

The Well Crafted Word

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June 2005

Successful Spring Outdoor Art Sale

A beautiful Spring day contributed to the success of the second annual Outdoor Spring Art Sale, held May 7th.

Coordinator **Rob Rudick** reported that 23 Del Ray Artisans participated, exhibiting paintings, photographs, pottery, jewelry, textile and glass works of art to a steady stream of customers. Final sales figures are yet to be totaled, but early indications are that sales grossed approximately \$6,000 for the exhibitors!

Photographer **Paige Ireland** sold over \$1,000 in photographic works. Painters **Dick Wyvill, Barbara Chiminello**, and **Michele Banks** reported that several of their paintings have found new homes.

Artists reported enjoying the day and the sale was also successful in raising money for DRA.

Special thanks to **Eve Stocker** who comprised the one-person volunteer committee on Sale day.

July Generation exhibit

It's a three-family affair for the month of July when DRA brings *Generation* to the gallery. The exhibit will feature the art of two generations of DRA's **Dailey**, **Rando**, and **Sanabria** families.

Generation is the brainchild of painter, sculptor and landscape architect **Guy Rando**. He will curate (and show off) the talents of his three sons **Marco** (sculptor), **Tony** (mixed-media) and **Gaetano** (painter). Marco hand carves wood using felled trees, and incorporates found objects into his sculptures. Tony's diverse works include garden furnishings, sculptures and paintings. Son Gaetano explores dramatic and romantic subjects in his acrylic paintings on canvas.

Patriarch Rando's work focuses on the unusual, often from a humorous perspective, incorporating variations on classical themes using an array of materials.

Bolivian painter Chela Velasquez De Sanabria says, "When I paint I forget about everything that concerns me, I am a dreamer, a bohemian soul." Encouraged by matriarch De Sanabria, daughter Edith Graciela became a painter, a poet and a jewelry designer.

Ceramic sculptor **Joseph Dailey** explores the contrast between organic and architectural forms. Says Dailey, "Life is about taking layers apart and putting layers together." Son **Joshua**, is a printmaker. His work often expresses awe, curiosity and grasping the infinite.

Generation is an "all in the family" experience which will highlight the similarity and the diversity of artistic talent within families. The exhibit runs July 8-24 with an opening reception on Friday, July 8th, 7-10 PM. A preview of the exhibit will be from 6-9:00 PM on First Thursday, July 7th.

Contributors this month include: Rob Rudick, Karen Schmitz, Linda Silk, Barbara Brecher, Susan Slattery, Dave Nicholson and Kathryn Brown.

Many thanks to our monthly sponsor: **Royce Flowers**-the lovely arrangements seen at every opening

Thanks to the **Alexandria Commission** for the Arts for their continuing support.

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Art Camp also in July

Be on the lookout for the postcard announcing this year's Art Camp which takes place July 25-29. **Linda Silk**, Camp coordinator, has been hard at work lining up teachers for this annual week of creative classes for young artists ages 9-15.

If you haven't seen the really cool advertising piece, pick one up at the gallery or visit www.delrayartisans.org and click the "Art Camp" link.

... and speaking of the DRA website ... many, many thanks to **Roy Wright** for keeping the site fresh and up-to-date!

Student show report

Best show ever, best opening reception ever! Wonderful turnout of students, parents and community leaders including Councilmen Rob Krupicka, Alexandria Sheriff's candidate Bill Cleveland, School Board members Molly Danforth and Ken Foran, and realtor Sean McEnearney.

Alexandria Gazette photographer Louise Krafft conducted several interviews with the students. Full page coverage of the show was in the following week's edition. Although Mayor Euille could not attend, he sent "Congratulations to all of the participants who are a tribute to their families and the City as well."

Curator **Linda Silk**, spoke glowingly of **Joe Dailey** who assisted in hanging the show and was especially "wonderful" in lining up the judges-art faculty from Fairfax County Public Schools!

A plan has been made for some of the Alexandria schools (Minnie Howard and Jefferson School for the Arts) to bring students to the gallery on a field trip. The teachers were jazzed by the idea!

Celebrity Poker

Calling all croupiers, Blackjack dealers and aficionados of Texas Hold 'em! The Viva Las Elvis Birthday committee is seeking your expertise to put the *Viva*

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in *Las Vegas* on January 7th, 2006, when we set sail on the Cherry Blossom to celebrate the 71st Birthday of The King. Contact tkulstad@verizon.net

2005 – 2006 Calendar of Events

First Thursday-Preview of Read Itl exhibit (6-9 PM)

