank form in the front. Remember, required volunteer hours for members has changed from 10 to 12 hours per year.

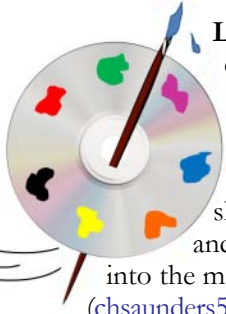


## Craft Night Social on Wednesday, February 26 from 6 – 9 pm

A common crafters' lament is not finding time to finish all those wonderful projects they've started. Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides uninterrupted time to work on a project in progress or start a new one. It is also an opportunity to get to know other like-minded creative individuals. The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space.

Donations happily accepted — space is limited so register early! For questions about Craft Night Social, contact Tamara at [Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org). Register online at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft).

# Get Ready for April's Exciting Show! — REVOLUTION: Art & Technology



Love it or hate it, technology is revolutionizing the art world. This all-member, all-media exhibit explores the artists' relationship between technology and art. Technology can inspire, challenge, engage or frustrate the artist. How do you feel? This show challenges all artists to examine their feelings towards and use of technology in their creations.

Computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, art expressing your relationship with technology are a few considerations. You may submit up to 2 pieces of artwork in any medium and in 2 or 3 dimensions. Shrink-wrapped 2D artwork or fine handcraft artisans work may also be entered into the market. For details, please contact curators Ann Krug ([annkrug50@gmail.com](mailto:annkrug50@gmail.com)) and Connie Saunders ([chsaunders55@gmail.com](mailto:chsaunders55@gmail.com)) or Director of Curating Lesley Hall ([Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org)).

## 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 Full-time Student/Disabled

*Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 12 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!"** A monthly notice is sent to all members via email when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter are 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 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

- |                                      |                                  |                                  |                                      |                                 |   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Archives       | <input type="radio"/> Outreach  | <input type="radio"/> Anything DRA needs      |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising    | <input type="radio"/> Grants     | <input type="radio"/> Publicity  | <input type="radio"/> Volunteers     | <input type="radio"/> Financial | <input type="radio"/> Other, special talents: |
| <input type="radio"/> Programs       | <input type="radio"/> Website    | <input type="radio"/> Gardening  | <input type="radio"/> Administrative | <input type="radio"/> Shows     | _____   |

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

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



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**Gallery Hours:**

Thursday: noon-6 pm  
First Thursday  
(May-Sep): noon-9 pm  
Friday: noon-9 pm  
Saturday: noon-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.

**2014 Calendar**

**February 2014**  
7 – Mar 2 **SHOW: Reincarnations:**  
Featuring Artycyclopedia Theresa Kulstad curator *tkulstad@verizon.net*  
9 Valentine Card-making Party, 12-4pm  
10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
10 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short (clothed)  
11 Board Meeting, 7pm  
12 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture  
12 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long  
13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
16 Member Meeting and Annual “Art Swap”, 2-4pm  
19 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
23 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)  
26 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)  
26 Craft Night Social, 6-9pm  
27 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
**March 2014**  
7 – 30 **SHOW: Portraits of Pop Culture**  
Zade Ramsey & Gordon Thomas  
Frank curators *zade.ramsey@gmail.com*  
*gordonfrank666@gmail.com*  
10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
10 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short  
11 Board Meeting, 7pm  
12 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)  
12 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)  
13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
19 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
23 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture  
25 Craft Night Social, 6-9pm  
26 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long  
27 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
**April 2014**  
4 – 27 **SHOW: REVOLUTION: Art & Technology** Ann Krug, Connie Saunders curators  
*annkrug50@gmail.com*  
*chsanders55@gmail.com*  
7 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm  
7 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short (clothed)  
8 Board Meeting, 7pm  
10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long

