



"The Teleportal from Art Enables to Del Ray Artisans" by Shawn Payne, Art Enables

**DEL RAY ARTISANS - CALL FOR ENTRY
ONLY OPEN TO DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERS
& ART ENABLES ARTISTS**

A Tale of Two Studios
at Del Ray Artisans Gallery

April 7–29, 2023

**Entry deadline extended to
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 by midnight**

Curator: Amy Kitchin, akitchin@art-enables.org

Del Ray Artisans partners with DC gallery and studio Art Enables to showcase the inspiring and diverse art of these two local community organizations and to forge creative exchange through artist talks, workshops, and tours. Curated by Amy Kitchin and co-juried by Art Enables artist Toni Lane and program manager Aimee Wanner, this is an “open-themed” show open to all current Del Ray Artisans members and Art Enables resident artists.

Del Ray Artisans members are invited to submit up to three (3) art pieces that best present their personal artistic style, medium, or subject matter. If members wish to create new 2D and 3D work(s) around the theme of ‘disability,’ ‘outsider,’ ‘progressive studios’ they are encouraged to do so. To learn more about the value of outsider art, read this [blog](#) article.

If you are not a DRA member, you may [join Del Ray Artisans now](#) to enter this exhibit.

Art Enables was founded in 2001 on the conviction that artists with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities are vital to a robust arts landscape. It is DC’s only art gallery and supported employment program dedicated to creating opportunities for adult visual artists with disabilities to develop careers in the arts and earn income from their sales.

Art Enables serves roughly 40 adult visual artists, and provides them with the creative support, professional training, and community-building resources they need to advance their careers. By nature of its work, Art Enables openly embraces individuals who—according to the mainstream view—are ‘outsider artists’ or ‘self-taught’ artists, with little or no formal arts training, often coming from underrepresented or marginalized communities, and who frequently have no concept of their expressive work as art. Art Enables endeavors to give its artists a clear voice in the community, while preserving the raw quality, and deeply authentic nature of their art.

Art Enables is extremely grateful to Del Ray Artisans for this opportunity to celebrate the talents of DRA and Art Enables artists under one roof, and to convey a simple yet

essential story about creative expression and art-making.

Questions: Contact curator, Amy Kitchin, at akitchin@art-enables.org

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

- Only open to all current Del Ray Artisans members and Art Enables resident artists.
- Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces of artwork.
- The entry fee is \$5 per entry. (*Patron-Platinum and Patron-Gold members are exempt from entry fees for Members-only exhibits as a [membership benefit.](#)*)
- **Deadline for online submission of your art is Friday, March 10, 2023 by midnight. UPDATE: The deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 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: jpg, jpeg, pdf, and png; 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 curator's discretion. *Final acceptance into the exhibit will happen when the curator views the artwork in person.***

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, April 30, 2023 from 12-3pm** by appointment. No early pickup. All art must remain for 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 Friday, March 10, 2023. UPDATE: The deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 by midnight.**
- Artists will be notified of artwork acceptance by **Friday, March 17, 2023.**
- **Artwork Receiving** for accepted exhibit entries will be on **Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 3-6pm by appointment** at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. (The curator will contact you to schedule your appointment.)
- **The Opening Reception is Friday, April 7 from 7-9pm.** Face masks are recommended inside the gallery.

- The exhibit runs **April 7–29, 2023**. Gallery hours are Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday & Sunday 12-6pm. (Closed on April 2 & April 30, 2023.)
- **Unsold artwork pickup is on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 12-3pm by appointment.**

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

To which organization do you belong? *

Del Ray Artisans

Art Enables

The contact information above 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: **Amy Kitchin at akitchin@art-enables.org**

Entry 1

Entry 1 - Photo(s) *

Upload a File

File name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: jpg, jpeg, pdf, png; 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

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Entry 2

Entry 2 - Photo(s)

Upload a File

File name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: jpg, jpeg, pdf, png; 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

Entry 3

Entry 3 - Photo(s)

File name: YourLastName-FirstName-ArtworkTitle. Acceptable file types: jpg, jpeg, pdf, png; 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

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

Entry 3 - Dimensions

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

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 Art Enables, 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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