



"Essential Del Ray Artisan" Inaugurates New Space During Art on Avenue

REGISTER NOW FOR FAUX-FINISHING WORKSHOPS !

Want to transform furniture and household items from ho-hum to snazzy? Sign up for one of the Del Ray Artisan-sponsored day-long workshops led by professional artists Sarah Pearson and Charlotte Corcoran on **Oct. 18** and **Nov. 1**.

Learn how to marleize, rag roll, sponge paint and glaze everything from furniture to kitchen cabinets to walls. Each 9am to 3pm workshop will be held at the Colosanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. Fees are \$40 for Del Ray Artisan members and \$50 for non-members. Classes are limited to 15 people each. **To register, fill out and mail in the registration form that's included on page 4 of this newsletter.** For more information, call Linda Silk (703) 533-7684.

WORKSHOPS & OFF-BEAT AUCTION GALA IMPORTANT DATES AND CONTACTS

Sept. 15, 20 (8am to noon) - Drop off donated furniture at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Contact Elynn Ferguson (703) 549-2660.

Sept. 27 & 28 - Help repair donated furniture for use in faux-finishing workshops. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709.

Oct. 12, 19, 25 - Help prime donated furniture for use in faux-finishing workshops. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709.

Oct. 18 & Nov. 1 (9am-3pm) - **Faux-Finishing Workshops** at Colosanto Center. Contact Linda Silk (703) 533-7684.

Nov. 22 - Help finish furniture from faux-finishing workshops for Off-Beat Auction & Gala. Contact David Talmage (703) 768-0709.

Dec. 2-3 - **Preview Exhibit of Off-Beat Auction Furniture** at Colosanto Center. Contact Kathryn Brown (703) 549-5227.

Dec. 5 (7pm-11pm) - **Off-Beat Auction & Gala.** The big fund-raising event of the Del Ray Artisans! Held at the elegant Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., in Old Town Alexandria, a festive reception, silent auction and highly entertaining live auction of the "finished" furniture. Contact Trae Underwood (703) 548-3527.

We still need lots of help! The following committee chairs for this grand event would love to hear from you!

PR Committee - Linda Silk (703) 533-7689. Publicity for faux-finishing workshops, preview exhibition and auction, production of Gala program, advertising solicitation for Gala program.

Fundraising Committee - Andrea LaRue (703) 836-9246. Program ad sales, sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction donations, food/reception donations.

Event Day Committee - Trae Underwood (703) 548-3527. Set up/cleanup, coordinate day's events for Auction & Gala.

Furniture Committee - David Talmage (703) 768-0709. Mending, patching and priming wood prior to workshops; sealing and varnishing furniture after workshops.

Submit your signature art pieces now for the Essential Del Ray Artisan exhibit that will celebrate our new space at the Colosanto Center 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. This three-day juried show is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 3, 4 and 5 to coordinate with the Art on the Avenue festivities, when our neighborhood will be flooded with folks in search of great art.

Martin Angebrannt, the curator of this show, is looking for all types of art but would like to keep size limited to pieces no larger than a small piece of furniture.

"I'm looking for signature pieces," emphasizes Martin. "I want the items you're most proud of creating. I don't want people to think they need to go and create something new for this show. Choose items that best represent your work."

Martin also asks anyone to volunteer who could help jury and hang the show.

The submission date for this Essential Del Ray Artisan juried show is Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Colosanto Center. Contact Martin Angebrannt (703) 683-3738.

BEST IN SHOW

During Art on the Avenue on Oct. 4, Del Ray Artisans will award "Best in Show" ribbons to artists participating in the festival. Photos of the winning items/booths will hang along with the Essential Del Ray Artisan exhibit.

We need judges for the following three categories: 3-Dimensional (e.g., sculpture, pottery, woodworking, jewelry); 2-Dimensional (e.g., photography, painting, drawing, printmaking); Miscellaneous (e.g., textiles, weaving). Contact Martin Angebrannt (703) 683-3738.

CARD PARTY

The DRA booth at Art on the Avenue will feature hand-made cards, a traditional fund-raiser for our group. Please join us at the Card Making Party on Friday, Sept. 26, 7pm, at the Colosanto Center. Bring materials (e.g., magazines, cool paper, wrapping paper, rubber stamps and ink pads, paints, brushes, fabric, scissors, glue, etc.) Contact Kathryn Brown (703) 549-5227.



1998 GALLERY CALENDAR

Jan. - Feb., Senior Art Show, curated by Alice Cannon (703) 683-3252.

Mar. 6 - Apr. 19, Art & Science Show, curated by Judy Grumbacher (703) 461-0731.

May 1 - 31, Rites of Spring All Member Show.

