



Celebrating 25 Years of Making Art . . .

May 2017

# The Well-Crafted Word

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[www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)

## Speak Your Mind May 5 - 28, 2017

### Opening Reception:

**Friday, May 5, 7-9pm**

They say "a picture is worth a thousand words." *Speak Your Mind* celebrates the relationship between art and the human mind as a form of nonverbal communication. For some, visual arts are a platform for advocacy, a way to raise awareness of a social cause, or to express a political message. Art is a means of self-expression when it portrays emotions, thoughts, or a state of mind. For others, the process of making art is therapy to improve mental health or as an exercise in mindfulness. This show coincides with Mental Health Awareness Month.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, May 5 from 7-9pm to meet the curators and some of the artists and enjoy the unveiling of the exhibit. *Speak Your Mind* runs May 5-28, 2017 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: First Thursdays (April-September) 12-9pm, Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm, and Sundays 12-6pm. The gallery is free, open to the public, and handicap accessible.

For more information, please visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits) or contact curator Rebecca Barnes ([atermofart@gmail.com](mailto:atermofart@gmail.com)) or Director of Curating Kathy Turner ([Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org)).



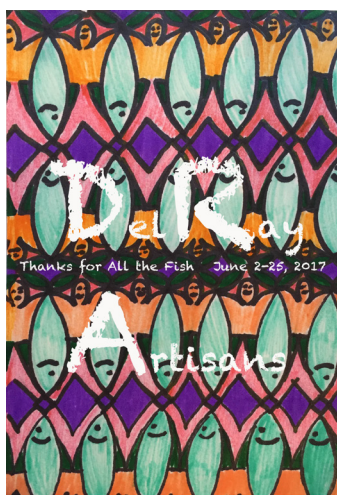
"Cassandra" by Kathy Turner

## Thanks For All The Fish

**Exhibit Dates: June 2- 25, 2017**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, June 3 from 7-9pm**

*Thanks For All The Fish* is a special exhibit to honor members who have made exceptional volunteer hour contributions to support Del Ray Artisans. DRA is very grateful to the members who have gone above and beyond, working tirelessly to make our little corner of the art world successful, and we want to give back to them with this opportunity to showcase their artworks. Honored members will be offered the opportunity to exhibit in this show by invitation only.



## Welcome, New Members!

- Morgan J. Norwood
- Stephanie A. Salileng
- Paul Santori
- Claire Sterlyn

## Our Newest 2017 Silver Sponsors

- Del Ray Cafe
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*Thank you for your generous donations!*

## Street Painting Festival May 13

Del Ray Artisans members Melanie Bikowski, Jeff Lodge, Karen Laurie Thomas, Pamela Underhill, and Margaret Wohler will participate in La Bella Strada Street Painting Festival on Saturday, May 13 between 9am-3pm down Mount Vernon Avenue along with other area artists. A reception for participating artists, volunteers, sponsors, and festival-goers will be at the DRA gallery at the Colasanto Center from 4-6pm hosted by La Bella Strada committee of the Del Ray Montessori School.



to benefit the  
Del Ray Montessori School

## Call for Proposals: 2018 Art Exhibits at Del Ray Artisans

**Proposals due: Thursday, June 1 by midnight.** Del Ray Artisans is currently soliciting show proposals for 2018. 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. Email questions to Kathy Turner, Director of Curating, at [Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org). Proposal form is located at [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe)

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## Something's Fishy!

What do a "fish art" raffle, a Tuna Comedy and a champagne reception have in common? They all lend fun, food and funds to the celebration of Del Ray Artisans' 25 years of making art and supporting artists in Alexandria. On Friday, June 2, join us at The Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Red, White, and Tuna" theater performance benefitting Del Ray Artisans and celebrating its 25th Anniversary. "Red, White and Tuna" is set in the Lion's Club in Tuna, Texas, where Patsy Cline never dies, and the residents never stop listening to OKKK, the local radio station. In addition to this hilarious performance, there will be a pre-show reception and champagne and dessert intermission, all for only \$45/ticket.

