

# Scholarship Awarded

Brian McCarthy has been chosen to receive the Del Ray Artisans/Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship. The award will be presented at the Fifteenth Anniversary Scholarship Fund Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, June 5, 7PM. The ceremony will be held in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria.

### Del Ray Artisans New PR Team

After DRA's long period of a helm-less PR Director's chair, Susan Slattery will step down as Acting PR Director and a long-awaited PR team of directors will take over! Linda McDonald, Karen J. Schmitz, and Karen Williamson are ready, willing and quite able to assume this role and we look forward to their new and fresh approach to getting more press for our group.

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# Prepping Furniture for the OffBest Auction

All Hands on Deck! We have collected 80+ pieces of furniture for the OffBeat Auction. We are now faced with the daunting task of preparing the pieces to be used for classes which start June 9th.

The Furniture Committee will be washing, sanding, and painting most weekends from now until November at the former Safeway building (221 W. Glebe, corner of W. Glebe and Mt. Vernon Ave.) beginning Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM-4PM.

A number of pieces have already been adopted, so if you want to get your pick, hurry to select your diamond in the rough.

For more information call: Vivienne Lukacs at 703.979.8996.

## VCU Masters Thesis Works by Carol Chambers

to be featured in early July

DRA's July show will be "Points of View: A Masters Thesis Art Exhibit" by Carol Chambers. The exhibit includes paintings, ceramics, and sculpture. A Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) graduate student since 1998, Chambers has been an art teacher in the Fairfax County school system for twenty years, currently teaching at Sangster Elementary School in Springfield, Virginia.

Although she began her Masters of Interdisciplinary Studies program three years ago, her painting studies started in Aix-en-Provence, France one summer. There her days were spent painting outdoors, often in a park or at the Marchutz studio. She made a concentrated study of Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cezanne—artists who had lived and painted near Aix-en-Provence—and visited their painting sites as part of her program.

Her "French experience," together with a love of the woods and water, fostered the theme for the art work featured in this exhibit. Included are oil paintings of a park in Provence and an Occoquan River farm property near her home in Virginia. Along with her paintings, the show features hand-built ceramics, glass sculpture and assemblage, and bronze sculpture. Much of the three-dimensional pieces relate to the park and farm locations also. Chambers feels being involved in this endeavor has been a high point for her as an artist: "It has been awakening, enriching, rewarding and a tremendously enjoyable growth experience."

The exhibit runs from June 30th until July 8th and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Saturdays, 10AM to 4PM and Sundays, 12NOON to 4PM. A special presentation of the exhibit will be held on July 5th, from 6PM to 9PM, as part of the Del Ray neighborhood's First Thursday event. The presentation will be held at the DRA Gallery; which is located in the Nicholas Colasanto Center at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue.

For more information, contact gallery coordinator, Liz Martinez, at 703.683.1969, e-mail: catniphaze@home.com

#### New PR Team (cont.)

Here are some brief bios of the new team:

Linda McDonald

Formerly an art director of Capitol Publications, Inc., an Alexandria newsletter and book publisher, Linda owns McDonald Productions which provides graphic design solutions for a variety of clients. She is also on the staff of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center in addition to creating and marketing her own line of handmade soap products.

Karen J. Schmitz

A painter and printmaker, Karen's "one of a kind" monotypes tell personal stories of single, struggling women living in a fast-paced urban environment. Her prints have received numerous awards and she is represented by the eklektikos Gallery in Washington, DC and the Alexandria Art League.

#### Karen Williamson

An award winning photographer, she is expanding her artistic horizons by painting, writing, dancing, and creating whimsical water fountains. Karen joined DRA in 2001 in time to display her water fountain "At The Lily Pond" and is pleased to be part of the DRA Promotions Team.

Please continue to forward your exhibit and PR materials to Susan Slattery at devisu@erols.com for use in the newsletter, but also send it to Karen Williamson at kaydee92@botmail.com

### Board of Director Elections 2001 - 2002

Are you interested in one of the listed positions? Contact Martin Angebranndt 703.683.3738

Del Ray Artisans will hold elections for the 2001-2002 Board of Directors at the June 12th General Membership meeting; the new Board of Directors will assume their posts at the conclusion of the meeting. Following is the list of DRA offices that will be considered for election:

President and Director

Nominee: Theresa Esterlund

Vice-President and Director

Nominee: Renee Niver

Secretary and Director

Nominee: Linda Silk

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and Directors

Nominees: Marlin Lord and Kathryn Brown

Directors (Can elect up to 20-so far 15 nominated) Nominees: Martin Angebranndt, Terry Atkin, Bryan Leister, Vivienne Lukacs, Liz Martinez, Linda Corey McDonald, Pat Parkinson, Barbara Robinson, Karen Schmitz, Susan Downs Slattery, Jen Whitman, Karen D. Williamson, Beth Wrightson

