



The Well-Crafted Word

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Art Exhibit

June 6 – 29:

**Scandalous
Uproarious
Intriguing
Titillating
Entanglements &
Seductions**

**Opening Reception:
Friday, June 6, 7 – 9 pm**



Shocking, funny, arousing curiosity, exciting, compromising, temptations ... what do these words bring to mind? Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery in June to experience the intriguing sights and images that area artists created for the *SUITES: Scandalous, Uproarious, Intriguing Titillating Entanglements & Seductions* art exhibit. This all-media show has high expectations to make us laugh, make us blush ... or both!

Please note! This is the first of what we hope to be an annual collaboration with the Little Theater of Alexandria (LTA). Because of that, we will be taking particular care in jurying the show to make sure all entries adhere to the “SUITES” theme based on Neil Simon’s *Plaza Suite*.



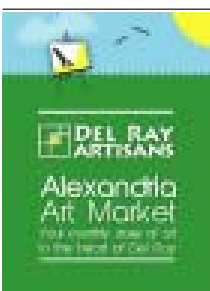
Up for more intrigues? While *SUITES* makes a sensation at the gallery, the [Little Theatre of Alexandria \(LTA\)](http://www.LittleTheatreofAlexandria.com) will be offering up some intrigues of their own! Join us on Friday, June 13, at LTA (600 Wolfe St, Alexandria VA 22314) for their rendition of Neil Simon’s *Plaza Suite*, where Del Ray Artisans will be hosting a fundraising “Theatre Reception” including a special pre-show reception and champagne intermission. The Reception begins at 6:30 pm, and the curtain goes up at 8 pm. Tickets are just \$40 each for the entire evening, including delicious hors d’oeuvres, reception elbow-rubbing, an art auction, and the *Plaza Suite* show! Tickets for June 13th can only be purchased through Del Ray Artisans at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/LTA. Don’t miss it!

— Tracy Wilkerson (RecycledWorks@yahoo.com) & John Bordner (JBordner@wiscenterprises.com)



Grown-Ups Art Camp ...

Workshop registration has begun! For a complete list of workshops and the schedule, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC.



Alexandria Art Market — Saturday, June 14

Held on 2nd Saturday, May – October, from 10 am – 4 pm

Del Ray Artisans’ June Alexandria Art Market presents festive live music, along with original artwork from over 25 artists which will be displayed for sale, including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. The “rain or shine” market is held in the park adjoining the gallery. — *Kimberley Bush, Coordinator* (703-627-7656, ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org)

Welcome! New Members Who Joined Us Recently ...

- Veneta Bello - Oils
- Emily Cheng - Friend
- Michiel DeVito - Fiber
- Holly Hague - Jewelry
- Jaunita Illera - Collage
- Thomas Kollins - Watercolor, Acrylic, Charcoal
- Remy LaVelle - Student
- Susan Pennington - Artist
- Sharon Terango - Friend
- Estelle Tobias - Mixed Media
- Kira Washington - Digital Art
- Ray Wei - Photography

Art-To-Go MarketPlace

DRA’s Art-To-Go MarketPlace, an under-used opportunity during many gallery exhibits, is the perfect place to show your art without the added framing cost which is a potential sales benefit. Curators display your unframed artworks and selected items in a designated gallery space. Purchasers take your art home immediately.

Submit art previously shown if it meets presentation requirements, found in “Artwork Presentation & Submission Guidelines” under “Shows” on our website. Make sure the Art-To-Go MarketPlace is being offered in a show before submitting pieces. Read the Call for Entry for specific requirements. Questions? Contact the curators.

— *Michele Reday Cook, President & Lesley Hall, Curating Director*

By Women, About Women Exhibit through June 29

View the Living Legends of Alexandria, photographic portraits of women, and works highlighting women’s themes by DRA women artists at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria VA 22314; Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

— *Eileen O’Brien, Coordinator*



Next meet-up on Tuesday, June 17

Social Lights

On select evenings, from 6 – 9 pm, this program allows an open space to encourage a positive and motivational environment for artists to network and share ideas. Small donation requested. See schedule on page 4 or at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/SocialLights. Questions? Email Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Kudos from an Art Patron

“Hi! A few years ago I had the good fortune of bringing Sir Reginald home from the T.C. Williams art auction.

