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January 2018

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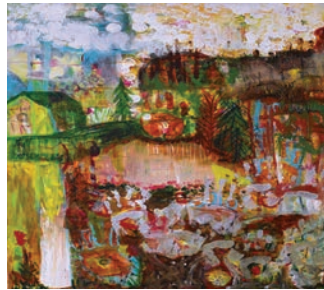
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Sensorium

Del Ray Artisans Gallery, January 5 – 28, 2018
Opening Reception Friday, January 5, 7-9pm

Our senses and the apparatus in our brain evoke emotional feelings of sympathy, appreciation, or gratitude, or something that is moving, heart-warming, or tender. The connection between our senses and emotions makes contact with our hearts through someone, something, or an event—be it a pat or tap on the head, the feel of flower petals, hard steel, body parts or smooth glass. This exhibit asked artists to evoke any of the five senses: sight, sound, taste, smell, or touch.



Detail of "Home"
by Melanie Bikowski

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, January 5 from 7-9pm to discover these unique artworks, meet the curators, artists, and art appreciators. The *Sensorium* art exhibit runs January 5-28, 2018 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: 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 contact the curators Mel Bikowski (melanie.bikowski@gmail.com) and Betsy Mead (egmead@gmail.com) or Director of Curating Kathy Turner (Curating@DelRayArtisans.org).

Welcome, New Members

- Sharon Frey
- Nadia Azumi
- Steve Caldwell
- Linda Hiley

Get Credit For Your Volunteer Hours

If you're a current member of Del Ray Artisans, you must donate at least 12 hours a year towards helping our organization function. Log in your 2017 volunteer hours NOW.

Send an email to Judy Lynn, our Volunteers Director. Let her know what you volunteered for, and how many hours you spent volunteering.

Email Judy at
Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org.

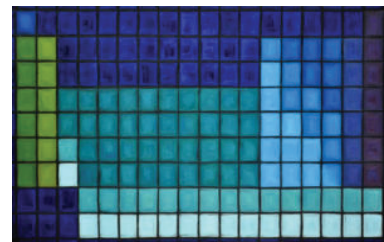
Art² Call for Entry

February 2 – 25, 2018
Entries due: Monday, January 15, 2018

Creativity drives the mind to explore: it inspires the scientist to ask questions and search for understanding; it leads the engineer to new solutions and inventions; it pushes the artist to new levels of expression. Mathematics has its own beauty (like Euler's identity), and principles of symmetry, geometry, and measurement are often used in creating beautiful artwork. As the scientist relies on creativity to explore, so too the artist uses science and technology.

Anatomy informs the expression of human form, physics is used to find balance in 3-D installations, technology adds sound and motion in modern art, and so forth. The *Art²* (*Art Squared*) exhibit will explore the synergy of art with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Call for entry details are at DelRayArtisans.org/2017/11/art-squared-cfe/.



"Periodic at 475"
by Monica Hokeilen

New Gallery Staff

Say hello to new office manager Anna Sherlock next time you're in the gallery. Anna grew up in Alexandria, but lived in Austin, Texas until 2014 when she moved back to the area to be closer to family. Anna has experience in the small business and nonprofit world, including media and film production. She also volunteers as a "stream monitor" with Arlington County, and at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

As of January, we will also have a new gallery assistant, Carol Strachan. You can find her managing the gallery desk on Thursday and Friday afternoons. We will feature Carol in the February newsletter.

Betsy Mead, who has been our office manager since late 2016, has moved on, although she will still be an active member and serve as the Director of Grants & Sponsorship. We'd like to thank Betsy for all the time and hard work she has put in as our office manager.

We also thank our outgoing assistant, Celeste Zabowski, for all her work in her year of service in that position. Celeste also served as junior counselor during past DRA art camps, after participating as a camper herself.

President's Message

Happy New Year DRA!! As your new president, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Drew Cariaso and I have been a member of DRA for about eight years. Many of you may remember me from being Membership Director in 2017 and Director of Curating from 2011-2013. My background was in Information Technology before discovering my passion for sculpting and photography. As we emerge from celebrating our 25 years anniversary, I look forward to shepherding us into DRA's next era. I look forward to hearing from each of you about your ideas for making DRA an even better place for us all.

