

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

August 2015

The Well-Crafted Word

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Au Naturel

Exhibit Runs August 7-30

Opening Reception:

Friday, August 7 from 7-9pm

Del Ray Artisans (DRA) presents *Au Naturel*, an art exhibit that goes beyond the traditional interpretation of nude or naked.

In this exhibit, artists express their unique interpretation of “au naturel” as they celebrate the natural and exposed, the pure and untouched, the bare and raw, and the candid. Their work interprets figures, objects, emotions, and feelings; uncompleted projects and unintentional steps “in the process.” Patrons can expect to see the vulnerable, the powerful, and expressions with no cover or filter. Objects or beings are in full exposure, their truest form, or their natural state. The exhibit runs from August 7 through August 30, 2015. Please join us at the opening reception on Friday, August 7 from 7-9 pm at DRA gallery. For more information about *Au Naturel*, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact Tamara Wilkerson at Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Also, during First Thursday in July, a group of artists in attendance began a truly collaborative art piece to support DRA. For the next two weeks, visitors were asked to contribute to this art piece as well. This collective artwork will be offered as a Silent Auction item during the *Au Naturel* exhibit. Participants who chose to share their names are: Ronnie Campbell (Alexandria City School Board), Theresa Kulstad, Milagros Mateu, Betsy Mead, Kathleen Pepper, Karen Schmitz, Laura Sullivan, Tamara Wilkerson, and Tracy Wilkerson.



“The Boldest of Children” by Tamara Wilkerson

Del Ray Artisans Needs YOU!

Here’s a good opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes at DRA and have contact with the local community. The DRA Board needs YOU to volunteer for the Outreach Director position. Outreach is responsible for events and activities in which Del Ray Artisans is reaching out into the community, such as DRA’s participation in First Thursdays and Art on the Avenue. It’s a great way to meet, mingle, and share ideas with other artists and art-related groups. If interested, contact Kim Joy at President@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Sending Business to DRA Art on the Avenue Participants

Are you participating in October 2015’s Art on the Avenue? DRA would love to send business your way. All you have to do is provide us with your name, business name, booth number, and (if you have one) website. Then, we will ensure your booth is included in our “must see” list! We will encourage gallery visitors to stop by your booth to see some wonderful art. Contact Dawn Wyse Hurto at Technology@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Welcome, New Members!

- Thea Barron - Watercolor, Acrylic
- Shanna Batteglia - Oil
- Joe Franklin
- Sandra Harding
- Sarah Morrison - Drawing, Charcoal, Collage
- Sylvia Saborio
- Lydia Walter
- Joan Woodill - Sculpture, Painting, Photography

Looking for 2016 Art Show Proposals

It’s hard to believe, but 2016 is creeping up on us quickly! That means we need art show proposals for next year. The deadline for show proposals is August 18, 2015. Details are contained in the insert to this month’s *The Well-Crafted Word*. For additional information, and to answer any questions you may have, please contact Lesley Hall at Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org

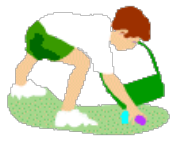


August 16 is DRA Delicious

On Sunday, August 16 from 5-7pm, the place to be is the DRA gallery. The fun begins with our Pie Contest, a short meeting, and indoor picnic with food from our neighbor, Pork Barrel BBQ. Dig out those special recipes you have tucked away for the pie contest. Both savory and sweet categories will be judged on appearance, taste, crust, and originality. Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall, Best Sweet, and Best Savory. Volunteers willing to help set up, serve food, or clean up, please contact Linda Elliff at Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Adopt-a-Park Volunteer Opportunity

Thanks to all the members who have kept the grounds around the gallery clean and beautiful. For anyone new to DRA, the Adopt-a-Park program involves volunteers spending 20-30 minutes picking up litter around the gallery and park area. The city of Alexandria gives Del Ray Artisans funds in exchange for our service. Currently, volunteers are needed from August 1 through November 29. Please email Marlin Lord at MGLAIA@aol.com, to let him know



if you are willing to keep the park looking great, get some fresh air, and improve the environment.

Art Closet is Full

DRA is grateful for the many donations to the gallery's art closet! Unfortunately, we have too many items and not enough space! If you would like to donate something, please contact our Office Manager first at Gallery@TheDelRayArtisans.org. She will let you know if we can accept your donation. Please do not put anything in the art closet. Thank you all!