Anyway, he’s been living in my law office for almost 3 years and has become quite the icon here. A friend suggested that artist might be interested to know how much fun and intrigue Sir Reg has brought to our office (e.g., he was kidnapped for a brief period last year — we never identified the culprits but most people believe that Sir R was seen as too much of a threat to certain employees who were vying for the firm’s spirit award; we also celebrated his birthday this week with a cupcake party).

Please feel free to pass along this note or my email address to the artist if you have his contact information. We are ever grateful for his creation. Thanks, Josephine”

Editor’s Note: Del Ray Artisans and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly presented the 14th Annual Student Art Show at the gallery featuring the work of National Art Honor Society members – including Sir Reg, from May 6 – 15, 2011.



“Sir Reginald Dillingham” by Connor Sullivan. Acrylic on paper mache

Adopt-a-Park Program Season Starts

We are off and running for a new season and we need volunteers! Get your required volunteer hours done while enjoying the outdoors and helping the environment. Sign up today for June 14-15 through July 27. Dates after July 27 will be scheduled later. Call me at 703-508-7471 today! — Marlin G Lord, Facilities Director



Boy Scouts and DRAngels Planted a Butterfly Garden on April 26

The Butterfly Garden is in! There are still a few plants to tuck in: dill and parsley along with milkweed are staples of Monarch life.



... Thanks to local Del Ray butterfly gardener Sue Tate who collected seeds for our garden last year, put them in the freezer which the seeds like, and started seedlings of two varieties of milkweed that she will bring by in May.

... Rosemont Boy Scout David Ramotowski earned his Eagle Scout badge on Saturday, April 26 by writing a proposal, organizing the troop — and laboring hard in DRA’s yard. Compacted, rock and clay soil was attacked with vigour. David’s mom, dad, and younger brother were on hand with about 15 boys and parents throughout the day. A beautiful lunch and snacks were provided by his family as were all the soil additions to lighten and enrich the new garden bed. Many thanks from Del Ray Artisans to the whole Ramotowski family!

... Marlin Lord’s efforts with the park clean-up program has been a huge benefit to helping finance the purchase of the plants. Thanks Marlin!

More than 3-dozen plants from several nurseries include some natives, some just beneficial to the larvae, butterflies and bees. The garden will be appropriately weedy later in the season. Some deadheading (under advisement) will encourage more flowers. We hope all the plants will thrive and become the butterflies’ feast we envision.

... Four posts along the front edge of the garden will support Crepe Myrtle cuttings we gathered when Dave Levy pruned the trees this past winter. Thanks Dave, for the wonderful job installing soaker hoses in the gardens this past year.

... Thanks to the Theatre Church volunteer group and to our core group of DRA volunteers, who have helped to revive our gardens and make them look inviting. I hope to entice them to help me construct the fence and replant the bird house on their Second Saturday Service Day. We have plans for signs and a banner for the chain fence. Walk around the gardens and see the changes! There are more perennials to plant in the mature part of the garden, some pruning and mulching to do — and always weeding! We all can help even in small ways. — Pamela Underhill, Garden Coordinator (underhill.pamela@gmail.com)



Photos by Roger Underhill



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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

June 2014

5 First Thursday, open until 9pm
6 – 29 **SHOW: SUITES: Scandalous Uproarious Intriguing Titillating Entanglements & Seductions** Tracy Wilkerson & John Bordner curators
RecycledWorks@yahoo.com
JBordner@wisecenterprises.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)
14 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
17 SocialLights, 6-9pm
18 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
25 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
27 Speed Dating, 8pm

July 2014

Jun 30–11 Grown-Ups Art Camp
GUAC@thedelrayartisans.org
3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
8 Board Meeting, 7pm (not in gallery)
12 5th Annual Yard Sale (indoors)
12 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
14 – 19 **Art Camp** Week 1
21 – 26 **Art Camp** Week 2

August 2014

1 – 31 **SHOW: Board Showcase**
7 First Thursday, open until 9pm
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)
9 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
12 Board Meeting, 7pm
13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
17 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
19 SocialLights, 6-9pm
20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long