# Call for Entries

(list of exhibits/ competitions for artistsbrief descriptions)

June 22, 2001

31" Annual Wildlife Photography Competition. Open to all but full-time professional nature photographers. Theme is "striking images of nature, creatures on land & life beneath the water's surface." Cash prizes, inc. a \$1,000 grand prize, and publication in prestigious magazine. Submit up to 5 color transparencies or color prints. Contact: Natl. Wildlife Photography Competition, Drawer C-00, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA. 22184. Call 800.882.9918 or visit: <a href="https://www.nwf.org/nwf/natlwild/contest.html">www.nwf.org/nwf/natlwild/contest.html</a>

June 14, 2001

Arts & Crafts vendors sought for a Spring Show to be held outside on Thurs, June 14, 10AM - 3PM at the PG Arts Council at Prince George's Metro Center. The Arts Council is located at 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD and is on the Metro line. Parking will be provided. The cost is \$30 for one 8' table (also provided). Artists must bring their own chairs. Please call Ethel Lewis at 301.277.1402 for more information and to register.

June 22, 2001

"Journeys," an exhibition based on mental, spiritual, and physical journeys. Open to all artists in all media. Juror: Deborah McLeod, nationally published art writer and curator of "Journeys of Refuge." Best in Show Award: \$500. Dates: Aug. 22 - Sept. 30, 2001. Fee: \$25 for up to 3 Slides. Deadline: June 22, 2001. For Prospectus, send SASE to Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or e-mail targetgallery@erols.com or call 703-838-4565 ext. 4.

July 17, 2001

15th Annual "Young at Art," a juried art show for artists 55+. Sponsored by the Alexandria Commission on Aging. The Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), will be held at The Campagna Ctr., 418 S. Wash. St., Alexandria, July 22-Aug. 2. The show is open to all metro artists aged 55+. Entry fee \$10 for the first 3 works and \$5 for each additional entry. All mediums are accepted. Intake is on Tues., July 17 from 10AM-1PM. The opening reception and award ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place on Sunday, July 22 from 2PM-4PM at The Campagna Ctr. The Corporate Partner is Goodwin House, Inc. The show is funded in part by The Alexandria Commission for the Arts. For entry forms and/or information, please call RSVP at 703.549.1607

#### MUSICA DEL RAY WITH PATRICIA PARKINSON Y SORZANO

Del Ray Artisans member Pat Parkinson is bringing the red hot rhythms of latin pop, salsa, and lively world music to the Internet as host of Musica Del Ray on Radio Del Ray. If you haven't tuned in to Radio Del Ray you can find it online at <a href="https://www.radiodelray.com">www.radiodelray.com</a>. Click on Musica Del Ray to see Pat's Web page. She records at the Radio Del Ray studio on Mt. Vernon Avenue, next to St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, every Monday from 1 to 6PM, so drop by and say hello. Who knows—you might end up on the air!

Tune in to http://www.radiodelray.com/

# **Art Sale Policy Revised**

It is a Del Ray Artisans' policy that we do not sell art work for artists. We facilitate sales by accepting payment, directed to the artist, and hold the payment until the artist can pick it up. The artist, and not DRA, is responsible for sales tax, etc. Occasionally we handle pass through sales due to credit card purchases; the artist then makes a voluntary donation to DRA.

The new procedure is as follows: any art sale must have a receipt filled out with the purchaser's name, address, and telephone number. The purchaser receives one copy, and the other is left in the receipt book. Among other things, we need to be able to notify a purchaser when to pick up their purchase, which must remain hanging until the show is over. Under no circumstances will art work be noted as "sold" until payment is received. When the art work is picked up the purchaser shall sign a form or paper acknowledging the date and that they have received the art work. Please review the Gallery Sitting Procedures in a clipboard on the gallery desk for further sales instructions.

If any of our sitters or members from the Spring Fling Member Show remembers the sale (possibly at the opening) of Marion Johnson's artwork entitled "Winter Afternoon" and what was done with the payment, please contact Kathryn Brown 703.549.5227 or Paula Lantz 703.836.0866 immediately. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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by the Del Ray Artisans in conjunction with the 2001 OffBeat Auction. Information is available on the Artisans home page: www.radiodelrav.com/artisans or for further information, contact Leslie Wilder at 703.549.1896.

