

The Well-Crafted Word

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ALTARS: Religious Rituals Exhibit Runs September 4 – 27, 2015

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



by David Camero

This month Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and Art Latin American Collective Project (ALACP) together present *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. 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. In this exhibit, interpretations of altars used worldwide in religious rituals are explored using any form of media. Please join us for the opening reception on Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm at DRA gallery. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Welcome, New Members!

- Fithi Abraham
- Laura Perritt - Friend
- Corrin Pumphrey - Acrylic, Watercolor, Oil, Pen & Ink, Pencil
- Emily Shepardson

Under \$100: Affordable Masterpieces

Mark your calendars for a very special and affordable exhibit this November! *Under \$100: Affordable Masterpieces*, a DRA member show, will offer patrons the chance to purchase reasonably priced, beautiful artwork to take home right at the time of purchase.



Discount Theatre Tickets for DRA Members (Now until sold out)

Ford's Theatre is offering a special discount to DRA members. Enjoy two tickets for the price of one to see *The Guard*— a world premiere comedic drama about what happens when a museum guard touches a famous Rembrandt painting. Discount good for rear orchestra seats during weeknight performances. Maximum two tickets per order. Good for shows 9/25-10/16. Purchase now until sold out! Use promo code ARTLOVE during checkout at: fords.org/event/the-guard

Art on the Avenue: Saturday, October 3 from 10am-6pm!

Get Ready: Two early bird volunteers are needed to set up the tent, artist demo tables/ chairs, and create sidewalk chalk directional arrows to the gallery entrance. Two evening volunteers are needed to take down the tent, table and chairs. Shifts are 8:30-10am (set up) and 6-7pm (take down).

Spread the Word: Volunteers are needed throughout the festival to hand out DRA literature in front of the gallery and help visitors photograph themselves in the fun Photo Op Board. Shifts are 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, and 4-6pm.

Give an Artist Demonstration:

DRA will present artist demos under a tent in front of the gallery during Art on the Avenue. Available shifts are 12-2pm, 2-4pm, and 4-6pm. Two artists to demo per shift.

Please contact Gale at Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org with your preferred task and shift. Have a booth? DRA members who are exhibiting artists please send your name, company, booth number, media, and website (if applicable), to Dawn at Technology@TheDelRayArtisans.org and we will help advertise your presence. Great member benefit!



Sweet as Pie!

The Annual August Pie Contest was delicious once again! Our wonderful Patron members were invited to judge the pie contest this year. They also got first taste of all the yummy entries. Prizes were awarded to these winners:

Best Overall - **Betsy Mead's** Upside Down Lemon Meringue Pecan Pie
Best Savory - **Millie Mateu's** Broccoli Quiche
Best Sweet - **Sean Crumley's** Plummy



Crumbley

The Indoor Picnic was special as well. Pork Barrel BBQ came down the street with its tasty menu. DRA

appreciates the generous discount from our neighbor. Be sure to visit Pork Barrel BBQ soon and tell them how much you enjoyed their food at DRA. Finally, Dave Levy was the lucky winner of two free tickets to *The Guard* at Ford's Theater. Congratulations, Dave!

Reception at DRA for New Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks

The Del Ray Business Association, Del Ray Citizens Association, and Del Ray Artisans are holding a reception recognizing the new City Manager, Mark Jinks. The reception will be held on Friday, September 11 at 5pm at the gallery (2704 Mount Vernon Avenue). This event is open to the public, and DRA members are encouraged to attend.

Get the Word Out!

Need help with getting something published? Want information on the review process? Look for this and other helpful information on DRA's website under "Get the Word Out" at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/Communications

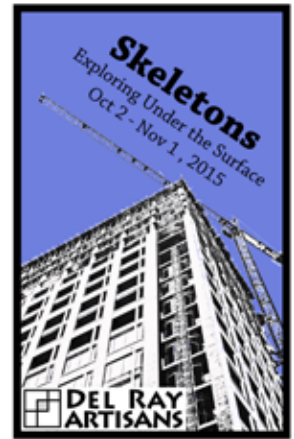
Call for Entry

Skeletons: Exploring Under the Surface

Show dates: October 2 – November 1, 2015

Digital entries due: Monday, September 21, 2015

With Fall just around the corner, it is not too early to think about the 2015 October show, *Skeletons: Exploring Under the Surface*. Here's a chance to challenge your artwork style and explore what is the framework, literally or figuratively. What is under there? Artworks depicting animal or human skeletons are only acceptable if they are beyond the typical. 2D and 3D visual artwork in all mediums, as well as video and audio art, is encouraged. This Call for Entry is an online form. All entries must be received digitally by midnight on September 21. Contact the curator, Tracy Wilkerson, with questions at RecycledWorks@yahoo.com. The entry form is at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



New Membership Fees and Structure Effective January 2016

On July 14, 2015, the DRA Board approved revision of DRA's membership levels and fees to take effect January 1, 2016. The current membership fees have not been changed for at least 6 years. Since that time, DRA has greatly expanded its offerings and programs. Renewing at the current fee before December 31 will extend members' current expiration dates by one year. The DRA Board greatly appreciates everyone's support each year and looks forward to our continued growth together. New membership levels are listed below:

