

THE Well-Crafted Word

News from the Del Ray Artisans

November/December 1998

Celebrate the Season

Join in the artistic celebration at our upcoming exhibits, classes and our holiday art & craft show & sale.

Del Ray Artisans Present:

CACHE LAKE

A Virginia Commonwealth University Master's Thesis Exhibit by Frank Weiss November 22 - December 13

Sticks and stones, kindling and clay, sheet metal and shoe polish, glass and bricks, copper pipes and Styrofoam, paint and canvas—these are the materials which Virginia Commonwealth University graduate Frank Weiss chose when he created his master's thesis project "Cache Lake."

Weiss, a Fairfax County elementary school art teacher, used these everyday materials both figuratively and literally in depicting his own personal Shangri-La—Waubano Island, located in Ontario's Cache Lake. Inspired by Waubano's unspoiled beauty and the memories of his annual retreats to the area, Weiss drew on his intimate knowledge of the lake to create a series that is contextually multi-layered and inter-related in meaning. Each piece has a story, which then leads to the next one.

The relationship and significance of Cache Lake is a central theme in the life and art of Frank Weiss, leading him to the Del Ray community and his Master's Thesis Exhibit.

"Cache Lake," featuring paintings, sculptures and ceramic pieces by Weiss, will be on view November 22nd to December 13th. The Opening Reception will be held November 22 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm; Sundays, Noon - 4 pm.

Del Ray Artisans along with Barnes & Noble Booksellers presents:

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Showing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Jefferson Davis Huy, at Potomac Yard Center

December 5 through the holidays

A holiday exhibit featuring art that illustrates the meaning of celebration.

Opening Reception: December 5 at 7pm (Artisans: See call for entries on p. 3 of this newsletter.)



4th Annual Del Ray Artisan

Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale

Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 · 4 at the Del Ray Artisan Center

Local artist booths selling jewelry, paintings, pottery, ornaments, clothes decorative items and more!

This event is scheduled to coincide with the Del Ray Farmer's Market Christmas Market Day for wreaths, trees, pies, etc.

Artisans, contact Andrea LaRue (703-836-9246) if you would like to set up a booth at this event.

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SIGN UP FOR THE MARBLEIZING FABRIC WORKSHOP

On Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8am-12am the Del Ray Artisans will offer a Marbleizing Fabric Workshop at the DRA Center. Advance reservations and pre-payment for the class kit are required. The workshop will be taught by Lise Schioler, Arlington Quilters Unlimited guild member. Contact Becky Heavner (703-683-1544) for information.

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

It's a card making party! Come lend your creative talent. Hand-made cards are a traditional fund-raiser for our group. Join us on Thursday, Nov. 19, 7pm, at the Colasanto Center.

Bring materials (e.g., magazines, cool paper, wrapping paper, rubber stamps and ink pads, paints, brushes, fabric, scissors, glue, etc.)

Kathryn Brown will also set up her polaroid transfer equipment for anyone who is interested in learning "how to" and creating cards with this interesting technique.

Contact Kathryn Brown (703-549-5227).

ARTISANS TO COLLABORATE ALL-MEMBER SHOW WITH MODERN DANCE CONCERT

Mary Jo Smet, a local choreographer, is working with three other choreographers on a concert planned for late February at the Mount Vernon Rec. Center. They are putting together a dance concert of solos, duets and trios and would like to collaborate with some visual artists.

Smet explains, "Our hope is that the Del Ray Artisans would be interested in either creating pieces in collaboration with one of the choreographers, or have some existing pieces we could use as set pieces."

Some suggestions of how to incorporate the art would be with slides as backdrops, or quilts or tapestries or dyed/painted silk fabric. Artists could create set pieces or incorporate sculpture, furniture or any visual work into the show.

"We're interested in connecting with artists in Alexandria and bringing modern dance to the community."

DRA is planning a cooperative show that would combine the concert with the opening of the Spring All-Member Show in February. The theme of the All-Member Show will compliment the modern dance concert by exhibiting work inspired by movement or dance.

There is a preview of the modern dance space at the Rec. Center dance studio on Nov. 21 at 11am for anyone who is interested in collaborating.

If you're interested, contact Mart Larson (703-836-0413) or choreographer Mary Jo Smet (703-549-8339).

SEEKING: POETS AND VISUAL ARTISTS TO COLLABORATE FOR "artWORDS"

We are planning a spring show, "artWORDS" for March. This show will feature exhibits of collaborations between visual artists and poets and also exhibits of art that incorporates text.

A collaborative team might pair up a poem with a piece of artwork that is complimentary, or create new works from a similar theme, or create work inspired by existing pieces of each other's work.

You can create your own collaborative team, or if you are interested in finding a team member, contact Trae Underwood (703-548-3527).

HEAVNER PAINTINGS ON TV SHOW & IN "SIMPLE ABUNDANCE" DATEBOOK

Look for Becky Heavner's paintings featured on the upcoming t.v. show, Homicide.

Also a note that the Simple Abundance datebook for 1999 featuring Becky Heavner's art is now for sale at Costco and other booksellers. She is currently working on the datebook for the year 2000.

INVITATION FOR ARTISTS TO SELL THEIR WORK AT ALEXANDRIA CONVENTION & VISITORS CENTER

The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Assoc. (ACVA) would like to sell gift items made by local artists and that feature Alexandria in unique and memorable ways!

If you have this type of product already, great. But they would also be happy to work with you to develop ideas that use your artwork. Additionally, they are looking for artists to demonstrate in the garden or on the front porch, from April through September, at their location at the Ramsey House in Old Town Alexandria. Please call Ann Clinger at the ACVA to discuss this potential (838-4200 x205)

USE YOUR DRA MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR DISCOUNTS AT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES:

Claren Court Studio, Inc. 2420 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA (703-358-9449). Discounts on all framing. Appointments recommended, contact DRA member, David Wase for information.

