



"Dance of the Underwater World" by Maria I. Hart and Eileen M. O'Brien

**DEL RAY ARTISANS - CALL FOR ENTRY
OPEN TO ALL AREA ARTISTS**

Afros and Abstract
at Del Ray Artisans Gallery

June 3 – 26, 2022

Entry Deadline Extended to Saturday, May 21, 2022 by Midnight

Curator: Maria I. Hart (afrosandabstract@gmail.com)

The curator of the *Afros and Abstract* exhibit is seeking works in all mediums celebrating the abstract and the individuality of hair and body. Art that celebrates the Afro curly-do and culture is highly encouraged, but works that fit a broad range of hair and body experience are also sought. The abstract component of the exhibit will highlight works that provoke interest through the use of color, shape, form, texture, line, and/or value and which may (or may not) exist independently of visual references in the world.

Explore these topics through your artwork, and together we'll toast the conceptual construct of the abstract intertwined with the human form. If you have any questions, contact curator Maria I. Hart at afrosandabstract@gmail.com.

Afros and Abstract is open to all area artists; however, Del Ray Artisans members pay a lower entry fee. If you are not a member, you may [join Del Ray Artisans now](#).

Entry to this exhibit is by online submission. Art may be two- or three-dimensional, and in any medium. No strict size limits, but please be considerate of other artists and the physical limits of the gallery before entering oversized pieces. Oversized pieces of merit will be accepted if space permits. If submitting a multi-piece 2D artwork (such as a diptych or triptych), all parts must be framed together into one piece unless cleared in advance with the curator. **Art should be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. We cannot show work that is not ready for exhibition.** Example of a professionally framed artwork with flat screw eyes and wire:



If your artwork hanging system varies greatly from this example, contact the curators. See DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/art-guidelines for additional details.

Entry Details

- Open to all area artists.
- Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces of artwork.
- The entry fee is \$5 per entry for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 per entry for non-members. (*Patron-Platinum members are exempt from exhibit entry fees as a [membership benefit](#).*)
- Deadline for online submission of your art is **Sunday, May 15, 2022** by midnight.
UPDATE: Deadline extended to Saturday, May 21, 2022 by midnight.
- Entry fees are due upon submission and are non-refundable - pay with cash, check, or credit card at the gallery or by [credit card online](#).
- You must provide one photo for each entry. Acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, and gif; up to 5MB in file size. Smart phone photos are acceptable. You must name your files as follows: "**YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle**". You may also choose to provide one additional photograph per entry (not required). If you provide a second photo for an entry, add a "-2" to the end - e.g. "YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle-2".
- All artwork must be original work and not a digital reproduction print. Photography, digital art, and hand-printed fine art prints (block prints, woodcuts, relief prints, monoprints, lithographs, intaglios, etchings, engravings, etc.) are welcome for entry. Contact the curator for more information.
- All artwork must be for sale.
- Work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans gallery is eligible.
- **Artwork acceptance is at the curators' discretion. *Final acceptance for this exhibit will be at the curators' discretion upon physically viewing accepted artwork at Artwork Receiving.***

Accepted Artist Requirements

- When art sells, each artist is asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans.
- Even if the artist's work has sold, artists are not allowed to bring in new entries after Artwork Receiving.
- All taxes, including sales taxes upon sale of artwork, are the responsibility of the artist.
- Del Ray Artisans and the City of Alexandria cannot be held liable for any loss or damage to artwork at any time. Insurance for artwork is the sole responsibility of the artist.
- Permission to photograph any artwork for Del Ray Artisans publicity and archival purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the exhibit.
- **All artists participating in this exhibit are required to volunteer a minimum of 3 hours towards managing the show.** Those hours can be filled by gallery hosting during the month of exhibit, assisting with show hanging or take down, and volunteering to help with other show-specific activities as needed by the curators. Any hours in excess of 3 hours will count towards the membership requirement. DRA members are reminded to [report their volunteer hours](#).
- **Face masks are recommended inside the gallery. Volunteer gallery hosts are encouraged to wear a mask.**
- Unsold artwork pickup is on **Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 4-8pm by appointment. No early pickup.** All art must remain the entire length of the exhibit unless sold or arrangements have been made in advance with the curator.
- **Del Ray Artisans cannot be held responsible for any artwork left after the pickup deadline.** The gallery has limited space and artwork could get lost, misplaced, or damaged. **Any art left over 30 days after the close of the show will become the property of Del Ray Artisans.**

Important Dates

- **Deadline for Digital Submissions to the exhibit and Entry Fees is by midnight on Sunday, May 15, 2022. UPDATE: Deadline extended to Saturday, May 21, 2022 by midnight.**
- Artists will be notified of artwork acceptance by **Sunday, May 22, 2022.**
- **Artwork Receiving** for accepted exhibit and Art-To-Go entries will be on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 from 12-6pm by appointment** at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. (The curator will contact you to schedule your appointment.)
- **Opening Day is Friday, June 3 from 12-9pm.** Face masks are recommended inside the gallery.
- The exhibit runs **June 3-26, 2022.** Gallery hours are Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday & Sunday 12-6pm. (Typically closed the last Sunday of the month, but open on June 26!)
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Entry Form

Artist's Legal Name *

First Name

Last Name

Artist's Name for Wall Tag *

How your name should appear on the wall tag

Mailing Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Phone

Area Code

Phone Number

Email Address *

ex: myname@example.com

Are you a Del Ray Artisans member? *

- Yes No
 Don't know

The above information is for Del Ray Artisans use only.

Artwork Entries

You may provide up to three (3) entries.

Please provide one photo for each entry. Acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, and gif; up to 5MB in file size. Smart phone photos are acceptable. You may also provide an additional photograph per entry if you wish (not required).

Name your files as follows: **YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle**. If you provide a second photo for the entry, add a “-2” to the end, e.g. YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle-2.

Any questions or concerns about this application, contact the curator: **Maria I. Hart** (afrosandabstract@gmail.com)

Entry 1

Entry 1 - Photo(s) *

File name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

Entry 1 - Title *

No quotes unless it is part of your title

Entry 1 - Media *

Entry 1 - Price in U.S. Dollars *

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

Entry 1 - Dimensions *

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

Entry 2

Entry 2 - Photo(s)

Upload a File

Name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

Entry 2 - Title

No quotes unless it is part of your title

Entry 2 - Media

Entry 2 - Price in U.S. Dollars

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

Entry 2 - Dimensions

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

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Entry 3

Entry 3 - Photo(s)

Upload a File

Name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

Entry 3 - Title

No quotes unless it is part of your title

Entry 3 - Media

Entry 3 - Price in U.S. Dollars

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Entry 3 - Dimensions

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

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Terms and Conditions

If my artwork is sold in this venue, I agree to a (tax-deductible) 20% donation to Del Ray Artisans that will be automatically deducted from the amount I receive.

20% Donation to Del Ray Artisans *

- Yes
- No

Terms and Conditions Accepted *

- I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry. I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this exhibit.

After clicking "Submit Entry Form" below you will be taken directly to the payment page for your entry(s). Your submission is NOT complete until payment is remitted.

[Submit Entry Form](#)

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