-Drew Cariaso, DRA President
President@DelRayArtisans.org

2018 Wall Calendars & Upcycled Bags Available Now!



The 2018 wall calendar featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members is available for purchase at the gallery now at just \$19/calendar. You'll enjoy 45 pieces of art by 44 artists throughout the year. There are 3-4 pieces featured each month, and Alanna S. Graboyes' *Souvenirs* is on the cover. Pre-populated events in the calendar include Del Ray Artisans events, community events (from Del Ray Business Association, Del Ray Citizens Association, and others), national holidays, and major religious holidays. We are also offering tote bags and zippered pouches created from the banners hung each month to advertise art exhibits. It's the ultimate recycle/reuse transformation. Each bag is sturdy, one-of-a-kind, and made in the USA. Tote bags are now just \$25 each and zippered pouches are \$18 each. Proceeds from the calendar and bag sales benefit Del Ray Artisans. Thank you for supporting Del Ray Artisans.

Outdoors In Call for Entry March 2 - April 1, 2017 Entries due: Monday, February 12, 2018

Art and nature have been closely linked from the time of cave drawings. Before the camera was in common usage, what we learned about the nature of things and our environment came largely through the work of artists. Scientists, explorers and adventurers all recorded animals, vegetation, and landscapes in their visual records.

Outdoors In is an exhibition about how artists see nature and depict it in painting, sculpture, textiles, found materials, and drawing. This show is for Del Ray Artisans members and all local area high school and college students. Students are not required to pay an entry fee. *Outdoors In* will have cash prizes for the top selected entries: \$100 for best in show, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for honorable mention.



"Cedar Trail"
by Margaret Wohler

Call for entry details are at DelRayArtisans.org/2017/12/outdoors-in-cfe/.

Holiday Market 2017

A tremendous “Thank You” to the many volunteers and artists who made the 2017 Holiday Market possible; especially to Steve Lally for organizing the market and to Jen Athanas and Liz Martinez for serving as weekend captains. Thanks to our office staff, Betsy Mead and Celeste Zabowski, for their patience and attention to detail in making everything run smoothly. Thanks to Ellen Hamilton, who helped with advertising and marketing. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped with market support and sales of DRA merchandise, including: Sherry Holden, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Nancy Kline, Liz Martinez, Kimlieu Nguyen, Diana Papazian, Stacy Rausch, Kitty Russell, Rita Schooley, Kevin Sherlock, Dale Spivey, and Tracy Wilkerson.

Filtered Fun at the Collage Papers Workshop

Fifteen enthusiastic students participated in the December 4 Collage Papers workshop with instructor Mary Kralj. Students learned how to use Sharpie pens to make alcohol inks, then apply to coffee filters to make collage paper. From top to bottom: *Instructor Mary Kralj, Work in progress, Finished papers, Class photo.*



Sharon Harley



Imani Russell



Kevin Sherlock



Ellen Rosenthal



Vy Tran



Christine Vinh



Stephen Lally



Marcia Toepfer





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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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

January 2018

- 1 New Year's Day, gallery closed
- 1 *Sensorium* artwork drop off, 6-8pm
- 5-28 SHOW: *Sensorium***
 curators: Betsy Mead and Melanie Bikowski
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 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 (clothed)
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 15 *Art Squared* entry deadline
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28 *Sensorium* artwork pick up
- 28-29 *Art Squared* accepted artwork drop off

February 2018

- 2-25 SHOW: *Art Squared***
 curators: Sophia Suarez and Monica Hokeilen
- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm

February 2018 (continued)

- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 12 *Outdoors In* entry deadline
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 21 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 25 *Art Squared* artwork pick up
- 25-26 *Outdoors In* accepted artwork drop off
- 26 GWW SHOW ENDS: Open Theme at the Durant Arts Center**

March 2018

- 2-April 1 SHOW: *Outdoors In***
 curators: Joe Franklin and Margaret Wohler
- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 4 Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 4-6pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2018

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@DelRayArtisans.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 – 2018

(Sessions feature nude models unless otherwise noted.)

Sun Jan 7	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Jun 3	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed Jan 10	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Jun 6	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Jan 24	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Jun 20	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
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Sun Feb 4	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Aug 5	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Feb 7	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Aug 8	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Feb 21	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Aug 22	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
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Sun Mar 4	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Sep 9	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed Mar 7	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Sep 12	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Mar 21	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Sep 26	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
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Sun Apr 8	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Oct 7	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Apr 11	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Oct 10	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Apr 25	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Oct 24	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
				6:30-9:30pm	Long
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Sun May 6	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Nov 4	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed May 9	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Nov 7	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed May 23	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Dec 12	1:00-2:00pm	Holiday Party
	6:30-9:30pm	Long		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
				6:30-9:30pm	Long

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