The "fish art" pieces are by Del Ray Artisans members, featuring works from Linda Elliff, Theresa Kulstad, Karen Schmitz, Guy Jones, John Bordner and Angela Calos. The raffle drawing will be at the conclusion of the champagne and dessert intermission.

For event tickets and information, go to [DelRayArtisans.org/red-white-tuna/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/red-white-tuna/)

## Call for Instructors: Grown-Ups Art Camp 2017 Proposals due: Saturday, May 6, 2017

Seeking instructors for a diverse array of classes, workshops, and programs at DRA, to be offered from June 27-July 15, 2017. Our curriculum will include visual arts (painting, photography, pen & ink, mixed media, digital, etc); crafts (knitting, crocheting, sewing and more); performing arts (music, dance techniques, improv, spoken word, etc); as well as artist development (journaling, developing artist statements, framing, finding inspiration). These are just a few of the many creative offerings for experienced artists, as well as for beginners and all those who think they're not "artistic" but want to engage in and explore the arts.

If you'd like to join our talented, creative faculty, please submit your application by the May 6 deadline. What would you like to teach this summer? Go to: [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe)

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## Silver Stars

Have you seen all the Silver Stars hanging from the foyer ceiling? Is a Silver Star with your name on it included? You can have your own Silver Star for as little as a \$25 donation. Silver Stars can be purchased at the gallery or at [DelRayArtisans.org/silver-star/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/silver-star/). This ongoing 25th Anniversary Year fundraiser will support the 25th Legacy Project, to provide funding to several selected Alexandria schools for purchasing art-related books. Your donation will expand Del Ray Artisans' outreach into our community.



## Spreading Sunshine

Did you know that Del Ray Artisans has a Sunshine Committee? Cardmaking Party donated handmade greeting cards are snail-mailed to members on the mend to brighten their day. Cards are also sent to DRA members who have achievements, acknowledgments, life changes and just "because" cheer is needed. Do you know a member who could use some sunshine? Send your requests to: [Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org).



President Kim Joy initiated the Sunshine Committee and member Gale Goldfarb is our current Sunshine Chairman. Cardmaking parties are free social events held several times a year; we make cards for DRA that are sold for \$3-7 to benefit gallery programs. Interested in learning more or co-hosting future card making parties? Contact Karen Schmitz at [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com).

## ATTENTION ... MEMBERS!!! Mark Your Calendars! Member Meeting Tuesday, May 23

Our membership meeting on Tuesday May 23 at 7pm is also our annual “member benefit” meeting, at which Del Ray Artisans offers a program of interest to our membership. This year we have engaged well-known local artist and teacher, Lisa Semerad, to give a talk, “The Criteria of Quality: A Juror’s Perspective.” Ms. Semerad works in several different media and teaches drawing, figure drawing, colored pencil, pastel, oil and acrylic painting, and design and composition classes at The Art League School in Alexandria.

During her presentation she will describe elements necessary for successful artworks. As time permits, she will also critique selected artworks submitted by several members. We can all learn from her advice and apply it to our own art. More details to follow regarding submission of artworks for critique.

This is one member-benefit meeting you won’t want to miss! Please join us at 7pm for refreshments and a brief business meeting, to be followed by Lisa Semerad’s artist talk and critique. Free to DRA members.

For questions about membership and the membership meeting itself, contact [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org). For questions about submission/selection of artwork for critique by our speaker, contact [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org)

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## Del Ray Artisans Spring Art Market - May 6

Tents will be springing up and blooming all around our gallery on Saturday, May 6 from 10am-4pm, RAIN or SHINE. The Spring Art Market, held in Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery, is free and open to the public. It’s a one-day event that provides the perfect opportunity to purchase original handmade artwork from 20+ talented local artists. The market showcases a wide range of media including ceramics, photography, painting, jewelry, fiber, paper, wood, glass, and more. Shop for Mother’s Day, graduation, birthdays, or just because. Shop local and handmade, for one-of-a-kind gifts.

