



The Well-Crafted Word

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H₂O/WATERWORKS

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

Water works for us—we love it, hate it, crave it, fear it. Water is beautiful, essential, dangerous and destructive. It can manifest itself as liquid, vapor or solid. Artists have depicted water in many ways for hundreds of years. For this exhibit, Del Ray Artisans (DRA) member artists are visually exploring our relationship to water, or lack thereof, through 2D and 3D mediums, to show water's effect on us and our effect on water, for enjoyment, health, political, ecological and environmental outcomes—in the most beautiful, powerful and artistic ways. Please join us for the opening reception on Friday, November 4, 7-9pm at the gallery. Exhibit runs from November 4-27, 2016. All are welcome. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org



Estuary by Michele Reday Cook

Welcome, New Members!

- Tara Barr
- Diane Charnov
- Kate Fitzpatrick
- Bob Fuller
- Sharon Harley
- Maria Kaneer
- Bikki Stricker
- Sophia Suarez

Upswing in Market for Birdhouses!

Consumer interest in the birdhouse market rose in October due to the popular “Birdhouses of Del Ray” silent auction fundraiser. Friends and member artists responded generously to the call for donated artistic birdhouses, providing 46 fabulous birdhouses for the silent auction.



Bidders were treated to an incredible offering of different types of architecture, media, and designs to choose. Glass, fiber, wood, ink, metal, paper, paint, found objects, and even a stuffed squirrel, were all used to design unique, decorative and functional dwellings. Thank you to the 34 artists who gave of their time and talents!

A.C. Moore to Hold Fundraising Day for DRA

A.C. Moore has generously offered to host a fundraising day for Del Ray Artisans. On November 18, shoppers who bring in the enclosed flier insert will have 10% of their purchase donated to DRA. In addition, DRA will be hosting an instore card making activity from 1-3pm that day. So, stop by A.C. Moore at Baileys Crossroads, 5800 Crossroads Center Way, Falls Church, VA 22041 between 9am and 9pm. Present the flier at checkout, and A.C. Moore will donate 10% of your purchase to DRA.

Join Us Online on Giving Tuesday, 11/29/16

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.
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November 29, 2016

DRA has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, following the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday aims to kick off the holiday giving season by inspiring people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. To show your support on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2016, donate at <https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Del-Ray-Artisans>

We're Turning 25! Did you know DRA was founded in 1992? 2017 will mark our 25th year of bringing art into the community. The initial planning stages are beginning. A year-long celebration will require a lot of volunteers. Please email Linda Elliff at 25years@delrayartisans.org if you are able to help at any level!

President's Message

The holiday season is closing in on all artists. Please remember to "Buy Local" and support your fellow artists and craftspeople. I am looking forward to seeing what the season has to show. Take time out for yourself and your family to slow down and enjoy.

Del Ray Artisans has been very busy. October's *Local Flavor* was a big hit and the the birdhouse auction was a blast. Thank you to all the artists who submitted birdhouses and to all the bidders who supported the event. There were wonderful pieces and I am sure their new owners will be very happy with their new houses!

Coming up is the Holiday Market—three weekends of different artists displaying their wares in one of the best local marketplaces.

Thank you to all who stepped forward to take on a Board position—your organization needs you and we are very thankful. Be sure to introduce yourselves to the new Board members when they take their places in January. Remember to keep art in your heart!

~Kim S. Joy, President

21st Holiday Market!

Join us for our 21st annual Holiday Market at DRA. We will be open the first 3 weekends in December—December 2-4; 9-11; and 16-18—Fridays 6-9pm, and Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm. The Market offers a variety of unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from many local artists. In addition, 2017 wall calendars and handmade ornaments will be available. We look forward to seeing you each weekend. For more details, visit www.DelRayArtisans.org



Local Flavor bloomed due to Volunteer Support

Thank you to all the members who participated in the *Local Flavor* exhibit. 92 pieces of art from 50 different artists were on display. Visitors to the gallery during the first half of the opening reception voted to select the People's Choice Award winner. 112 ballots were cast, and the People's Choice Award went to "Collectorama" by Lillian Trettin. The Curator's Choice Awards went to:

- "Cherry Blossoms" by Maria Illingworth
- "Community Garden" by Lori Deckert
- "Walter of Del Ray" by Jeff Lodge

An additional *Local Flavor* award, the Outstanding Volunteerism Award, was announced at the Member Meeting on October 25. The award went to Liz Martinez for her support of the curator.

