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MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media Art Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery

Opening Reception: Friday, May 1 from 7-9pm

Show Dates: May 1-31, 2015

First Thursday Event: Thursday, May 7 from 6-9pm

Alexandria, VA (released: March 22, 2015) – *MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media* art exhibit opens on Friday, May 1 and runs through May 31, 2015 at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts teamed up to curate this collaborative juried exhibit featuring artwork from area artists. The juror is Rosalee Lamanna, a mixed media artist and long-time owner of Alexandria's *Beads Ltd* (www.beadsltdva.com). The exhibit "shakes up the imagination" as artists portray the popular mixed media movement using two or more mediums including paint, fiber, paper, graphite, sculpture, jewelry, found objects, quilts, altered books, and more.

The opening reception will be on Friday, May 1 from 7-9pm. During the reception, curators Karen Schmitz (Del Ray Artisans) and Judy Gula (Artistic Artifacts) will give several awards for *MIX* masterpieces and hand out fun prizes for best dressed guests in "MIX & Do Not Match" attire. So, get your plaids and stripes out of your closet!

Additionally, a "First Thursday" event will be held on May 7 from 6-9pm at the gallery, featuring a free "Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take" workshop for all ages. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts, a local arts and crafts store, will offer workshops and classes for anyone interested in mixed media. Artists and patrons alike can also learn more about mixed media and get inspiration by going to the Facebook page: "MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media". For more information, visit: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows or www.ArtisticArtifacts.com

Del Ray Artisans gallery is at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Regular gallery hours are: Thursdays 12–6pm; First Thursdays (May-September) 12–9pm; Fridays and Saturdays 12–9pm; and Sundays 12–6pm. The gallery is free, open to the public, and handicap accessible.

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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Art Exhibit blurbs

35 words or fewer:

“MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery (May 1-31, 2015). Artists mix two or more mediums for this collaboration between Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

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“MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery (May 1-31, 2015). Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts collaborate to present this juried, multi-medium exhibit that promises to “SHAKE UP” the imagination and explore the mixed media art movement. Opening reception is Friday, May 1 from 7-9pm. Prizes for guests in “mix and do-not-match” attire. Get your plaid and stripes out of your closet and MIX it up. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

First Thursday blurbs

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“Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take” workshop is on Thursday, May 7, 6-9pm at Del Ray Artisans! Drop in; Free; For all ages. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts also offer workshops throughout May. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org and www.ArtisticArtifacts.com

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“Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take” workshop is on First Thursday, May 7 from 6-9pm at Del Ray Artisans! Drop in; Free; For all ages. What fun! But there’s more! Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts collaborate to offer unique workshops about “Secrets of the Paper Garden” (May 2 and 3); “Button Fairies” (May 16); “Monotype” (May 16); and “Tea Time Wind Chimes” (May 23). Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or www.ArtisticArtifacts.com

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