24 Annual Cookout/Pic Contest, 5-7pm
27 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

September 2014

4 First Thursday, open until 9pm
5 – 28 **SHOW: Put a Bird on It** Barbara Boehm & Linda Elliff curators
boehm.barb@gmail.com
LLEliff@aol.com
6 WORKSHOP tbd, 9-1pm
8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
8 Life Drawing, 7-9pm, Short (clothed)
9 Board Meeting, 7pm
10 Life Drawing, 11am-1pm, Gesture
10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
11 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
13 Alexandria Art Market, 10am-4pm
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
16 SocialLights, 6-9pm
17 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
25 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

October 2014

3 – Nov 2 **SHOW: Metamorphosis!** Kathy Turner & Betty Plummer curators
bellsnberfingers@gmail.com
bplummer11@verizon.net
4 COMMUNITY Art on the Avenue, 10 am–6pm
6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
6 Life Drawing, 7–9pm, Short
8 Life Drawing, 11–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
8 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
11 Alexandria Art Market, 10am–4pm
ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org
14 Board Meeting, 7pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long
19 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture
19 Annual Meeting/Elections, 5-7pm
21 SocialLights, 6-9pm
22 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
31 Halloween Ball, 8pm

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2014 Grown-Ups Art Camp Schedule

Grown-Ups Art Camp is an intensive schedule of workshops (day, night, weekday, weekend)—for anyone and everyone—scheduled for June 30 - July 12, 2014.

Workshops

Online registration coming soon!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
Monday	June 30	6 - 9:30pm	Let's Face It! Whimsical Faces in Mixed Media	Theresa Kulstad
Tuesday	July 1	10:30 - 1 pm	Playing with Resin	Tracy Wilkerson
	July 1	3 - 5:30pm	Improv for Creativity	Keely Kirk
	July 1	6 - 10pm	Another Recipe for Collage	Theresa Kulstad
Wednesday	July 2	10 - 1pm	Demystify Your DSLR Camera & Break Out of Auto Mode	David Kosar & Paul Alers
	July 2	3 - 5:30pm	Photo Transfer Techniques	Jen Athanas
	July 2	6:30 - 9pm	Photo Transfer Techniques	Jen Athanas
Thursday	July 3	10am - 3pm	Paper Marbling	Deborah Conn
	July 3	4 - 6pm	Domino Bracelet	Kim Joy
	July 3	6:30 - 9:30pm	From Board Game to Book	Stacy Rausch
Saturday	July 5	9am - 9pm	Drawing Marathon	Ricardo
Sunday	July 6	1 - 5pm	Secrets of The Paper Garden	Debbie Smith Mezzetta
	July 6	6 - 9pm	Monotype Magic	Karen Schmitz
Monday	July 7	10 am - 1 pm	Jewelry Basics	Tamara Wilkerson
	July 7	2 - 4:30pm	Mosaic Picture Frame	Sally Coler
	July 7	6 - 8pm	Framing Your Art: Hows & Wows	Karen Schmitz
	July 7	9pm	Movie Night	DRA
Tuesday	July 8	10 - 1pm	Simple Photo Editing & Workflow Using Free Online Tools & Apps	Laurie McCarrier
	July 8	2 - 5pm	SocialLights!	DRA
	July 8	6 - 8pm	Figure Drawing Workshop	Marcelo Novo
	July 8	9pm	Salsa Dance Lessons	DRA
Wednesday	July 9	10 - 1pm	Selling Your Art Online with Square Market	Laurie McCarrier
	July 9	6 - 8pm	Argentine Tango, Anyone?	Marcelo Novo
	July 9	8:30pm	Speed Dating	Jen Athanas
Thursday	July 10	10 - 12 noon	Stained Glass Pendant	Kim Joy
	July 10	1 - 5pm	Stop-Motion Animation Through Collage	Christine Stoddard
	July 10	6 - 8 pm	Capoeira	DRA
Friday	July 11	10am - 4pm	Intro to Mixed Media	Barb Boatman

Facility

When visiting the Del Ray Artisans gallery, you can park on Mt Vernon or Commonwealth avenues, or in the small parking lot next to the park (lot entrance is on Commonwealth Ave). The facility is handicapped accessible and bathrooms are available. The gallery also has a kitchen, including a refrigerator and microwave if you are attending a long workshop.

