

The Well-Crafted Word

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Put on Your Shopping Shoes for Del Ray Artisans' 20th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market

December 4-20, 2015

Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm

This year is Del Ray Artisans' 20th anniversary of the Holiday Market! Join us the first three weekends in December. Bring a friend or three, and treat yourselves to holiday shopping in a relaxed, festive atmosphere. Browse and purchase original and affordable works of art from 50+ artists over 3 weekends for those special people on your gift lists... or for yourself. The market offers fine art and fine crafts such as pottery, glass, jewelry, fabric, and paper with even more treasures to discover! In addition, poinsettias, 2016 wall calendars, and handmade ornaments will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting Del Ray Artisans. Artists also donate a percentage of their sales to help support Del Ray Artisans. Different artists are featured each weekend—so come all three weekends!



Welcome, New Members!

- Jennifer Allevato
- Amy Anda
- Melanie Bikowski
- David Cochran
- Victoria Cox
- Vera Gilbert
- Lizel Gonzales
- Christina Hibbard
- Laska Hurley
- Michaela Japoc
- L K Jeffers
- Betsy Jones
- Loretta Kaneshige
- James Kidd
- Erin McGrath
- Sandy Miller
- Laura Peppard
- LaQuita Pinkston
- Kathleen Stoner
- Bill Thompson

IMPORTANT! New Membership Fees and Structure Effective January 2016

DRA's new membership structure and fees take effect on January 1, 2016. If you renew at the current fee BEFORE December 31, 2015, your current expiration date will be extended by one year. See the September 2015 newsletter or the separate insert in the electronic version of this newsletter for details on the new structure and fees.

The DRA Board looks forward to our continued growth together in the New Year!

Board Meeting Location

The December 8 Board meeting will be held at Los Tios Grill (2615 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301—just across the street from the gallery). If you wish to address the Board, email Secretary@TheDelRayArtisans.org before Dec. 4 to be on the agenda.

December 4-6 Artists:

- Veronica Barker-Barzel
- Rebecca Barnes
- Kristin Cschill, *Criss Naturals*
- Kajal Dhabalia, *Wholesome Soul*
- Nerea Gibson
- Jahed Haidari
- Earl Jones
- Tom Kelly
- Nan Lopata
- Liz Martinez
- Debbie Smith Mezzetta
- Patti North, *All Fired Up!*
- Eileen O'Brien
- Ken & Sue Reed, *Green and Burning Tree*
- Imani Russell, *Indigo's Friends*
- Suzanne Wennermark-Roskowitz
- Laura Whitaker, *Hammered & Corked*
- Tracy Wilkerson, *Recycled Works*

December 11-13 Artists:

- Barb Boatman, *Cut Sew Create Studio*
- Vanessa Bruno, *Recycled Romance Designs*
- Marche Covington
- Joan Danoff
- Shelly Habel, *Sugarboy's Farm*
- Maria Illingworth, *Maria's Windows*
- Stephen Lally
- Claudia & Sergio Olivos, *Olivos Art Studios*
- Diana Papazian, *Papazian Jewelry Designs*
- Tangelia Roe
- Doris Ross, *Vitrifications*
- Audrey Sykes, *Fuzion Pasion Dezign*
- Ron Tickerhoff, *Wolf Mountain Glass*
- Chris Vinh, *StitchesnQuilts*
- Tamara Wilkerson, *WiRealM*
- Kinesha Wilson

December 18-20 Artists:

- Jen Athanas, *Jen-A-Fusion*
- Lynn Chadwick, *Lynn Chadwick Design*
- Rita Cohen, *Rita Cohen: Weaver*
- Marcel Artes Deolazo
- Chris Fedderson, *MacroFine Photography*
- Kim S. Joy
- Nancy Kline, *Nancy's Mosaics*
- Genevieve Lynn, *Jade River Studios*
- Cynthia McKinley
- Bindu Parikh, *Nirvana*
- Supon Phornirunlit
- Madeline Ramsey, *Unique Stained Glass*
- Hilary Rednor, *Hilary Rednor Jewelry*
- Claudia Ringel
- Joyce Wagner, *Reinvented Elegance*
- Paula Wulff, *Wulff Werks*