Aug. 7 - Sept. 13, Wearable Art Show, curated by Linda Silk (703) 533-7689.

Sept. 19 - Oct. 11, Food & Art Show, curated by Martin Angebrannt (703) 683-3738.

Oct. 16 - Nov. 15, Fall All Member Show, curated by Eleanor Baker (703) 683-1252.

HEAVNER & LEISTER, ART OF ILLUSTRATION

Catch the work of DRA members Becky Heavner and Bryan Leister at their current running show, The Art of Illustration, Sept. 13 - Oct. 29. The Artist reception is Fri., Sept. 19, 5-7:30 at the Barry Gallery, Marymount University, Reinsch Library, 2807 N. Glebe Road in Arlington. Gallery hours are Mon. through Thurs. 10am-8pm and Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm. For more information, call (703) 522-5600.

CHILDREN'S ART PROGRAMS

Art on the Avenue, Oct. 4, will feature students from three local elementary schools. DRA has been asked to mentor these aspiring artists on the day of the event by assisting in the layout and organization of the contributed artwork. If you have ideas for creating a great showcase for these young artists, contact Martha Larson (703) 836-0413.

DRA will also offer a Children's Art Class this fall. Students will make one art project for themselves and one to give to residents of a local nursing home. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Charlotte Corcoran (703) 548-1521.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The DRA is invited to hang a members-only exhibit at the American Horticultural Society's historic headquarters, "River Farm." The exhibit will run from August 3 to Sept. 18, 1998.

This is wonderful exposure for you to show your stuff in a high-profile gallery setting, and a significant coup for the DRA to be invited—one that could lead to similar opportunities.

All work must be botanical or pertaining to plants or plant life. People, animals or man-made structures cannot predominate. No nudes. River Farm is an example of an early 20th century gentleman's home; work will be mounted and hung in

such a way as to preserve that character. All work must be matted and framed. There are very specific guidelines on mounting hardware, which will be provided to all contributing artists at a later date.

The American Horticultural Society will take a 35% commission on all sales. Until a curator is named, contact Linda Silk, DRA Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7684 for more information.

NEW SPACE FOR ARTISTS IN ALEXANDRIA

The Alexandria Arts Forum and the Alexandria Commission of the Arts invite you to attend a special Arts Forum Meeting Thursday Sept. 25, noon-1:30pm, at the Old Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave. The topic is "Creating new space for both visual and performing artists in Alexandria."

If you are an artist looking for studio space to create your work, or if your arts organization is looking for a theater/performing space—you are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carolyn Griffin at (703) 548-9044 or Cheryl Anne Powalisz at (703) 838-6348.

SUPPORT FROM CLAREN COURT STUDIO

David Wase, corporate DRA member from Claren Court Studio, 2420 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington, has offered support to members. His generosity includes offers to: Contribute frames and other materials for use in exhibits, or by member artists; offer very advantageous rates for framing services for DRA members; conduct mini-workshops on framing or on how a commercial gallery works with artists, etc.

Thanks David!

FABULOUS FANNON!

Fannon Color Printing on Mt. Vernon Ave., a high-quality 4-color printer has graciously contributed all the printing for the Faux-Finishing Workshops and Off-Beat Auction Gala fundraising event. This is an extremely generous gift!

This is a terrific printer to use for all your printing needs. They are high quality and would be great for that postcard or poster to advertise your next show. Let's pay them back for their generosity with our patronage.

Thanks Fannon!

MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER OFFERS SENIOR CLASSES

Seniors Jewelry Making, Mondays, 1pm-3pm, beginning Sept. 8. Senior Art Program, Wednesdays 10am-noon. Senior Crochet Group, Thursdays, 10am-2:30pm. All classes at the Mt. Vernon Rec Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. For more information, call (703) 838-4825.

DRA still has **big gaps on the board** for volunteers to take the positions of: **Public Relations, Grants Committee** and someone to handle the **Phone at the Colosanto Center**. Please call **Martha Larson** (703) 836-0413 or **Martin Angebrannt** (703) 683-3738 to volunteer.

Ever want a home with tile floors, marquetry cabinets, marble fireplaces, and verdigris light fixtures?

Del Ray Artisans will teach you in one day how to get it.

The Del Ray Artisans Center is sponsoring an intensive faux-finishing class that will teach you how to marbleize, sponge paint, rag roll, and glaze just about any painted surface—from furniture and kitchen cabinets to walls and accessories!

