



The Well-Crafted Word

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Fire and Earth

National Ceramic Cup Exhibit and Regional 2-D Show Runs September 2 - October 2, 2016

Opening Reception:
Friday, September 2 from 7-9pm

This exhibit, juried by internationally recognized potter Dan Finnegan, celebrates the elements of fire and earth in a hybrid show that combines a National ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D exhibit. The exhibit honors how fire in the kiln transforms earth (clay) into functional drinking vessels. Local Del Ray businesses St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Junction Bakery & Bistro, Evening Star Café, and Artifacts, Inc. Custom Framing are sponsoring awards for the best cups and 2-D work. Cups from 10 states and the District of Columbia are represented in this exhibit. They are complemented by the 2-D work on the walls of the gallery that reflect these natural processes. Please join us for the opening reception on Friday, September 2 from 7-9pm at Del Ray Artisan's (DRA) gallery.



For more information, visit www.DelRayArtisans.org. We also invite you to participate in Dan Finnegan's workshop, "The Mighty Mug," at The Clay Queen Pottery on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Register in advance at DelRayArtisans.org/event/mug-workshop/

Art on the Avenue

Saturday, October 1
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 Millie Mateu at milaenartes@gmail.com 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, to Technology@DelRayArtisans.org and we will help advertise your presence. Great member benefit!



*Jen Nicholson demonstrating calligraphy,
October 2015*

Welcome, New Members!

- Patron Eileen Egan - Pottery
- Alicia Hurst - Pen and Ink, Watercolor
- Debbie Ladwig
- Alan Ladwig
- Samantha Shelton
- Tab Sommer

Design a Birdhouse!

Calling all artists – Create a birdhouse for the upcoming "Birdhouses of Del Ray" silent auction fundraiser. Make your own or stop by the gallery to buy a 'blank' wooden birdhouse. Do your artsy thing to it and donate it to the Silent Auction. You will receive a thank you raffle ticket for a one-year DRA membership. Entries due Oct. 2-3 at *Local Flavor* receiving. Silent Auction runs Oct. 7-25. For details, see call for entry at: DelRayArtisans.org/2016/07/birdhouses-del-ray/



*"Love Shack" glass
birdhouse by
Betsy Mead*

Help Needed:

The Nominations Committee is looking for members to serve on the Board of Directors for 2017. If you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors next year, please send an email with your contact information and areas of interest to Judy Lynn, AbstractArtByLynn@gmail.com, or Lynne Darnell, SeamlessWeaver@verizon.net.

President's Message

Where did the time go? It's hard to believe summer has come and gone. I hope you had a wonderful summer full of satisfying and exciting activities, and some down time as well.

Can you believe it's already time to gear up for upcoming exhibits and the holiday season? My family has agreed to celebrate a "handmade Christmas". I cannot wait because I love to support other artists. This will be my opportunity to give back to those artists who supported me by purchasing my artwork during the seasons' markets.

This year my new mantra is to "keep it local and keep it handmade." Perhaps it's something you might consider as well.

My sincere thanks to all DRA patrons for your continued support, time and talent.

—Kim S. Joy, President

DelRayArtisans.org Launches

The new website officially launched on August 1, 2016. Thank you to:

- David and Dani Keith and Ellen Hamilton for all the technical and design assistance with WordPress.
- Past Communications Directors (Paige Ireland, Chris Fedderson, Betsy Mead), Kathryn A. Brown, Michele Reday Cook, Linda Elliff, and other volunteers for writing all the content that moved from the old site to the new site.
- Current Communications Director Rita Schooley for filling in the gaps we had and for ongoing content updates.
- Technology Director Dawn Wyse Hurto for overseeing the project, figuring out WordPress widgets and child themes, and moving bunches of content.
- Liz Martinez for keeping the Twitter feed soooooo fresh!

Call for Entry: Local Flavor Exhibit

Digital entries due Thursday, September 22, 2016

When you're not in town, what do you miss? What do you crave? Does your "local" have a taste or feel? Capture an experience, mood or vibe from your neck of the woods, and express this in a big way. Artists are encouraged to explore their minds and their daily life for inspiration for this exhibit. The curator is looking for art that is vibrant, engaging, warm, and welcoming. This is an all-member show, and the theme is meant to be fairly broad. Your Del Ray Artisans membership must be up-to-date. Digital submissions are due before midnight on Thursday, September 22. Artists will be notified of acceptance by Sunday, September 25; and artwork receiving for accepted entries is on Sunday, October 2 and Monday, October 3 from 6-8pm. Show runs October 7-30, 2016. Entry details & form at: DelRayArtisans.org/CFE

Need help submitting artwork to Local Flavor?