Farewell Party on Dec. 15 for Tracy Wilkerson

DRA's first employee, Tracy Wilkerson, will be stepping down from her position as Office Manager at the end of 2015. Tracy has been with Del Ray Artisans for over 8 years. We're sad to lose her from the staff and wish her all the best in her career. Tracy will still be active as a DRA member, but we'll miss seeing her at the gallery desk!

To thank Tracy for all her work on DRA's behalf, we're holding a potluck "farewell" party on Tuesday, December 15 at the gallery. All members are invited to join us for refreshments, fun, and a chance to tell her how much we appreciate her. Save the date! Look for the event details in your email and RSVP online. If you did not receive the electronic invitation, contact Michele Reday Cook at 703-403-3407 or PastPresident@TheDelRayArtisans.org

2016 Board of Directors

At the October 29 Annual Member Meeting, Del Ray Artisans members voted on a slate for the 2016 Board of Directors. This Board begins duties on Jan. 1. Please welcome the 2016 Board:

President - Kim Joy

VP - John Bordner

Secretary - Kathryn Brown

Treasurer - Stephen Lally

Assistant Treasurer - Nancy Kline

(appointed at the Nov. 10 Board Meeting)

Director of..

Archives - Sean Crumley

Communications - Betsy Mead

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Facilities - Ron Blank

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Miranda Townsend

Membership - Linda Elliff

Outreach - Joan Woodill

Programs - Theresa Kulstad

Technology - Dawn Wyse Hurto

Volunteers - Joshua Oliveira

Youth Programs - Martha Garcia,

Lydia Walter, and Pat Hickey

Advisory/Non-Voting Position:

Past President - Michele Reday Cook



True Colors: Like a Rainbow

Call for Entry

Artists are challenged to use selected rainbow colors (red, orange yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet)—referred to as “true” colors—in creating their artwork. The Call for Entry is an online form, and all entries must be received digitally by 11:59pm on Wednesday, December 23. Call for Entry at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

Exhibit Opens Friday, January 8

Don't miss Del Ray Artisans' 2016 color-themed show, *True Colors: Like a Rainbow!* The opening reception is on Friday, January 8 from 7 to 9pm at the gallery. Come enjoy the artwork and mingle with artists. The show runs January 8-31, 2016. Also featured is the ever-popular “art-to-go” boutique. For details, see: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/True

Workshops are Coming in January!

A chance to get out of those winter doldrums with FOUR exciting workshops:

1. **Polymer Clay Workshop:** Sunday, January 10, 1-5pm. Ken and Sue Reed share their knowledge of polymer clay techniques using a “rainbow” of colors! Students can execute a small jewelry or sculpture project.
2. **Introduction to Wire Jewelry:** Thursday, January 14, 7-9pm. Jewelry instructor Tamara Wilkerson takes us into the intricate and exciting world of wire jewelry. Experiment with different tools and wire sizes, while creating basic, colorful, and useful jewelry components. Go home with finished jewelry pieces.
3. **Playing with Resin:** Monday, January 18, 6:30-9:30pm. Learn how to use resin in your artwork! Instructor Tracy Wilkerson will show you how to “play” with resin in a safe environment and learn the ins and outs of mixing resin and using it—as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium.
4. **Secrets of the Paper Garden: Hand-dyed Paper Flowers:** Sunday, January 24, 1-4pm. Artist Debbie Smith Mezzetta is back with a new recipe for colorful paper flowers using a unique paper—it's a secret (and conveniently available and inexpensive)! Come to class and find out! Students will learn easy and fun techniques for hand-dyeing and creating everlasting flowers from the “secret” ingredient—*psst, it goes great with coffee.*

Register for these workshops at: mkt.com/del-ray-artisans



DelRayArtisans.org — Where's the “The”?