Del Ray Artisans Member Featured in Elan Magazine

Seana Gallagher and her artwork are featured in a beautiful article in the July 2015 issue of Elan magazine. In the colorful four-page spread, Seana discusses her work and the new direction of her painting. The article starts on page 26: digitaleditions.sheridan.com/publication/?i=264131



"Jeanne's Roses" by Seana Gallagher

Call for Entry: **ALTARS: Religious Rituals Art Exhibit**

September 4 – 27, 2015

Reception: Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm

Coming up next on our exhibit schedule is *ALTARS: Religious Rituals*. What comes to mind when you think of altars? They could reflect places of heavenly worship or nether worldly sacrifice. They can be simple raised platforms or elaborate structures used for religious ceremonies. Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and Art Latin American Collective Project (ALACP) have teamed up to present this unique artistic challenge to their members. Artists, dig deep into your imaginations! Explore the use of altars in religious rituals worldwide and create your interpretations in any and every form of media. For more information, see: TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



by David Camero

Call for Entry: **Thanks Y'all Invitational Art Exhibit**

In March 2007, DRA organized an art show for The Arts Hancock County in Mississippi for their artist members devastated by Hurricane Katrina. That show gave them an opportunity to sell their artworks with no fees or commissions. Now The Arts Hancock County is inviting DRA members to be part of a very special *Thanks Y'all* art exhibit and event they are hosting on Saturday, August 29 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, commemorating the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. DRA members are invited to ship or deliver in person their artwork to Bay St. Louis, MS. Artwork must be received by August 24. Details are available at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE. Information about The Arts Hancock County can be found at: www.hancockarts.org

Artisans Socializing Online

Don't forget Del Ray Artisans has a large social media presence online thanks to our amazing volunteers. Join in the conversation and share with us now:

- **Twitter:** 1,880+ Followers!
Follow our newsfeed and retweet at: twitter.com/delrayartisans
- **Facebook:** 1,550+ Like our Page!
Read, "like," and share our posts at: facebook.com/DelRayArtisans
Join "Del Ray Artisans' Artists Forum" Facebook Group to share directly with other artists at: facebook.com/groups/delrayartisans/
- Watch interesting videos and subscribe to our **YouTube** Channel: bit.ly/drayoutube
- Easily RSVP to our **MeetUp** events at: meetup.com/Del-Ray-Artisans-Events/

Finally, see more images and photos by following DRA on...

- **Flickr:** flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/
- **Pinterest:** pinterest.com/delrayartisans/
- **Instagram:** instagram.com/delrayartisans/

Calling All Fine Art & Fine Craft Exhibitors

Interested in selling your fine art & fine craft treasures at DRA's Holiday Market this December? If so, then apply by the application deadline of Friday, August 21! The variety of goods available at the Market each weekend will be kept in balance to benefit shoppers and artists. Vendor notification will be in early September, so artists who are accepted will have plenty of time to build inventory for the Holiday Market. The online application is available at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

October Exhibit: Skeletons

October 2 – November 1, 2015

Reception: Friday, October 2 from 7-9pm

It's not too early to get those creative juices flowing for DRA's October show! Stay tuned for details!



A Special Thanks to Our Volunteers...

- DRA's fantastic social media team: Gale Goldfarb, Monica Hokeilen, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Jeanie Mossa Kraft, and Liz Martinez, with support from Sean Crumley, Dani Keith, Betsy Mead, Tamara Wilkerson, and Tracy Wilkerson. (TYVM!*)
- Grown-Ups Art Camp helpers Lynn Chadwick, Linda Hill, Maria Illingworth, Dani Keith, Cheryl Lavoie, Rusty Lynn, Liz Martinez, Cynthia McKinley, Susan Miranda, Patti North, Katherine Rand, and Tamara Wilkerson. We couldn't have done it without you!
- Sarah Calvert for volunteering as the new newsletter editor AND jumping in full steam to learn the technical skills to format the newsletter—doing two jobs at once! ~Betsy Mead, Communications

*TYVM! = Thank You Very Much!

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 ()

Email 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 above 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:

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



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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.