Membership Level	Fee	Notes
Member		Full membership benefits; Volunteer hours required
Individual	\$60	
Dual	\$90	2 adults, same address
Family	\$110	2 adults, up to 4 children, same address
Senior	\$45	Age 62+
Student	\$30	Full-time
Supporter	\$40	No volunteer hours required; No exhibition privileges
Patron		No volunteer hours required; Exhibition privileges
Silver	\$250	same as for a Family Membership
Gold	\$500	
Platinum	\$1,000	
Corporate		Business sponsorships
Silver	\$500	
Gold	\$1,000	
Platinum	\$5,000	

Seeking Candidates for the Del Ray Artisans Board

How does DRA continue to provide the excellent, inspiring, and enjoyable programs, events and exhibits month after month to benefit members, area artists, and our local community? We depend on our Board to create, implement and oversee these activities for everyone. Your participation in the leadership of this organization is critical. Without it, DRA will be forced to cut back on many of the programs, events, and exhibits for which we are celebrated. We need your help! Contact the Nominating Committee at Nominations@TheDelRayArtisans.org to learn about opportunities to serve on the 2016 DRA Board, or contact any Board member to learn about particular positions.

Coloring Book for Grown-Ups

Entries due: Wednesday, September 30



We are putting together a coloring book for grown-ups as a fundraiser to benefit DRA. Break out your pen and ink, charcoal, pencils,

digital drawing tools, etc., and enter your art for this cool book.

Theme: "Around Alexandria" in the past, present, or even future vision or fantasy—*Is that a sea monster in the harbor? A statue coming to life? English ivy literally eating that building?* Explore Alexandria [real or imaginary] in black and white. Open to all artists. Call for Entry at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

A Very Special Thanks

- Ron Blank, Kathryn Brown, Berto Delfi, Gordon Frank, Gale Goldfarb, Jahed Haidari, Pat Hickey, Dawn Hurto, Kim Joy, Marlin Lord, Chris Martinez, Betsy Mead, Miranda Townsend, and David Weinstein, who helped organize, prep, and paint the gallery. Thank you for making the gallery sparkle!
- Tessa Barsic for volunteering on the Web Posting Committee for the past 3 years! Thank you to the current and new Committee members: Chris Feddersen, Nicole Hofmann, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Betsy Mead, Susan Pennington, and Lew Smith.
- Stephen Lally for creating the wonderful thank you gifts for our Patron Members in appreciation of their generous support of DRA.

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.

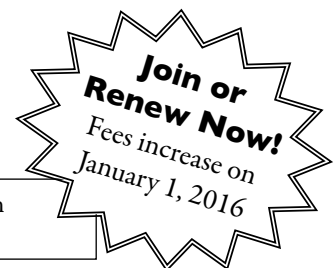
Friend

- \$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:

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

DEL RAY ARTISANS

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124

703.838.4827
TheDelRayArtisans.org

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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Calendar

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

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)
- 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
- 24 WORKSHOP Polymer Clay, 10am – 2 pm
- 29 Annual Meeting with Elections, 7 – 9 pm
- 31 Halloween Party, 8pm - ??

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
- 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

December 2015 *Continued*

- 18-20 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Without Walls at the Animal Shelter

Opening this November at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter (4101 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria) is a new Gallery Without Walls exhibit, *Seasonal Tails*. Do you have tales of tails for the Winter show? The Call for Entry is coming soon.

Visit the shelter now through September 27 to see the current exhibit, *Under a Summer Sun*.

For more information on Gallery Without Walls exhibits, visit:

TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

Other Key Contacts

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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.



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Coloring Book Theme: Around Alexandria. Consider the flora and fauna of the area, farmers' markets, historical figures, forts, parks, architecture, famous sites, favorite haunts, etc., in the past, present, or even future vision or fantasy—*Is that a sea monster in the harbor? A statue coming to life? English ivy literally eating that building?* Feel free to explore Alexandria real or imaginary—appealing to locals and tourists alike.

Coordinator: Dawn Wyse Hurto, Technology@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Entry Requirements:

- All entries must be received by **Wednesday, September 30, 2015.**
- The physical pieces of art are not required. Entries should be submitted digitally through the online form and be a high enough quality (300 dpi) to print well on a page approximately 10" wide by 8" tall. The maximum file size the form allows is 5MB. If your file is larger, contact the coordinator.
- There is no entry fee and no limit to the number of entries each artist may submit, but you must fill in the appropriate fields in the entry form for each entry you submit.
- The space available for artwork is approximately **10" wide by 8" tall.** There will be additional space for credit that will be typeset. Credit will include: artwork title, artist's name, and an optional, very brief (up to 140 characters) dedication or description by the artist.
- The entry **must be in black and white.** Remember this piece will be in a coloring book, so purchasers will be "filling in" your work with colored pencils, watercolor pencils, markers, etc.
- Entries may or may not be included in the coloring book based on the coordinator's selection. If your artwork is selected, it may be enlarged, reduced, or cropped to fit the space available.
- The coordinator will notify the artist in advance if the dedication or description needs to be edited, and reserves the right to not to print the dedication or description as provided.
- Artists will be notified of selected entries by **Friday, October 9, 2015.**
- Accepted artwork will appear in a coloring book offered for sale as a fundraiser for Del Ray Artisans. From these sales, 100 percent of the profits will go to Del Ray Artisans, a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization. By entering your work, you grant Del Ray Artisans the right to print your artwork in this coloring book free of charge. Your artwork will be credited to you, using information provided by you on this entry form.
- Permission to photograph any work for publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering.
- Art previously shown at Del Ray Artisans may be submitted for this coloring book provided it fits within the guidelines above.

The entry form is online at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



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

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