23 Craft Night Social, 6-9pm  
24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
**May 2014**  
1 First Thursday, open until 9pm  
2 – 11 **SHOW: TC Williams Student Show** TC Williams Art Dept curator  
Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
5 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short  
5 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)  
7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)  
7 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm  
*ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org*  
10 Board Meeting, 7pm (not at gallery)  
13 **16 – Jun 1 SHOW: Eyes On the Border** with ALACP & sponsor/curator David Camero, DRA curator tbd  
18 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture  
18 Member Benefit Program, 2-4pm  
20 Craft Night Social, 6-9pm  
21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)  
28 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
**June 2014**  
5 First Thursday, open until 9pm  
6 – 29 **SHOW: SUITES: Scandalous Uproarious Intriguing Titillating Entanglements & Seductions**  
Tracy Wilkerson curator  
*RecycledWorks@yahoo.com*  
9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm  
9 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short (clothed)  
10 Board Meeting, 7pm  
11 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture  
11 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long  
13 Fundraiser Reception at Little Theater of Alexandria (John Bordner & Tracy Wilkerson coordinating)  
Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm  
*ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org*  
18 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long  
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)  
25 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long

**Artwork Dropoffs**

**Reincarnations, Feb 2 & 3, 6-8pm**  
**Portraits of Pop Culture, Mon., March 3 & Tues., March 4, 5-8pm**

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# Portraits of Pop Culture

DEL RAY ARTISANS – CALL FOR ENTRY – All Area Artists

March 7 –30, 2014

Popular culture is so pervasive in our society that it distracts the public's focus from the important issues that shape our world. This exhibit portrays and comments on our culture through its portraits of popular figures.

Artists such as Leonardo de Vinci, Goya and Warhol depicted the important, the famous and the popular, from religious icons, and kings and queens, to political leaders and entertainment celebrities of their day. Through these artworks we learn what people valued or disparaged through the ages. In keeping with this tradition, artists are invited to create portraits of politicians, pundits and other well-known people. Let your artworks reflect your point of view about our contemporary culture and its icons, good and bad. All media art is accepted in this show, from traditional portraits and sculptures, to your own lampoons and caricatures.

Curators: Zade Ramsey (zade.ramsey@gmail.com, 703-731-8802)  
Gordon Frank (Gordonfrank666@gmail.com, 202-907-4915)

## Entry Details:

- **Open to All Area Artists**
- Artwork Receiving is on **Monday**, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5–8pm and on **Tuesday**, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5–8pm. **Please note new dates and new times.**
- The entry fee for Del Ray Artisans (DRA) members is \$5 per entry. The entry fee for non-members is \$10 per entry. Each artist may submit up to 3 entries.
- DRA Membership must be up-to-date. You can renew at receiving, but it is better to do it in advance. We welcome our newest artists and our newest members.
- If using an existing photo of a public figure that you have not taken, it must be transformed into completely new artwork unless you have written permission from the photographer. Artworks using copyrighted cartoon characters cannot be accepted.
- 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. Ask the curators for advice before artwork receiving.
- Artists may enter art not for sale (NFS) or priced to sell.

## Accepted Artist Requirements & Fine Print:

- 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 reception and/or take down. Please bring your calendars, PDAs, whatever you use for scheduling, so you can sign up for duties at receiving. We'll ask you to contribute food or beverages for the receptions.
- 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 publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- Work must be original (no reproductions) and not previously exhibited in a DRA show.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax-deductible) to *Del Ray Artisans*.
- All unsold artwork must be picked up from the gallery within 30 days after a show closes. All artwork left at the gallery after the 30-day deadline will become the property of Del Ray Artisans.
- Print out and keep a copy of both sides of this call for entry form for your records.



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

Supported in part by:



# Portraits of Pop Culture

## DEL RAY ARTISANS – ENTRY FORM – All Area Artists

### March 7 –30, 2014

**Drop-off Dates:** **MONDAY**, March 3 from 5-8 pm and **TUESDAY**, March 4 from 5-8 pm

**Show Entry Fee:** \$5 per piece for members; \$10 per piece for non-members; up to 3 pieces

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Show Entries:

	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 (DRA), 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. I understand that all accepted artwork must remain for the duration of the show and that the entry fee is non-refundable.*

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Important Dates:

**Artwork Drop-off:** **MONDAY**, March 3 from 5-8 pm & **TUESDAY**, March 4 from 5-8 pm

**Unselected (or non-accepted) Artwork Pick-up:** Wednesday, March 5 from 5-7 pm

**Opening Reception:** Friday, March 7 from 7-10 pm

**Show Runs:** March 7–30, 2014 (view during gallery hours listed below)

**Artwork Pick-up:** Sunday, March 30 from 6-9 pm



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