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# The Well-Crafted Word

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## Clowning Around at Del Ray Artisans

August 4-27, 2017

Opening reception Friday, August 4, 7-9pm

Clowns have been the subjects of paintings and graphics for centuries. *Clowning Around* is an exhibit that reveals local artists' inner clowns through art in fun, playful, sadistic, comedic, and tragic ways. Whether it's a childlike whimsy or journey into a carnival of crazy clowns, it's your world to explore. Join us in this romp with a truly American genre at the opening reception on Friday, August 4 from 7-9pm to enjoy the unveiling of the exhibit and meet the curators, artists, and other art appreciators.



*Clowning Around* is 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 [DelRayArtisans.org](http://DelRayArtisans.org) or contact curators Gordon Thomas Frank ([gordonfrank666@gmail.com](mailto:gordonfrank666@gmail.com)) or Zade Ramsey ([zade.ramsey@gmail.com](mailto:zade.ramsey@gmail.com)) or Director of Curating Kathy Turner ([Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org)).

## Sunday, August 20 Member Meeting and Pie Contest

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20, 5-7pm for a fun DRA members social event. It's summer and time for our DRA annual pie baking contest. Make something "sweet" or "savory" and our panel of judges will determine the prize winner in each category. Summer also means picnic time, so show up hungry for our "BBQ Indoor Picnic" from our neighbor Pork Barrel BBQ. In addition to the pie contest and picnic, you'll also get the latest updates on shows and hear plans for upcoming opportunities and events.



RSVP to Drew before August 15 to be entered in the door prize drawing. Helpers always welcome. For questions or to volunteer or RSVP, contact Drew Carioso at [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org).

## Welcome, New Members

- Darann Friel
- Rebecca Steffens

## Our Newest 2017 Silver Supporter

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## President's Message

After a busy summer of GUAC and Art Camp we are back at it with some really wonderful shows coming up: *Clowning Around*, *Childhood Passions*, *Captured Beauty* and *\$100 and Under*. See Page 2 for details on our 25th Anniversary event Twisted Masterpieces auction on September 28, which promises to be an exciting evening. We have one month of summer left, and it has been a hot one for sure. I hope you found ways to stay cool and get your art on.

-Kim S. Joy, President, DRA



Special thanks to Lydia Walter and Susan Tremblay for inspiring young art campers

**Twisted Masterpieces:  
DRA 25th Anniversary  
Event Thursday,  
September 28, 7-9pm**



Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 28 for the Twisted Masterpieces auction. Continuing the celebration of DRA's 25th year, our third 25th anniversary event will be an auction and fundraiser from 7-9pm at Port City Brewing Company, located at 3950 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Twisted Masterpieces is a live auction of found and re-purposed furniture, as well as a silent auction of masterpieces by local artists. Twisted Masterpieces is soliciting both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork. There will be 50 slots for donated artwork, as we have time and space limitations. You may donate a new piece or an old one. All donated pieces of art and artists will be listed in the show program. Enter your artwork to donate by August 14 at [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe). The money raised will be used to continue current DRA programs and expand our mission of promoting art in the community.

To volunteer your time, please contact Kurt Peterson at [Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org) before August 7. We need help with artwork dropoff, artwork transportation, beverage set-up, etc. Our first volunteers meeting will be on Monday, August 14.

Tickets are \$25 and will be sold in advance only. This includes one free drink ticket for Port City Brewing, food, and the opportunity to bid on the artworks. To get tickets, stop by the gallery or purchase at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces).

**Childhood Passions at Del Ray Artisans Gallery  
September 1 – October 1, 2017  
Entries due: Monday, August 21, 2017**

We've all had childhood dreams and passions; things that we did that brought us complete joy. We did them instinctively because it was playful, fun, and made us feel alive.

As we grow up, we lose touch with the ability to play like a child and the experience of doing things for the sheer joy of it. What were you passionate about as a child that you don't have much time for now? Artists are invited to create artwork that honors childhood passions and art that captures or evokes the joy of a child.

Complete call for entry details are at [DelRayArtisans.org/2017/06/childhood-passions-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2017/06/childhood-passions-cfe).