Put a Bird on It!

Call for Entry | Del Ray Artisans Gallery | September 5 – 28, 2014

On the TV show Portlandia, Carrie and Fred spoofed art and design when they descended on a home décor shop and embellished everything in sight with a bird motif. “Put a Bird on It!” they squealed, slapping birds on bags, pillows, artworks, and pottery. This quickly became a catch phrase for over-used, over-embellished DIY design.

This Del Ray Artisans show sets out to prove that embellishment can be art. Channel your inner Duchamp, your inner Jasper Johns, your inner Bird! Jurors are Laura Perritt, Architect Emeritus, printmaker, and fiber/mixed media artist and Mikeual Perritt, Architect Emeritus, printmaker, and photographer.

Embellish everyday objects, recycled items, or even your own artwork, to transform them into new soaring pieces. But, you must remain true to the theme: all artwork must incorporate a ‘bird’, either thematically or literally. Let your imagination fly high with the ‘Bird’. Put a Bird on It!, indeed!

Co-Curators: Barbara Boehm, boehmbarb@gmail.com; Linda Elliff, lleliff@aol.com

Assistant Curator: Lauren Kotkin, lerk13@gmail.com

Show Entry Details:

- Receiving: Sunday, August 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Monday, September 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for members; \$10 per piece for non-members.
- Artworks must be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. Work that is not ready for exhibition will not be accepted. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows/artguidelines.html for details.
- Artists are asked to make a 20% donation (tax-deductible) to Del Ray Artisans for sold works, both in Show and Marketplace.

Marketplace Entry Details:

- Artists must have submitted at least one entry for the show to participate in the Birds Nest Marketplace.
- Each artist may submit up to 6 entries. Entry fee is \$10 for up to 6 entries for members; \$20 for up to 6 entries for non-members.
- Marketplace entries will be displayed as space allows and at curators’ discretion. Sold items may be restocked.
- Each Marketplace entry must be tagged with title, media, price, and artist name. Work may be fine handcrafts or shrink-wrapped 2D art (no larger than 18”x24”) for cash-and-carry sales. Works must be for sale.

Accepted Artist Requirements:

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements.
- **All artists MUST gallery host and/or volunteer** with set-up, hanging, opening/closing receptions and/or take down. Bring your calendars to sign up for duties at receiving. Artists are asked to contribute a food or beverage for the opening reception.
- Entry fees are not refundable.
- Insurance for artwork 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 Del Ray Artisans show.
- Any artwork left over 30 days after the close of the show will become property of Del Ray Artisans.
- Print out and keep a copy of both sides of this form for your records.



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Thursdays: Noon – 6 pm
First Thursdays: Noon – 9 pm
Fridays: Noon – 9 pm
Saturdays: Noon – 9 pm
Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

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Put a Bird on It!

Entry Form | Del Ray Artisans Gallery | September 5 – 28, 2014

Drop Off Dates: Sunday, August 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Monday, September 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

List Show artwork below: \$5 per piece for members; \$10 per piece for non-members (non-refundable)

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

List Marketplace entries below:

\$10 for up to 6 pieces for members; \$20 for up to 6 pieces for non-members (non-refundable)

	TITLE	MEDIA	PRICE
1)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2)	_____	_____	\$ _____
3)	_____	_____	\$ _____
4)	_____	_____	\$ _____
5)	_____	_____	\$ _____
6)	_____	_____	\$ _____

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 Del Ray Artisans automatically take a 20% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork.

Signed _____ Date _____



Important Dates:

Artwork Drop Off: Sunday, August 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm; Monday, September 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Non-Accepted Artwork Pick Up: Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Opening Reception: Friday, September 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Workshop: Make a Bird of It! by Laura Hummel, Saturday, September 6, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Show Runs: September 5–28, 2014 (view during gallery hours listed below)

Show Closes/Artwork Pickup: Sunday, September 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

I agreed to GALLERY HOST on _____

I will staff the opening reception as _____ time slot: _____

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



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