Gabriel Custom Framing, Inc. 1607 Commonwealth Ave. (next to Monroe's restaurant), Alexandria, VA (703-519-6949).

Pearl Art & Craft Supplies, Inc. 5695 Telegraph Rd. Alexandria, VA (703-960-3900).



Del Ray Artisans' Calendar of Events

| Thursday | Nov. 19 | Card Party, 7pm |
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| Saturday | Nov. 21 | Marbleizing Fabric Class |
| Saturday | Nov. 21 | Modern dance preview for those interested in collaboration, 11am @Mt. Vernon Rec. Center |
| Sunday | Nov. 22 | "CACHE LAKE" Frank Weiss' Show Opening, 12noon - 6pm |
| | Nov. 22 - Dec. 13 | "CACHE LAKE" FRANK WEISS' MASTER'S THESIS SHOW |
| Saturday | Dec. 5 | HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & SALE, 10am - 4pm Local artisan booths for holiday shopping! |
| Saturday | Dec. 5 | "CELEBRATION" Barnes & Noble Exhibit Opening, 7pm |
| | Dec. 5 - Jan. | "CELEBRATION" BARNES & NOBLE EXHIBIT |
| Tuesday | Dec. 8 | General Membership Meeting, 7pm (2nd Tuesday of every month) |

Look what's in store for 1999!

| January | open | | |
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| February | All-Member Show | July | Art Camp |
| March | artWORDS | August/Sept. | Off-Beat Furniture Auction Prep Class |
| April | Mediterranean Show | November | Off-Beat Furniture Auction Preview |
| May | Student Art Show | December | Off-Beat Auction & Gala |
| June | Abstract Show (Art League) | December | Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale |

CALL FOR ENTRIES

DRA SHOWS

CELEBRATION—at Barnes & Noble Bookseller, December 5, an exhibit featuring art that illustrates the meaning of celebration. Drop off dates for work to be considered for this show are: Wed., Dec 2 and Thurs., Dec 3 from 7-9pm at the Colasanto Center. All work must be 2-d or "hangable." When submitting, please consider the limited exhibit space. Exhibit space at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Jeff, Davis Hwy. at Potomac Yard. Contact Susan Buchan (703-684-9595) for details.

HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SHOW & SALE, December 5, Contact Andrea LaRue for information on reserving a booth for this event.

ALL-MEMBER SHOW February 1999, an exhibit that will incorporate a modern dance concert. The show's theme will compliment the dance concert by exhibiting work inspired by movement or dance.

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OTHER LOCAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL SHOWS

SPRINGWATER FIBER WORKSHOP announces "Focus on Fiber and Clay '98" inviting fiber artists of all levels to participate. (Apparently, the clay part of the show is supplied by the Art League School students.) The show and sale will be in Old Town Dec. 5th - 13th. The entry fee is \$6 for up to 3 pieces, and there is a 30% commission on sales. All work must have been completed in the last year. For further info, call Pat Marsh at Springwater (703-549-3634) or at home at (703-451-5154).

FIBERART INTERNATIONAL '99, Sept. 9 - Oct. 30, 1999. The 16th in a series of biennial exhibits to be installed in two prestigious institutions in Pittsburgh: The Society of Contemporary Crafts and The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh develops, supports and promotes fiber arts by providing a forum to exchange ideas and sponsoring without profit fiber art exhibitions. Slides deadline is Feb. 12, 1999. Contact Millie Barnes (millieb@prodigy.net) or Sally Yunis (412-363-0204).

Other Events in the Area

Oct. 21 - Nov. 22
"The Three from
Prague...Three Czech
Contemporary
Painters" Exhibit at
the Target Gallery,
105 N. Union St.,
Alexandria. Open
Wed. - Sun. 12-5pm
Opening reception,
Oct. 22. 6-8pm

Jan. 13 - Feb 21
"By George"
Exhibit to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Alexandria and the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.
At the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Open Wed. - Sun. 12-5pm.



@DRA Gallery Space Nicholas A. Colasanto Center 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave CACHE LAKE OPENS NOV. 22

HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SHOW & SALE, DEC. 5

@Barnes & Noble Bookseller Potomac Yard Center Jeff. Davis Hwy. CELEBRATION OPENS DEC. 5

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: President & Director: Mart Larson (703-836-0413); Executive Director & Director: Martin Angebranndt (703-683-3738); Vice President & Director: Charlotte Corcoran (703-548-1521); Secretary & Director: Eleanor Baker (703-683-1252); Treasurer & Director: Martin Lord (703-683-1112); Assistant Treasurer & Director: Kathryn Brown (703-549-5227); Public Relations Director: Alethea Camp, Graphics Design Director: Terry Atkin; Director: Ellyn Ferguson (703-549-2660); Director: Susan Downs Slattery (703-922-7290); Membership Director: Kate Grumbacher (703-683-4224); Gallery Coordinator: Linda Silk (703-533-7689); Communications Director: Trae Underwood (703-548-3527); Director: Vivienne Lukacs (703-979-8996); Director: David Talmage (703-768-0709).

| | Become a Member, Join Del Ray Artisans or Renew Your Membership | | | | |
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| I am interested in volunteering Yes No can be a liaison for Del Ray Artisans at my local of | | ☐ Yes | □ No | | |
| Membership Categories for 1 year: Individual - \$35, Household - \$50, Corporate - \$10 | 00, Student/Senior/Disa | advantag | ed - \$10 | | |
| Please make check payable to Del Ray Artisans an 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, At | nd mail it to: tn: Membership. | | | | |