	Jun. 2 Jun. 3-26 Jun. 5-9 June 14	Bead It! exhibit— Curator Barbara Brecher 703.548.2878 Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival 703.892.2776 Board Meeting (7:00 PM)	
Jul. 7 Jul. 8-24 July 9 July 12 Jul. 25-29		First Thursday-Preview of <i>Generation</i> exhibit (6-9 PM) <i>Generation</i> exhibit Alexandria Birthday Celebration Board Meeting (7:00 PM) <i>Art Camp 2005</i>	
Aug. 4 Aug. 5-28 August 9 Aug. 16		First Thursday-Lights, Camera and Fashion (6-9 PM) Splash exhibit – Chappell, Schmitz & Slattery Board Meeting (7:00 PM) Annual DRA Pool Party (starts at 6 PM)	
		First Thursday-How to (6-9 PM) Fall All Member Show Alexandria Festival of the Arts Board Meeting (7:00 PM)	
	Oct. 1 Oct. 7-30 Oct. 18	Art on the Avenue (10 AM-6 PM) 3 rd Annual Del Ray Dozen exhibit— Curator Rob Rudick DRA General Meeting and Elections (7:30 PM)	
	Nov. 4-27	Washington Woodworkers' Guild Collaborative show Co-curator Martin Angebranndt	
Dec.		Holiday Arts & Craft Sale (9 AM-4 PM) – Liz Martinez & Linda Silk	
	Jan.7	2006 VIVA Las Elvis Birthday Party	



Northern Virginia Regional Artist Exhibition

Open to all artists working in all media in Northern Virginia (a mailing address in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William or Loudoun counties is required.). This exhibition will hang along King Street in Alexandria's Market Square during the two-day Alexandria Festival for the Arts (September 10 &11). Following that it will be on display in the Alexandria City Hall through October 1, 2005.

Jurors: fine art-Tom Collins, Executive Director, Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, MD. fine craft-Leigh Taylor Mickelson, Exhibitions Director, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD. Award amounts: up to \$300.

Submission fee: \$15 for images of 3 works. Postmark deadline: Wed, June 1, 2005.

For a prospectus, email:

festivalofthearts@comcast.net, or send

SASE to:

Fine Arts Applications, Alexandria Commission for the Arts 1108 Jefferson Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703.838.6348.

Exhibition dates:

September 10 - October 1, 2005

Another Gallery Without Walls opportunity

The Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center is looking for artists to display work. A current show of photography depicting Iran is on display. There are many walls on which artwork may be displayed.

This is an opportunity for DRA members to show their work either individually or as a group. The center is located at: 1605 Cameron Street in Alexandria. Contact Harold Little, Center Director at 703-519-3494 or harold.little@alexandriava.gov.

Call for entries-19th Annual "Young" at Art show

The 19th Annual "Young" at Art show, sponsored by the Alexandria Commission on Aging, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), will be held at the Campagna Center, 418 South Washington Street in Alexandria, July 17-28, 2005.

This juried show is open to all metro area artists aged 55+. This year's juror is Teresa Knight McFadden. McFadden has worked as a painter and mixed media sculptor for 20 years, and is on the full-time faculty of Northern Virginia Community College.

The fee for entering the first 3 works is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for each additional entry). All media accepted. Intake is Tuesday, July 12 (10:00 AM-1:00 PM).

The opening reception and award ceremony-open to those "young at art" and all others-will take place Sunday, July 17 (2:00–4:00 PM) at the Campagna Center. The Goodwin House Foundation is the show's corporate sponsor and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts has awarded a grant for the project. "Young" at Art has consistently attracted accomplished artists ranging in age from 55 to 88 working in a wide variety of media.

Last year, 75 artists submitted 242 pieces, out of which 66 pieces were selected. Awards include cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places plus ribbons for five honorable mentions. Contact RSVP for more information 703.549.1607 or Idienno@campagnacenter.org.

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Sharp-eyed people for Adopt-A-Park

Last year, thanks to the efforts of several sharp-eyed volunteers who "policed" the grounds for unsightly trash, DRA earned over \$900 from the City. We still need volunteers for June 11-12, June 25-26, and July 2-3.

This is a great way to earn time towards your 10 hour volunteer commitment as part of your DRA membership. Contact **Marlin Lord** at 703.683.1112 or mglaia@aol.com to sign-up.

Join DRA as an artist or supporter

MEMBERSHIP FO	RM		Renewal	New Member			
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Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a DRA member I will contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours annually. These are hours non-related to the requirements of an exhibiting artist in a DRA show, as all exhibit participants are required to gallery sit or assist with other aspects of an exhibit in which they participate. Please indicate below your areas of interest: COMMUNICATIONS: Mailings Newsletter Public Relations; FACILITY: Gallery Maintenance Gardening; FINANCE: Grants; FUNDRAISING: Solicitation Special Events; GALLERY COORDINATOR: Curating/Co-curating Hanging Shows; HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks; MEMBERSHIP: Data Input Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation; OUTREACH: Community Events/Activities; PROGRAMS: Art Camp Class Instructor; Member Events; VOLUNTEER: Telephoning; JUST ABOUT ANYTHING							
Signature			Date				
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