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Advisory

- **Michele Reday Cook, Past President**
pastpresident@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Calendar

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

August 2015

- 1 Art Camp Show for Week 2
- 6 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 7 – 30 **SHOW: Au Naturel**
curator Tamara Wilkerson
- 10 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 11–1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 12 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 16 Member Meeting, Indoor Picnic & Pie Contest, 5 – 7 pm
- 18 SocialLights, 7 – 9 pm
- 19 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 23 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture
- 26 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long
- 27 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long

September 2015

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9 pm
- 4 – 27 **SHOW: ALTARS: Religious Rituals** curators John Bordner and David Camero
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture
- 9 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long
- 14 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 15 SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 20 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)

September 2015 Continued

- 23 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long

October 2015

- 2 – Nov 1 **SHOW: Skeletons**
curator Tracy Wilkerson
RecycledWorks@yahoo.com
- 3 COMMUNITY: Art on the Avenue, 10–6pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 11 – 1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 7 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 14 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 18 Life Drawing, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Gesture
- 20 SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long
- 22 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 29 Annual Meeting with Elections, 7-9 pm
- November 2015**
- 6 – 29 **SHOW: Under \$100** curator Stacy Rausch stacy@lovetocreate.net
- 9 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture
- 11 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long
- 17 SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm
- 18 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long

November 2015 Continued

- 26 THANKSGIVING:
The gallery is closed Thursday, but open Friday-Saturday

December 2015

- 4 – 6 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org
- 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11 – 1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 9 Life Drawing Holiday Party, 1 – 2 pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long
- 11–13 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org
- 15 SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 18-20 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Recurring Programs & Gallery Hours Resume

Gallery hours are suspended in July during our art camps, but resume starting Thursday, August 6. Life Drawing, Partners in Art, & SocialLights return in August too!

Other Key Contacts

- **Tracy Wilkerson & Dani Keith, Office Staff**
gallery@TheDelRayArtisans.org
- **Sarah Calvert, Newsletter Editor**
newsletter@TheDelRayArtisans.org
- **Liz Martinez, Weekly eNews Editor**
enews@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Visit ArtsEventsAlexandria.com for performing and visual arts happenings in Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans is a member of **Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association** and **Alexandria Arts Forum**, who make possible this website.

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





**2016 PROPOSAL FOR ART EXHIBITION
Due Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

Del Ray Artisans (DRA) is currently soliciting show proposals for next year’s calendar. DRA strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. The show proposal committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Board for final approval.

Proposals can be submitted electronically to Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org -or- mailed to Attn: Director of Curating, Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA 22301

Curator: _____ Co-Curator (if applicable): _____

Phone/s _____ Email _____

Have you previously curated or co-curated a show at Del Ray Artisans? (Y/N) _____

If yes, date of show _____ Title of show _____

Have you curated a show for any other organization or in any other location? (Y/N) _____

If yes, date of show _____ Location of show _____

Title and theme of show

PROPOSED SHOW DESCRIPTION:

Submission requirements:

Is the exhibit: [Mark “Yes” or “No”]

For All Area Artists? _____ | DRA Members Only? _____ | Juried? _____

Master's Thesis? _____ | Student? _____ | Collaborative? _____

If collaborative, list collaborating organization _____

Name of contact at collaborating organization _____

Phone/Email _____

Do you have a preferred month for your show? _____

3 Weeks or different length? _____



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A budget is not required for submitting a proposal, but the curator is responsible for preparing a budget to be submitted & approved by the DRA Board. Please include a basic cost estimate for this show. How do you propose defraying show costs?

Entry fees? (Y/N) ____ Workshops? (Y/N) ____ Sponsorships? (Y/N) ____ Donations? (Y/N) ____

Artist Submission (entry) Fees

DRA members \$ _____ Collaborating Org Members (if applicable) \$ _____

Non-members \$ _____

Sponsorship brief explanation (if applicable)

Who is this exhibition designed to reach? Indicate both artists/exhibitors and intended audience. Use the following questions as a guide:

Does it serve as an outreach project to involve youth, seniors, minorities, handicapped, or disadvantaged, etc?

- Yes
- No

Does it serve as a marketplace for art collectors to buy contemporary art by local and regional artists?

- Yes
- No

Does it serve as an incubator project, allowing artists to gain experience and fine tune the presentation of their talent?

- Yes
- No

Would there be any associated educational component such as workshop, demos, class, lecture or performing arts event? Describe any events, activities and coordination with other entities you are planning as part of your exhibit.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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July 26, 2015

To Del Ray Artisans members:

The Arts Hancock County has invited Del Ray Artisans members to be part of a very special *Thanks Y'all* art exhibit and event that they are hosting on Saturday, August 29 in the Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, area commemorating the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

The Arts Hancock County (TAHC) is an arts organization very similar in purpose, organization, and size to Del Ray Artisans (DRA). DRA members got to know members of TAHC during *Southern Surge*, DRA's benefit show for TAHC in March 2007. *Southern Surge*, curated by Theresa Kulstad and Linda Elliff, was organized to give artists devastated by Katrina support and an opportunity to sell their art after Hurricane Katrina. The show expenses were completely paid for by DRA, and all of the artwork sales went directly to the artists. DRA members as well as the Del Ray community were exceptional in the various volunteer efforts they gave and long lasting friendships were formed.