Our current website is TheDelRayArtisans.org, but DRA will soon be launching a new website at the shorter address of DelRayArtisans.org. Over the next few weeks you'll notice DRA email addresses getting shorter by 3 letters too. Start updating your email contacts list now. Add WebCurator@DelRayArtisans.org to your contacts to ensure you keep receiving the Weekly eNews and members emails.

Fundraisers & Great Holiday Gifts

2016 Wall Calendar: Keep track of your 2016 dates with a calendar featuring artwork by fellow DRA members. One hundred nineteen pieces of art were submitted for consideration for the calendar. Just forty-five were selected, with 3-4 artworks highlighted each month. Populated events include DRA events, community events, national holidays, and major religious holidays. Calendars are just \$18 each.



Coloring Book for Grown-Ups: Seventy-four pieces of art were submitted for consideration for DRA's first Coloring Book for Grown-Ups. Forty works were selected from 26 different artists. The variety of styles make this book fun and unique! Coloring books are just \$15 each.

Come to the gallery soon to purchase. Stock is limited! Proceeds support Del Ray Artisans. Thank you to everyone who purchases and congratulations to all the artists! Featured artists are listed online at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/about/shop.html

The Gallery Freshens Up for 2016

Pounding all those nails into the gallery walls takes its toll! Even though we patch and paint after every art exhibit, the walls still take a real beating. DRA's Facilities Director Ron Blank and incoming Volunteers Director Joshua Oliveira are putting together a group of fantastic volunteers to spruce up, repair, and paint the gallery so it will be ready just in time for the January 2016 art exhibit! The work will be completed while the gallery is closed between December 21 and January 2. To help, please contact: Volunteers@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 () _____

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.

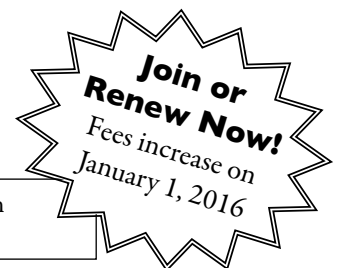
Active Member
 \$75 Household
 \$50 Individual
 \$25 Senior (62 & over)
 \$25 Full-time Student/Disabled

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

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Calendar

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

December 2015

- 4-6 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@
TheDelRayArtisans.org
- 8 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 9 Life Drawing Holiday Party, 1-2pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 11-13 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@
TheDelRayArtisans.org
- 15 Farewell Party for Tracy Wilkerson, 6-9pm
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 18-20 **Holiday Market**
HolidayMarket@
TheDelRayArtisans.org
- 24-31 Gallery Closed

January 2016

- 1-3 Gallery Closed
- 8-31 **SHOW: True Colors: Like a Rainbow** (Curator Betsy Mead, egmead@gmail.com)
- 8 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 10 WORKSHOP Polymer Clay, 1-5pm
- 11 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 13 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 13 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 13 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 14 WORKSHOP Wire Jewelry, 7-9pm
- 18 WORKSHOP Playing with Resin, 6:30-9:30pm

January 2016 Continued

- 24 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 24 WORKSHOP Paper Flowers, 1-4pm
- 27 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 27 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

February 2016

- 5-28 **SHOW: Board Showcase**
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Member Meeting/Art Swap, 3-5pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)

Art in City Hall 2015

The current Art in City Hall exhibit runs through December 18, 2015 in City Hall (2nd floor, 300 King St, Alexandria, VA). Hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

Details at:
TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

Calls for Entry

Did you know Gallery Without Walls (GWW) exhibits are only for DRA members? Take advantage of this member benefit! Two animal-themed GWW exhibits have entries due Sunday, January 17.