Come to the gallery on Monday, September 19 from 6-8pm or Thursday, September 22 from 12-2pm for some hands on assistance with the online submission process. Please try to establish your artwork titles, media, dimensions, and prices in advance. If you do not have an electronic image of the artwork you wish to submit, bring your artwork with you. We will show you how to take a clear picture with a smart phone and use that photo for the entry form. (You do not have to have a smart phone.) You will leave the gallery having completed the online submission process! Questions? Contact the curator: Dawn Wyse Hurto (dawn@dawnds.com, 703-855- 2584)

Delicious Pies at Member Meeting

The August 7 Member Meeting was a bustling and fun event. Commissioner Jay Dick, Virginia Commission for the Arts, joined members Angela Calos and Dawn Wyse Hurto, coordinated by Margaret Slipek, in selecting the winners of the Annual Pie Contest. After considerable sampling, these entries were awarded prizes in their categories:

Best Overall – Crumb Pie by Sean Crumley;

Best Sweet – Apple Pie by Pat Stacy;

Best Savory – Cheeseburger Pie by Kathy Turner

Members also got to have tastes of all the pies after a grand spread of neighbor Pork Barrel BBQ's fine menu.

Our appreciation is expressed to Pork Barrel BBQ for their generous discount. Special thanks to helpers at the meeting and for cleanup: Claudia Ringel, Angela Calos, Margaret Slipek, Liz Martinez, Lesley Hall, Dawn Hurto, Sean Crumley, Nancy Kline, Kim Joy, Kathy Turner, and Maria Illingworth. You made it all possible! Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Linda Elliff for planning and running an enjoyable member meeting.



Pie winners Pat Stacy, Kathy Turner, and Sean Crumley

“Invisible” Volunteers?

If you've curated an art exhibit, taught a workshop, or hosted a special event, you know you've been asked to compose and put together numerous written materials: calls for entry, sign-up information, press releases, synopses and blurbs. Do you know what happens to these documents once you've completed them? How does the public get the information you've worked so hard on? Do they vanish into a black hole in the universe? Of course not! An army of volunteers is hidden behind their laptops just to help you! Yes, Del Ray Artisans' Web Posting Team to the rescue! You may not see them—they work from home or elsewhere—but these volunteers get the word out about DRA exhibits and events. They post to websites for WETA, Eventful, and The Washington Post Going Out Guide, to name just a few. They also send DRA exhibit and event information to an entire Media Mailing list. So, although you may not see these volunteers, they are hardly invisible! They are there, working hard for YOU!

A special thank you to **Chris Fedderson, Kate Gibney, Dawn Hurto, Betsy Mead, Susan Pennington, Lew Smith, and Kathleen Stoner** for all the time you devote to making sure the general public is aware of DRA's events and exhibits!

By the way, if you are interested in joining the Web Posting Team and earning some volunteer hours, please contact Betsy at egmead@gmail.com.

Photo Op Strikes Again!

Hope you had the chance to stop by Del Ray Artisans gallery on First Thursday, August 4 to get your photo taken in this fun "Music and Dance on the Avenue" photo op! Thank you to Del Ray Artisans members Corrin Pumphrey and Dawn Wyse Hurto for preparing the activity for the event.

Sean Crumley and Dawn Wyse Hurto



Tweet, Tweet!

Del Ray Artisans has an active Twitter feed already [@DelRayArtisans](https://twitter.com/DelRayArtisans) thanks to Liz Martinez, but you can now also follow our new volunteer opportunities feed managed by Volunteers Director Josh Oliveira at twitter.com/VolunteersDRA.

Don't have a Twitter account? That's okay! You can still see the current volunteer needs at DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer.



H2O/Waterworks is Coming in November!

Mark your calendars for H2O/Waterworks. This DRA all-member show, will be accepting artworks in all media. DRA artists are invited to submit art in any medium that visually explores the theme of water, and our relationship to it—love it, hate it, use it, abuse it. Entry details coming next month. Curator: Michele Reday Cook mredaycook@gmail.com

"Little Harbor Campground" by Michele Reday Cook

FUN-derful Thank You!