This coming August 29, 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. There will be various ceremonies along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the numerous towns. The Arts Hancock County (based in Bay St. Louis, MS) is holding an invitational art show to thank the art organizations around the country that came to their aid in the months after Katrina. Del Ray Artisans is among the groups being invited to participate. The Arts Hancock County activities are on Thursday, August 27 through Saturday, August 29.

Important Information

Several documents have been received from The Arts Hancock County that provide more details and are included with the invitation at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

DRA members are invited to ship or deliver in person their artwork to Bay St. Louis, MS. Shipped artwork must be received by Monday, August 24.

Those travelling to Bay St. Louis are asked to provide some information to the host artists. Accommodation requests for visiting artists must be received by August 10. A potluck dinner is being organized for local and visiting artists on Thursday, August 27. The exhibit reception will be in the evening on Saturday, August 29.

Participating DRA artists are asked to email Linda Elliff at Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org with their name, phone number, artwork name, artwork size, and whether you are shipping or delivering the work in person to Bay St. Louis, MS. If possible, DRA will work on consolidating artworks to save shipping costs or hand carry some artworks to deliver in person. Shipping & handling costs are to be shared by the participating artists. Participating artists will be contacted individually with details.

Please note: Even though The Arts Hancock County is allowing artwork up to a size of 36" x 36", any hand carried artwork must be 20" x 24" maximum. Smaller, lightweight artworks are encouraged by DRA.

This is a touching and special invitation. I hope you will participate. For other questions not answered in this letter or following documents, please contact me at Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

—Linda Elliff, Director of Membership, Del Ray Artisans

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Supported in part by:



Form below from The Arts Hancock County. For the full invitation (including all forms and the press release), visit: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

Artwork Delivery and Guidelines

Each artist may send/bring 2 pieces of art.

Please provide a list of your art by Monday, August 24, 2015. We will prepare a program and title cards for the exhibit that is on Saturday, August 29. We need the following information:

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Price: _____

Artist Name: _____

City (and Arts Organization): _____



There is no theme, but if you choose to develop the subject of Katrina, the media may be more inclined to focus on your work

There will be no commission or entry fee. Two Dimensional work will be limited to 36" x 36" and Three Dimensional work limited to 100 pounds.

If you choose to ship your work, please make sure that it arrives by Monday, August 24, so we can unpack it and make sure everything is okay. If you are bringing it with you, please try to have it to us by Thursday ASAP.

If you ship it, please send it to:

Vicki Niolet
c/o Bay Emporium
112 South Second Street
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520

When you ship your work, you may call me at 228-671-9790, or email me, vniolet@earthlink.net, if you'd like, so I can be watching for it. We'll keep your packing and send your work back to you, if necessary. Hopefully we won't have many pieces to return! Right now the exhibit is only up Saturday, 8/29, but we are working on a way to extend it. We'll send more info and ask permission if it changes.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email, vniolet@earthlink.net or by phone, 228-671-9790. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything. We're looking forward to seeing y'all again.

Thanks, Vicki

DEL RAY ARTISANS & ART LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTIVE PROJECT

CALL FOR ENTRY

ALTARS: Religious Rituals

September 4 – 27, 2015

Opening Reception: Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm

What comes to mind when you think of altars? They could reflect places of heavenly worship or nether worldly sacrifice. They can be simple raised platforms or elaborate structures used for religious ceremonies. Whether you think of them literally such as for worship or sacrifice, or figuratively for things given priority at the cost of something else—perhaps work over family—altars are used in varying religious rituals around the world. Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and Art Latin American Collective Project (ALACP) have teamed up to present this unique artistic challenge to their members. Artists, dig deep into your imaginations! Explore the use of altars in religious rituals worldwide and create your interpretations in any and every form of media.

ALACP Curator: David Camero (mactrovattore@yahoo.es)

DRA Curator: John Bordner (JBordner@wiscenterprises.com)

Entry Details:

Open to DRA & ALACP members only

- Artwork receiving is Sunday, August 30th & Monday, August 31st from 6-8pm
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. The entry fee for DRA & ALACP members is \$5 per piece. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- All artwork must be for sale. Any pieces marked at “NFS” will **not** be accepted.
- Artwork must be ready to hang and 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.