Entry details at:
TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

DRA Board Exhibit

The Board Showcase runs February 5-28, 2016. Eight creative Board members are featured: Ron Blank, Michele Reday Cook, Kim Joy, Stephen Lally, Marlin Lord, Betsy Mead, Kathy Turner, and Joan Woodill.

Stay tuned for details!

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.





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Important Information for Del Ray Artisans Members

To Del Ray Artisans members:

As first published in the September 2015 issue of *The Well-Crafted Word* newsletter, Del Ray Artisans' membership structure and fees will change on January 1, 2016.

The membership fees have not been changed in at least 6 years. Since that time, Del Ray Artisans (DRA) has greatly expanded its offerings and programs. After careful research of similar arts organizations in the area, the DRA Board of Directors determined that our membership structure and fees needed updating. On July 14, 2015, the Board approved revision of DRA's membership structure and fees to take effect January 1, 2016.

The biggest structure change is that the former "Household" category has split into "Dual" and "Family". For current "Household" members, if your membership is for two people, please renew in the "Dual" category; or renew in the "Family" category to accommodate two adults and up to four children. In both new categories, members must reside at the same address.

New membership structure and fees effective January 1, 2016:

LEVEL	CATEGORY	FEE	NOTES
Member			Full membership benefits; Volunteer hours required
	Individual	\$60	
	Dual	\$90	<i>Two adults, same address</i>
	Family	\$110	<i>Two adults, up to Four Children, same address</i>
	Senior	\$45	<i>Age 62+</i>
	Student	\$30	<i>Full-time</i>
Supporter	Supporter	\$40	No volunteer hours required; No exhibition privileges
Patron			No volunteer hours required; Exhibition privileges same as for a Family Membership
	Silver	\$250	
	Gold	\$500	
	Platinum	\$1,000	
Corporate			Business sponsorships
	Silver	\$500	
	Gold	\$1,000	
	Platinum	\$5,000	

Please note: If you renew at the current fee before December 31, 2015, your current membership expiration date will be extended by one year.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful, non-profit organization! The Board greatly appreciates everyone's support each year and looks forward to our continued growth together. If you have questions on the upcoming membership changes, please contact me at: Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org

—Linda Elliff, Director of Membership, Del Ray Artisans

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2016



Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Both nude and clothed models are featured. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you are welcome to bring your own if you want to use one. *Please no acrylics or oils*; pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. All skill levels are welcome.

The fee for each three-hour session is \$10 for DRA members and \$12 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or LifeDrawing@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Session Types

Gesture Sessions (*two hours*)

Come to the gesture sessions to loosen up and participate in a fun, fast-paced drawing experience. These two-hour sessions are composed primarily of dynamic 1 to 5 minute poses. Occasionally different drawing exercises are employed to keep things interesting.

Short/Long Pose Sessions (*three hours*)

The three-hour short/long pose sessions start with some short 1 to 5 minute warm-up poses and progressively move into longer poses lasting 10 to 45 minutes. These sessions provide a great opportunity to refine your drawing and observation skills.

Long Pose Sessions (*three hours*)

If you want to spend an extended amount of time on a pose, come to our long pose sessions. These sessions are generally composed of two long poses with perhaps a few warm-ups at the start.



Drawings by Katherine Rand

- Please see calendar on reverse. -

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2016

(Sessions feature nude models unless otherwise noted.)

Wed Jan 13	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Jun 8	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun Jan 24	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Jun 19	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Jan 27	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Jun 22	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Feb 10	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture	Wed Aug 10	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun Feb 21	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Aug 21	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed Feb 24	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Aug 24	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Mar 9	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Sep 7	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun Mar 20	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Sep 18	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Mar 23	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Sep 21	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Apr 6	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture	Wed Oct 12	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun Apr 17	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Oct 23	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed Apr 20	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Oct 26	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed May 11	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Nov 9	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun May 22	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Nov 20	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed May 25	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Dec 7	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		1:00-2:00pm	Holiday Party
				2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
				6:30-9:30pm	Long

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