Thank you to local business sponsors for donating gift certificates as prizes for the awards. Please support our sponsors in-kind:

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- **Taqueria el Poblano** (2400-B Mount Vernon Avenue, 703-548-8226, www.taqueriapoblano.com);
- **Greenstreet Gardens** (1721 West Braddock Road, 703-998-3030, www.growgreenstreet.com); and
- **Let's Meat on the Avenue** (2403 Mount Vernon Avenue, 703-836-6328, www.letsmeatonthavenue.com).

Curating this exhibit has been a rewarding experience. There are so many talented and generous DRA members. I am honored to have worked with many of them. One of the shining stars is Liz Martinez who helped brainstorm the show concept and media packet, assisted with artwork receiving and hanging, and tweets daily about this show and other DRA programs. Another star is Jenny Nicholson, my co-creator of the "What do you love about your neighborhood?" interactive piece. Jenny's calligraphy added such a beautiful touch and set the mood for the exhibit from the entry. Thank you to Jenny and all who answered the question!

~Dawn Wyse Hurto, curator

For photos of the reception and exhibit, visit: www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/sets/72157673273159805



Scenes from the opening reception; Photos courtesy of Sean Crumley and Martha Garcia

October Member Meeting The December issue of *The Well-Crafted Word* will introduce the 2017 Board of Directors.

How do you spell Success?—Art Camp!

Art camp was a rousing success according to the 36 enthusiastic campers, their parents, art teacher and support staff! Families and guests were impressed with the wide variety of materials used and the range, quality, and quantity of work displayed at the End-of-Art Camp exhibit. Lemonade and cookies were served and parents wrote glowing notes of appreciation for the awesome experiences enjoyed by their children. One hundred per cent of the campers said they would be back next year! Being “ART SMART” was the focus/cry of the camp this year, using recycled and natural, found items from the environment. Instilling an awareness for being good stewards of our earth was a goal. Components of the camp included books on a variety of artists for sharing, nature walks to find the perfect item to capture in an art project, and games. The art teacher, Susan Trembly, brought fun and energy to the camp, which was further enhanced by the delicious lunches generously donated by Pork Barrel BBQ and generously discounted by Los Tios Grill and Caboose Cafe. We are grateful to all who helped bring camp to life!

~Lydia Walter, Youth Programs

New Show at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

DRA is proud to announce a new show at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, as part of DRA's Gallery Without Walls (GWW) program. *Local Flavor Revisited* will feature selected pieces from the October 2016 DRA show *Local Flavor* and all artwork is available for purchase through DRA. Patrons may view the artwork at VCA Alexandria during regular business hours and at the discretion of hospital staff from October 31, 2016 through January 29, 2017. As with prior shows at VCA Alexandria, artists are donating 20% of the purchase price of sold pieces in an equal split between DRA and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital's charity of choice. (VCA Alexandria has supported the nonprofits Guiding Eyes, Veteran's Moving Forward, and the Wildlife Rescue League, through past artwork sales.) VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital is located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. VCA Alexandria staff can be reached by phone at 703-751-2022 or 703-823-3601. DRA's volunteer GWW coordinator may be reached at GWW@DelRayArtisans.org or 703-838- 4827.

Simply Abstract Call for Entry

Mark your calendars for *Simply Abstract*, January 6-29, 2017. Abstract art continues to evolve and comes in many flavors. Compositions use a visual language of shape, form, color, and line. Some have no representational content whatsoever, while others keep one foot in reality, or somewhere in between. However it's labeled, we know abstract art when we see it! All local area and DRA member artists are invited to visually explore abstract art through any 2D and 3D medium for this exhibit juried by nationally known abstract artist Marsha Staiger. Curators: Judy Lynn (AbstractArtbyLynn@gmail.com) and Betsy Mead (egmead@gmail.com). Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/cfe



From left to right: Diana Papazian, Rita Schooley, Kath Gayle, & Kajal Dhabalia



DRA Members & Volunteers Light up Art on the Avenue

This year's Art on the Avenue (on Saturday, Oct 1) started out pretty soggy, but cleared up in the afternoon and turned into a beautiful day. Thousands of people came and enjoyed the festival.