# **Gallery without Walls**

Now on display at Weichert Realtors: "Frozen Neon" and "Architecture in the Abstract" color photographs by Kathryn A. Brown. This exhibit will run through June. July through September is scheduled for art work by Marlin G. Lord. The folks at Weichert have been wonderful to work with—be sure to call Ann Misurella at 703.549.8700 to make some arrangements for yourself!

We will also be starting a new schedule with Waterford Puble Relations at 2305 Mount Vernon Avenue; the owner is DRA member Beth Offenbacker. Call her at 703.683.4815, or e-mail at boffenbacker@waterfordpr.com. Identify yourself as a Del Ray Artisan, and set up an appointment. They are looking for one month exhibits so that they can have an opening for a new artist on each First Thursday (our successful evening of business for the fun of it along Mount Vernon Avenue). Any questions on the program, call Kathryn Brown at 703.549.5227.

## Summer camps with Alana

Del Ray Artisan member Alana Maubury Hunter is teaching at a series of summer Calligraphy Camps for young people at Glen Echo Park in Maryland. Have fun learning calligraphy from feather quill to milky pens. Explore the park grounds as an artist. Make handmade paper and ink. Create your own greeting cards with calligraphy and origami. Pen and paint an illuminated manuscript with crowned letters. Create in the studio and out in nature. Ride the Glen Echo Carousel and more.

This will be a fun, diverse camp for students from Alana's camps, classes, or those who have some calligraphy experience. You will delve into how to make different types of illuminated manuscripts, greeting cards, sign making, and folk art. You'll do botanical drawing, make bead jewelry and make art from natural materials. Please call Alana at 703.521.6609 for camp information.



Thanks to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the City of Alexandria

#### June 12...Elections

Next General Member Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 7PM at DRA Gallery Space Nicholas A. Colasanto Center 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

DRA Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

#### **DRA Calendar**

#### 2001

June

July

June 2, Saturday, 12Noon – 4PM, art drop-off, Dun-Lo Senior Show Dun-Lo Senior Show (55+), Curator Rhoda Seligmann 703.751.7924

June 2, Saturday, 10AM – 4PM, auction furniture preparation, additional Saturdays to be scheduled. Contact Vivienne Lukacs at 703.979.8996

First Thursday, June 7, 6PM - 9PM, "Sneak Preview" of the Dun-Lo Senior Show (55+)

Opening: Dun-Lo Senior Show, Friday, June 8, 7PM-10PM, DRA Center, contact Rhoda Seligmann 703.751.7924

June 12, 7pm, Elections for 2001-2002 DRA Board Members, DRA Center

June 15, 5rm, Deadline for submission of July 2001 newsletter articles, please submit all articles, formatted in Word or e-mail text, to Susan Slattery, Newsletter Editor, at devisu@erols.com

The Carol Chambers Masters Thesis Show, Saturday June 30-Sunday July 1 and Saturday July 7-Sunday July 8, DRA Center

First Thursday, July 5, 6PM - 9PM, special presentation of The Carol Chambers Masters Thesis Show

Dun-Lo Senior Show (55+), June 9-24, Curator Rhoda Seligmann 703.751.7924

Art Camp, July 9 - 13. For more information contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@home.com

August First Thursday, August 2, 6PM - 9PM, special presentation of a decorative

and on... The OffBeat Auction preparation

October October 6, Art on the Avenue, 10AM to 6PM, Rain or Shine.

November 17 and 18, Gallery delivery dates for Offbeat Auction pieces

December The OffBeat Auction Gala, December 2, Sunday, 6pm-10pm, Embassy Suites, Alexandria (across from the King Street Metro)

December 8, Holiday Show & Sale, For more information contact Liz Martinez 703.683.1969 or catniphaze@home.com (Space is limited, so first come first served)

Elected Officers: President Theresa Esterlund 703.379.2533; Vice-President Reneé Niver 703.721.1937; Treasurer Marlin Lord 703.683.1112: Asst. Treasurer Kathryn Brown 703.549.5227; Secretary Linda Silk 703.533.7689. Elected Board Members: (in no particular order) PR Team: Director Linda McDonald, 703.836.9313, Director Karen Schmitz 703.836.0035, and Director Karen Williamson 703.619.0161; Graphics Chairperson/Director Terry Atkin; Gallery Coordinator/Director Liz Martinez 703.683.1969; Mail List Coordinator/Director Bryan Leister 703.683.1544; Director Martin Angebranndt 703.683.3738; Director Susan Downs Slattery 703.922.7290; Director Vivienne Lukacs 703.979.8996; Director Barbara Robinson 703.683.6951; Director Beth Wrightson 703.683.0222.

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