*"Childhood Passions" by  
Karen Laurie Thomas and Pat Stacy*

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**Captured Beauty Call for Entry  
A Photography Exhibition at Del Ray Artisans  
October 6 – 29, 2017  
Entries due: Saturday, August 26, 2017**

Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio are seeking fine art photography that showcases artists' visions of beauty. Fine art photography is about how the artist communicates their vision, whether an idea, a message, or an emotion. This may be something small, like a single word such as symmetry, or it may be a whole statement, like exploring the way the light falls over the nude form. The camera is merely a tool to make an art piece that reveals the artist's vision and produces a more personal – typically more evocative or atmospheric, yet aesthetic – statement. Art pieces will demonstrate careful staging, composition and lighting of the subject, as well thoughtful post-processing techniques (if desired) and selection of production material to make an individual expression. Call for entry details can be found at [DelRayArtisans.org/2017/06/captured-beauty-cfe/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2017/06/captured-beauty-cfe/).



*"Artscape 22" by David Heckman*

## Thanks To All for an Artful & Creative GUAC 2017

Grown-Ups Art Camp wraps up another successful summer program! We scheduled 36 workshops taught by 25 instructors, on subjects like web design, taxes, meditation, print-making, and all kinds of jewelry design and materials. Although a number of classes canceled for lack of enrollment, GUAC still held over 20 workshops for about 76 students between June 26 and July 14. My thanks to everyone, and if I've left anyone out, I apologize. You know how much we appreciate you! Our success is due to a DRA team effort -- many thanks to the following DRAngels:

- Rita Schooley, Communications Director, and Kathy Stoner, newsletter editor, for getting out advance publicity and articles for GUAC;
- Tracy Wilkerson (our new Volunteer Director) for all her work in scheduling 36 workshops, 25 instructors, and making it all fit together;
- Dale Spivey, Technology Director, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Web Curator, and our entire team: Social Media (Sean Crumley, Gale Goldfarb, Lesley Hall, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Liz Martinez, Dale Spivey, and Tracy Wilkerson) and Web Posting (Sunny Chen, Chris Fedderson, Kate Gibney, Vero Barker-Barzel Kelly, Susan Pennington, Kathy Stoner, Christine Vinh, and Tracy Wilkerson) teams for getting GUAC online, and Karen Schmitz, for distributing postcards;
- Sophia Suarez, Outreach Director, for advance planning help, and for finding and scheduling volunteers for about 24 shifts;
- Our wonderful volunteer openers and closers: Lynn Chadwick, Sunny Chen, Rita Cohen, Sean Crumley, Donna Gallo, Gale Goldfarb, Liz Martinez, Kitty Russell, Kevin Sherlock, and Christine Vinh;
- Tamara Wilkerson and Noah Cook, for covering the gallery tables and floor in plastic before the first workshop;
- Most of all, thank you to Betsy Mead, our office manager, for -- well, everything. We simply could not have done this without Betsy. She kept it all running smoothly and kept me sane as well;
- Finally, thank you to all our instructors and participants -- you made this work! We appreciate the evaluations our participants filled out, which are helpful in planning next year's GUAC. We'd also love to hear from instructors with comments and suggestions, and we look forward to seeing you next year. For everyone else, tell us what workshops you'd like to see in the future.

*- Michele Reday Cook, Programs Director & GUAC 2017 Coordinator*

## The Amazing Technicolor OffBeat Auction



*Preparing for the auction, 1999*

Del Ray Artisans found a formula in our early years for some truly successful "FUN"draising. The OffBeat Auction kept DRA alive and growing, as we created remarkable art and strong bonds among our members. The formula involved six months of workshops to teach our members new techniques to transform discarded furniture into functional art pieces. We then auctioned these pieces to the public in a gala event.

Since the classes were taught in the gallery, we could only host exhibits for half of that year -- but the amount of funds which were raised were enough to budget over two years, so we adopted a pattern of holding the OffBeat Auction every other year.