Congratulations to the many DRA members who were juried into this festival. Fourteen booths at Art on the Avenue had Del Ray Artisans in them. For the list, please visit: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-on-the-avenue-2016. Thank you to our members who demonstrated their art, creative techniques, and skills in the tent in front of the gallery: Jenny Nicholson (calligraphy), Betsy Mead (glass), Seana Gallagher (oil painting), Joel Salmons (watercolor), Kath Gayle (abstract painting), Melanie Bikowski (abstract painting), and Rita Schooley (oil painting). Thank you to our volunteers who planned DRA activities, set up/took down the booth, and passed out DRA literature throughout the day: Barbara Boehm, Sean Crumley, Martha Garcia, Alicia Hurst, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Nancy Kline, Alan & Debbie Ladwig, Jeff Lodge, Nicole Mahoney, Millie Mateu, Betsy Mead, Jenny Nicholson, Joel Salmons, and Rita Schooley. The day was a success because of you! Photos available at: www.flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/sets/72157627818483758



Morning volunteers Jenny Nicholson, Jeff Lodge, Alicia Hurst, Alan & Debbie Ladwig, and Betsy Mead



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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
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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

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
- 9 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 9 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 18 A.C. Moore Fundraising Day for Del Ray Artisans, 9am-9pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 24 THANKSGIVING: The gallery will be closed Thursday, but open Friday-Sunday

December 2016

- 1 Holiday Market Setup, 12pm
- 2-4 Holiday Market
- 7 Life Drawing Holiday Party, 1-2pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 8 Holiday Market Setup, 12pm
- 9-11 Holiday Market
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Holiday Market Setup, 12pm

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

December 2016 (continued)

- 16-18 Holiday Market
- 19-Jan 1 Gallery is closed
- 23 Digital submission deadline for *Simply Abstract*
- 27 Artists notified of acceptance for *Simply Abstract*

January 2017

- 1-2 Accepted Artwork Receiving/Art-to-Go, 6-8pm
- 6-29 **SHOW: *Simply Abstract***
(Curators Betsy Mead & Judy Lynn)
- 6 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 14 Movie Night, *Pollock*, 7-9pm
- 28 Hands On: Collaborate Abstractly Workshop, 2-3:30pm

February 2017

- 3-26 **SHOW: *Lovers***
(Curators: Bonnie Holmberg & Miles Liss)
- 3 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26-27 *Through the Looking Glass* accepted artwork drop off

March 2017

- 3-26 **SHOW: *Through the Looking Glass***
Curator: Josh Oliveira

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership for details.

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Del Ray Artisans 2017 Art Exhibit Lineup

<p>January—<i>Simply Abstract</i> Toss your colors and media in the air and let them fall where they may! Release your inner energy to create and share your abstract art! <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curators: Judy Lynn and Betsy Mead</p>	<p>July—Art camps A time for children and grownups alike to loosen up and explore the wonder and beauty of art!</p>
<p>February—<i>Lovers</i> Explore the many ways lovers are depicted and defined. We can expand to loving relationships and non-traditional bonds. <i>Open to DRA members only.</i> Curators: Bonnie Holmberg and Miles Liss</p>	<p>August—<i>Clowning Around</i> Joy. Laughter. Sadness. Fear. "Clowns" evoke a variety of emotions. This art show lets artists express their inner clown. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curators: Gordon Frank and Zade Ramsey</p>
<p>March—<i>Through the Looking Glass</i> A look at all things out of perspective and odd. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curator: Joshua Oliveira</p>	<p>September—<i>Childhood Passions</i> This show honors through artwork the childhood passions we had that we don't want to lose sight of as teenagers and grownups. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curators: Karen Thomas and Pat Stacy</p>
<p>April—<i>Breaking the Glass Ceiling - The Sky is the Limit</i> Artists are invited to reflect on the metaphor "breaking the glass ceiling", pushing through a tough, not quite invisible barrier that keeps many from reaching their full potential. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curators: Heike Gramckow and Rachel Grodsky</p>	<p>October—<i>Captured Beauty! A Fine Art Photography Exhibition</i> Fine art photography moves beyond the realistic rendering of the subject and focuses on the artists' abilities to successfully apply vision, composition, light, and photographic styles. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curator: Dave Heckman</p>
<p>May—<i>Speak Your Mind</i> They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. The theme of this show is a display of the relationship between art and the human mind, by the use of art as a platform to advocate for an idea, social cause or political message. Make your art mean something. <i>Open to all area artists.</i> Curators: Becky Barnes and Kath Gayle.</p>	<p>November—<i>Under \$100</i> All artwork priced at \$100 or less and sold on a cash and carry basis. <i>Open to DRA members only.</i> Curators: Michele Reday Cook and Kathy Turner</p>
<p>June—<i>Thanks for all the Fish</i> There is nothing fishy about DRA volunteers. DRA celebrates its 25th anniversary by honoring pre-selected DRA members who have proven to be exceptional volunteers.</p>	<p>December—Annual Holiday Market A potpourri of exquisite handmade fine arts available for sale at the gallery the first 3 weekends in December.</p>