In this all-day workshop, you will

- Learn the basics of color theory;
- Discover how to mix glazes;
- Practice various techniques using ordinary household items, such as sponges, rag, plastic, and feathers, to create extraordinary finishes; and
- Transform plain, primed furniture into three-dimensional works of art!*

*These pieces will be offered up for auction on December 5, as part of the Center's #1 fundraiser, the Off-Beat Auction & Gala. Workshop students get a \$5 discount off the ticket price for the Off-Beat Auction & Gala.

Join instructors Sarah Pearson and Charlotte Corcoran for this unique six-hour workshop. All levels of students (18 years or older) are invited—from beginners to those who have some experience. The Faux-Finishing Workshop is offered twice, once on Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and repeated again on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The workshop will break for a brown bag lunch (not provided). Class sizes are limited to 15 students to facilitate personal instruction, so register early!

Wear old clothes, bring a kitchen bucket and plastic gloves. Training supplies will be provided.

Classes will be held at the Center's new home:

Colosanto Center
2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Alexandria, VA

----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

Mail this registration form along with your check (made payable to the Del Ray Artisans) before October 10, 1997, to Del Ray Artisans Center, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301. *No registration is available on day of workshop.*

Registration Fees:

- ☐ \$40 for Del Ray Artisans Center members
☐ \$50 for Nonmembers

Your registration includes supplies.

Check to workshop date you want to attend:

- ☐ October 18, 9:00 - 3:00 pm

There will be a break for lunch from Noon - 12:30 pm. Lunch is not provided.

- ☐ November 1, 9:00 - 3:00 pm

There will be a break for lunch from Noon - 12:30 pm. Lunch is not provided.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Evening Phone _____



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2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301
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THE ESSENTIAL DEL RAY ARTISAN

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 3-5

First Exhibit at Colosanto Center!

Submission Deadline: Sept. 28

General Membership Meeting:

Tues., Sept. 16, 7pm

Colosanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Membership expires: 12/30/97

Mr. Robert S. Larsen
2211 Commonwealth Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Auction Committee Meeting:

Thurs., Sept. 18, 7pm

Colosanto Center

ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION is a 501(c)(3) public membership organization formed to create and support community-based arts organizations and promote the arts as a resource for community development. DEL RAY ARTISANS is a community arts group featuring two- and three-dimensional works of decorative and functional art and fine crafts through exhibits, lectures, and instructional classes in the community. DEL RAY ARTISANS is funded, managed and operated by ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION.

Board of Directors: Martin Angebrannt, Co-Executive Director (703) 683-3738; Terry Atkin, Graphics Design Director; Nick Bayus, Community Involvement Director (703) 549-9323; Kathryn Brown, Assistant Treasurer & Selection Committee Chair (703) 549-5227; Charlotte Corcoran, Assistant Executive Director (703) 548-1521; Elyn Ferguson, Director (703) 549-2660; Kate Grumbacher, Membership Director (703) 845-0660; Martha Larson, Co-Executive Director (703) 836-0413; Andrea LaRue, Volunteer Coordinator (703) 836-9246; Mary Jo Long, Secretary (703) 549-1085; Marlin Lord, Treasurer (703) 683-1112; Linda Silk, Gallery Coordinator (703) 533-7689; Susan Downs Slattery, Director (703) 922-7290; David Talmage, Director (703) 768-0709; Trae Underwood, Communications Director (703) 548-3527.

DEL RAY ARTISANS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 13, 20	DROP OFF DONATED FURNITURE, MT. VERNON REC CENTER, 8-NOON
SEPT. 16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, COLOSANTO CENTER, 7PM
SEPT 18	AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, COLOSANTO CENTER, 7PM
SEPT. 26	CARD MAKING PARTY, COLOSANTO CENTER, 7PM
SEPT. 27 & 28	REPAIR FURNITURE FOR WORKSHOPS, COLOSANTO CENTER
SEPT. 28	SUBMISSION FOR ESSENTIAL DEL RAY ARTISAN EXHIBIT
OCT. 3, 4, 5	ESSENTIAL DEL RAY ARTISAN EXHIBIT, COLOSANTO CENTER
OCT. 4	ART ON THE AVENUE
OCT. 12, 19, 25	PRIME FURNITURE FOR WORKSHOPS, COLOSANTO CENTER
OCT. 18 & NOV. 1	FAUX-FINISHING WORKSHOPS, COLOSANTO CENTER, 9AM-3PM
OCT. 31	HALLOWEEN PARTY
NOV. 22	FINISH FURNITURE FROM WORKSHOPS FOR OFF-BEAT AUCTION
DEC. 2-3	PREVIEW EXHIBIT OF OFF-BEAT AUCTION FURNITURE
DEC. 5	OFF-BEAT AUCTION & GALA, 7PM-11PM
JAN. - FEB.	SENIOR ART SHOW, COLOSANTO CENTER