Furniture pieces were donated or found on the curb, and repaired as necessary, often by long-time member Ron Blank, a wood/furniture conservator. There were workshops in faux finishing, mosaics, tile making, and many other decorative techniques. Our creations were one-of-a-kind masterpieces.

Next month we'll share how those OffBeat pieces were brought to the public.

*- by founders Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord*



*Kitty Russell, Linda Hill, Ellen Rosenthal (instructor), and Dawn Wyse Hurto - "Easy-Peasy Relief Printmaking"*



*Kathy Turner - "Leather Mask Making"*



# DEL RAY ARTISANS 1992-2017

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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
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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](mailto: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

#### August 2017

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 4-27 **SHOW: *Clowning Around***  
curators: Gordon Frank & Zade Ramsey
- 4 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 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
- 20 Member Meeting/Indoor Picnic & Pie Contest, 5-7pm
- 21 *Childhood Passions* entry deadline
- 23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 23 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 26 *Captured Beauty* entry deadline
- 27 *Clowning Around* artwork pick up
- 27-28 *Childhood Passions* accepted artwork drop off

#### September 2017

- 1-October 1 **SHOW: *Childhood Passions***  
curators: Pat Stacy and Karen Thomas
- 1 Opening Reception, 7-9pm

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

#### September 2017 (continued)

- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 6 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 7 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 11 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 17 GWW/*Determination* artwork pick up
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 20 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28 Twisted Masterpieces auction at Port City Brewing Company, 7-9pm

#### October 2017

- 1 *Childhood Passions* artwork pick up
- 1-2 *Captured Beauty* accepted artwork drop off
- 6-29 **SHOW: *Captured Beauty***  
curator: Dave Heckman
- 6 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Art on the Avenue, 10am
- 8 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7pm

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

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

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DEL RAY ARTISANS – CALL FOR DONATIONS

## Twisted Masterpieces Silent Auction

to celebrate Del Ray Artisans 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at  
Port City Brewing Company on Thursday, September 28 from 7-9pm

**Entry Deadline: Midnight on Monday, August 14, 2017**

Curator: Kurt Peterson, [Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org)

Del Ray Artisans continues its 25th Anniversary celebrations this year with a special auction event called *Twisted Masterpieces* at Port City Brewing Company. There will be a live auction of found & rejuvenated furniture by invited artists and a silent auction of donated art pieces. All donating artists will be acknowledged in the program, and a donation receipt will be given to those artists.

This Call for Donations requests donated **2-dimensional** and **3-dimensional works of art** for the silent auction. There will only be 50 slots for donated artwork due to limited time and space. You may donate only one piece—a new or an old piece. All donated artwork is much appreciated. The proceeds from the silent auction benefit Del Ray Artisans to preserve its current activities and continue to promote art in the community.

### Entry Details:

- **NO ENTRY FEE.** Open to members and non-members.
- Entry to this auction is by online submission.
- One submission per artist. Art may be in any medium.
- 2-D artwork size limit is 16" X 20" including frame and 3-D size limit is 12" X 12" X 12".
- Artwork must have a value of \$100 or more. All donated pieces will start off with a bid of \$25.
- Art should be ready to hang with wire and screw eyes, mounting, framed, or with edges finished.
- All art entered must be original. Work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans gallery is eligible.
- Final acceptance for the exhibit will be at the curator's discretion upon physically viewing accepted artwork at Artwork Receiving.
- Each artist is asked to donate the accepted submitted piece of artwork to benefit Del Ray Artisans.

### Important Dates:

- Deadline for **Digital Submission: Monday, August 14, 2017** by midnight.
- Artists will be notified of **artwork acceptance by Friday, August 19.**
- **Artwork receiving** for accepted donated artwork will be on **Sunday, August 27 and Monday, August 28 from 6-8pm at Del Ray Artisans** (2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301).
- The Auction is on **Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 7-9pm at Port City Brewing Company** (3950 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304). Tickets for the auction are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at Del Ray Artisans (2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301) or online: [DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces)

Call for Donations Entry Form & Details at: [DelRayArtisans.org/2017/07/twisted-donations](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2017/07/twisted-donations)