2017 artists include: Jennifer Allevato, Rebecca Barnes (A Term of Art), Katherine Boles (Karma Kloset), Naomi Christianson, Tyler DeCourt (Studio DeCourt), Dana Lynn Fernandez (NowBraceYourself), Kate Gibney (LucidArts), Alanna Graboyes (asgraboyesart), Johanna Kalin (Nurture Designs), Loretta Kaneshige (catchadreamstudio.com), Nancy Kline, Jennifer Kukorlo, Stephen Lally (Stephen Lally Pottery), Paintguy327, Debbie Smith Mezzetta, Sheri Nayeri (Golijoon.com), Diana Papazian (Papazian Jewelry Designs), Sherry Russo (Sherry Dever Art), Kevin Sherlock (Woodturning Arts), Francisco Sanchez (Sanchez Collective Tattoo & Art Studio), Tamara Wilkerson (WiRealm by Tamara), and Tracy Wilkerson (Recycled Works). The nonprofit organization King Street Cats will also be offering crocheted cat beds made by volunteers. For questions, contact [Artmarket@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Artmarket@DelRayArtisans.org)



## Adopt-A-Park

Under the Adopt-A-Park program we pick up around the gallery and in the adjoining Colasanto Park. This is done usually on Sundays since inspections by the Recreation Department staff happen on Mondays. We can usually do the task in an hour or less. It’s a great way to get into the great outdoors and get your volunteer hours in at the same time.

Please contact Marlin Lord at 703-508-7471 to volunteer for one or more weekends.

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## President's Message

Spring is here in all its glory. The weather is warmer, bringing everyone outside. In the gallery we have a wonderful new show hanging. The Art Market is days away. Events with the 25th anniversary are popping up like flowers. Members that are at Artomatic are in the last few days of that event. Our membership meeting is coming up, with the opportunity to meet new members and rekindle old friendships after the long winter.

This is the time to make the most of what our area, our community and our gallery have to offer. People are being asked to submit GUAC proposals. This is a chance to share your art and talent with others, meet new people, and take a class or two. If you have children or have neighbors and friends with children, let them know about Art Camp - there is still room in both sessions.

Thank you for your participation and volunteer time. Our members are what make Del Ray Artisans the wonderful organization it is.

-Kim S. Joy, President, DRA



# DEL RAY ARTISANS 1992-2017

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

### 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.

### 2017 Board of Directors

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### Calendar

#### May 2017

- 1 *Speak Your Mind* accepted artwork drop off, 6-8pm
- 4 First Thursday (Dog Days in Del Ray), open until 9pm
- 5-28 **SHOW: *Speak Your Mind***  
curator: Becky Barnes
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Spring Art Market, 10am-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 La Bella Strada Reception, 4-6pm
- 23 Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 7-9pm
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28 *Speak Your Mind* artwork pick up, 6-8pm
- 28-29 *Thanks For All The Fish* accepted artists artwork drop off, 6-8pm

More information at: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/)

#### June 2017

- 1 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 1 2018 Exhibit Proposal deadline
- 2 **Red, White and Tuna** Special Theater Night Reception at The Little Theatre of Alexandria
- 2-25 **SHOW: *Thanks For All The Fish***  
curators: Kathy Turner & Josh Oliveira
- 3 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 21 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 25 *Thanks For All The Fish* artwork pick up

#### July 2017

- June 26-July 14 Grown-Ups Art Camp
- 6 First Thursday (Red, White and Blue), open until 9pm
  - 11 Board Meeting, 7pm
  - 17-21 Art Camp (Week 1)
  - 22 Art Camp (Week 1) Show

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**

Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/membership/) for details.

### Other Key Contacts

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- **Kathy Stoner, Newsletter Editor**  
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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) \_\_\_\_\_

- |                                           |                                          |                               |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Patron</b>                             | <b>Artist</b>                            | <b>Supporter</b>              |
| <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](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto: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
<b>Artist</b>											
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	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
<b>Supporter</b>											
Supporter	\$40						•	•	•		
<b>Patron (Includes 1 family membership)</b>											
Silver (\$140 tax-deductible)	\$250		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gold (\$390 tax-deductible)	\$500		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Platinum (\$890 tax-deductible)	\$1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online