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. Please bring your calendars so you can sign up for duties at receiving. We'll ask you to contribute a food or beverage for the opening reception.
- Insurance for artwork is the responsibility of the artist. Del Ray Artisans, Art Latin American Collective Project, and the City of Alexandria cannot 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.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax- deductible) to Del Ray Artisans.
- 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 this call for entry form for your records.



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Gallery Hours

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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DEL RAY ARTISANS & ART LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTIVE PROJECT

ENTRY FORM

ALTARS: Religious Rituals

September 4 – 27, 2015

Drop-off dates: Sunday, August 30 from 6-8pm and Monday, August 31 from 6-8pm

Entry Fee: \$5 per piece for DRA & ALACP members (non-refundable)

Artist Name(s):
Address:
Phone(s):
Email:

List artwork below (Please print clearly):

Table with 3 columns: TITLE, MEDIA, PRICE. Rows 1), 2), 3) with price indicators (\$).

Terms and Conditions (All DRA & ALACP members must sign)

I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Art Latin American Collective Project, Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, 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:

Table of important dates: Artwork Drop Off, Non-Accepted Artwork Pickup, Opening Reception, Show Closes/Artwork Pickup.

I agreed to GALLERY HOST on
I will staff the opening reception as time slot:
I will bring: drinks, veggies, fruits, cheese, sweets



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Del Ray Artisans' Call for Proposals & Entry Form

Art on the Avenue Photo Op Board

Proposals due September 5, 2015

Selected proposal implementation due October 2, 2015

Del Ray Artisans will have a "Photo Op Board" (also known as a "Head in the Hole" board) available for the public to use on the front lawn of the gallery during Art on the Avenue. A "Photo Op Board" is a mural-like illustration done on a large board with one or more head holes cut out for people to put their own heads through to be a part of the scene. There isn't a set theme for the "Photo Op Board"; however, you may wish to propose an art, art-related, or Fall Harvest [because there is a scarecrow-making activity during Art on the Avenue] concept. (See photos of examples to the right)



Coordinator: Dawn Wyse Hurto, Technology@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Dimensions & Logistics:

- We are going to use foam core for the board. The exact size is up to you, but no larger than 4' x 6'. You may have a rectangular shape or cut the outer edge to make a custom shape if desired. We suggest an aspect ratio such as 3:4 or 5:7, so your design will fit in a typical mobile phone camera. Del Ray Artisans has two stand "legs" (and sandbags) to attach to the foam core board for stability.
- There can be 1 or more head holes. Approx. size of head holes: 9.5" tall x 6.5" wide. Placement of head holes is up to you. We will have a step stool and kneeler available behind the board.
- Optional Template: The following page has a template you can use that scales to 5' x 3.5' (approx. 5:7 ratio). There are two sample head holes in the template that you can use or move.



Proposal Requirements:

- All entries must be received by **Saturday, September 5, 2015**. Entries may be dropped off at the gallery during gallery hours –or– scanned and emailed to Technology@TheDelRayArtisans.org.
- There is no entry fee for submitting proposals, and no limit to the number of proposals each artist may submit.
- The artist who submits the selected proposal will be notified on Monday, September 7, 2015.
- *For each proposal*, note: the proposed dimensions, if you need help implementing, and how much it costs to implement (DRA will supply the foam core board and stand). For the selected proposal, DRA can reimburse approved costs with receipts.

Selected Proposal Requirements:

- **The artist whose proposal is selected is expected to implement the proposal between September 8 and October 2. The Photo Op Board must be complete and ready-to-use no later than Friday, October 2, 2015.**
- By entering & implementing your proposal, you grant Del Ray Artisans the right to use your proposal concept free of charge. This piece of art is being used as outreach to the community. Donations may be received by "photo op" participants, but will not be required. Any donations received will go to Del Ray Artisans.
- Permission to photograph the completed Photo Op Board for publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist.

Entry Form *(include this form with your sketch of the proposed concept)*

Artist Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Proposed Dimensions: _____ Implementation Costs: _____

Do you need help implementing? If yes, list with which tasks: _____

Terms & Conditions: *I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Proposals, and I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this Photo Op Board. I understand 100% of the donations from use of this Photo Op Board will go to Del Ray Artisans, a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization.*

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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