What do you call a FUN art exhibit with over 100 FUN-artworks and 150 donated FUN-raiser "Squares"? The answer is *FUN-derful*! BIG FUN-tastic "Wow" to all the artists who donated artwork to "Can You Spare a Square?" Fun-raiser! DRA Loves You! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

- Laughter and grinning has curator Karen Schmitz giving out *FUN-derful* awards to: Maria "Best Fun" Illingworth, Vero Barker-Barzel Kelly, Diane Hoppmann, Alan Ladwig, Zade Ramsey, Samantha Shelton, and Joyce Wagner.
- More *FUN-derful* Awards to: Drew Carioso, Michele Reday Cook, and Tracy Wilkerson.
- "Spectacular Square" Awards to artists donating to "Can You Spare a Square?": Lesley Hall, Guy Jones, Alice Kale, Corrin Pumphrey, and Sharon Schaefer.
- Shout Out FUN-help-thanks: Abol "Postcard" Bahadori, Drew Carioso, Angela Calos, Sean Crumley, Linda Elliff, Gordan Frank, Ellyn Ferguson, Donna Lee Gallo, Heike Gramckow, John Hiller, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Maria Illingworth, Guy Jones, Dani Keith, Tom Kelly, Vero Barker-Barzel Kelly, Nancy Kline, Theresa Kulstad, Jeff Lodge, Vivienne Lukacs, Judy Lynn, Liz Martinez, Cathy & John "Rimshot" Messina, Jenny Nicholson, Corrin Pumphrey, Bill Schultheis, Kathy Turner, and Zade Ramsey.
- Donation FUN-thanks: Alexandria Picture Framing Co, Haute Dogs and Fries, Chadwicks, Beynette, Monet Gogh Sip, and Sugar Shack Donuts.



Karen presents an award to Maria



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday:
(April-Sept.) noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: noon-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Editor: Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.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

September 2016

- 1 First Thursday (Health & Wellness), 6-9pm
- 2-Oct 2 **SHOW: Fire & Earth**
(Curator Stephen Lally)
- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Cookbook Recipes & Artwork Due
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 10 The Mighty Mug Workshop at The Clay Queen
Pottery, 10am-4pm
- 12 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 19 Help submitting artwork to *Local Flavor*,
6-8pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 21 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 22 Help submitting artwork to *Local Flavor*,
12-2pm; All entries due by midnight

October 2016

- 1 COMMUNITY: Art on the Avenue,
10am-6pm

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

October 2016 continued

- 2-3 Artwork Receiving for *Local Flavor* and "The
Bird Houses of Del Ray Fundraiser", 6-8pm
- 7-30 **SHOW: Local Flavor**
(Curator Dawn Wyse Hurto)
- 7 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 12 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 23 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 25 Annual Member Meeting & Elections,
7-9pm
- 26 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 26 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 30-31 Artwork Receiving for *H2O/Waterworks*,
6-8pm

November 2016

- 4-27 **SHOW: H2O/Waterworks**
(Curator Michele Reday Cook)
- 4 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

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Membership Form

Renewal New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

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|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Patron | Artist | Supporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Silver | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Dual | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Platinum | <input type="checkbox"/> \$110 Family | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Senior | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Student | |

Add a Donation

- Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____
- Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____
- Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans
 Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301
 Or join online: www.DelRayArtisans.org

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Membership Categories and Benefits											
Membership Categories	Cost	12-hour Volunteer requirement	Exhibition Privileges	Reduced show entry fees	Inclusion in 2 member shows annually	Eligible for Gallery Without Walls shows	Member-only programs and events	Reduced workshop, classes and program fees	Monthly online <i>The Well-Crafted Word</i> newsletter	Appreciation Gift	Appreciation Event
Artist											
Individual	\$ 60	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Dual (2 adults, same address)	\$ 90	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Family (2 adults, 4 children, same address)	\$ 110	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Senior (Age 62 and over)	\$ 45	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Student (Full-time status)	\$ 30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Supporter											
Supporter	\$ 40						•	•	•		
Patron (Includes 1 family membership)											
Silver (\$140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gold (\$390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Platinum (\$890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online