



The Well Crafted Word

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"Wish You Were Here" Runs Through July 8

Where were you on Saturday, June 8? We bet you wish you were here at the Del Ray Artisans gallery for the opening of our latest exhibit, *Wish You Were Here*. A friendly crowd celebrated the works of 39 local artists. In all, 82 works covered a wonderfully diverse range of art media representing 2-D and 3-D forms of creative expression. Included in the exhibit are travel journals that consist of written books, photo albums, and watercolor records of the architecture and natural surroundings of exotic travel destinations.

Notable works include "The Perfect Accessory," which features a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like. The image gar-

nered extra attention by the attendance of the model who is a professional Marilyn impersonator. People were also delighted to find that the painting has interchangeable "wigs," for an interactive component. The painted door, "Where Birds Fly," by Marcie Wolf-Hubbard also stood out, literally and figuratively with its use of collage and bold colors. Some unique hand felted works by Holly Cable and found object metal assemblages by Noah Williams ignited responses from gallery goers. The show has an incredible amount of aesthetically strong works. One is sure to find inspiration and delight. *Wish You Were Here* runs through July 8th.

DRA and CCP Will be Dancing in July

The fireworks may be over but sparks will be on foot as The Choreographers Collaboration Project (CCP) performs at the DRA for the July 5 First Thursday Event starting at 7 p.m. The dance "Feast on Your Life" will be the launching of a 10-month dance project inspired by the Del Ray community to coincide with the 100th anniversary (2008) of the neighborhood. (See "Love History?..." on page 3.)

For this 2008 project called "Del Ray on the Move" Mary Jo Smet is looking for DRA photographers. For more info please contact her at msmet1@verizon.net.

Let the Art Camp Adventure Begin!

This year's DRA Art Camp is ready for kid creativity July 23 through 27. Registration is open until July 9 and we expect a full house of young artists taking this weeklong art journey. Art Camp Coordinator Karen Schmitz is very excited about this nearly sold-out program that will include his-story and her-story assemblages and a fiber arts project with Assistant Coordinator Donna Byrne that

will include a "creature feature" filmed performance.

Members and friends wishing to contribute to special handpicked scholarship candidates can please do so by contacting Donna at 703.532.8254/dbmarketing@verizon.net. Register online at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org. Volunteers are needed to help with projects and lunches.

Mashup with First Thursday

Pottery, jewelry, monoprints and encaustic painting are among the many art forms represented at the Del Ray Artisan's August show "Mashup!"

The term "mashup" originated in the music world when artists created a montage of unrelated forms of music to create a new composition. Artists Barbara Boehm, Juli R. Branson, Linda Elliff and Joan Ulrich thought this was the perfect description of the melding of their very different media.

They are working together to create cross-media artworks to be raffled off, in addition to offering their individual works for sale. The opening reception of Mashup!, a four-artist show, is Friday, August 3, 7-9 P.M., with the show running until August 26.

For a sneak preview, the public is invited to attend a First Thursday event, on August 2. All of Mount Vernon Avenue will be alive with programs on the theme of Health & Wellness.

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Many thanks to **Royce Flowers**, our monthly sponsor, for the lovely arrangements seen at every opening.



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The Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a non-profit community arts group whose mission is to foster a community of artists and art supporters who are a viable source for the development, teaching, and furtherance of appreciation of the arts through exhibits and events for members and the diverse populations in the City of Alexandria, the communities of Northern Virginia, and the greater Washington metropolitan area.

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Featured

Submitted by Barbara Boehm

5 Ways To HELP DRA Beat the Dog Days

1. **E-Z Pickins!** Stroll around the gallery grounds for 30 minutes one Saturday or Sunday and earn DRA some cool cash. Through the Adopt-a-Park program, DRA earns \$\$ from the City for trash that we pick up in our part of the park. Only 30 minutes: how E-Z! Contact Marlin Lord at 703.683.1112/mglia@aol.com.
2. **Be a Happy Camper Helper!** DRA's FUN-tastic summer art camp could use a few adult "kid hands" July 23 through 27. Spend a few hours/days assisting with projects, lunches, and keep'n a creative flow going. Contact Donna Byrne at 703.532.8254/dbmarketing@verizon.net.
3. **Go Green!** Lend hand or hoe to the DRA Garden committee and help keep our award-winning garden green and thriving. Organic artists please contact Jordan Wright, Chair of the Garden Committee at garden@thedelrayartisans.org.
4. **Bring Home the Bacon!** Take your pick of opportunities with the fundraising committee: find potential grants, write grants, or approach potential corporate sponsors. Better yet: help plan an annual fundraiser. You can add these things to your resume! Contact the Fundraising Co-chairs: Juli Branson at jrbranson@hotmail.com or Candace Clifford at jcclifford@earthlink.net.
5. **Pave a New Artistic Avenue!** Help plan and coordinate the DRA event for Art on the Avenue in October. Let's move beyond face painting and create a WOW project for this important outreach event. Contact Barb Boehm at 703.838.6265/barxb@yahoo.com.

If you have an idea for the Featured Five, please send it to the editor at DRAeditor@gmail.com.

DRA Friend and Neighbor, Royce Flowers

Good news comes from down the street! Royce Flowers, 2205 Mount Vernon Avenue, will remain in the Del Ray neighborhood. Royce has graciously been providing beautiful and creative floral arrangements for our openings and says she will be happy to continue this tradition.

Royce had been contemplating a move, but has decided to keep her shop in the back building. While the shop will not be as visible as the landmark purple house, everyone should look for Royce back behind her current location.

Workhouse Arts Center seeks Submissions

The Workhouse Arts Center, an "adaptive reuse" of the former Washington D.C. Lorton Correctional Complex, which is lead by The Lorton Arts Foundation, Inc. (LAF), announces a call to jury for the Workhouse Artist Association membership and studio rental. The Workhouse Photographic Society is also issuing its call to jury for membership. Submittal deadline: postmarked by September 4, 2007.

All information about the Workhouse and the many upcoming opportunities are outlined on the Web at www.lortonarts.org. Applications are available at the office trailers on the site, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or on-line at www.lortonarts.org. Questions may be sent to Marti Kirkpatrick at martikirkpatrick@lortonarts.org or call 703.495.0001 ext 301.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

☐ Renewal☐ New Member

Title _____ Name(s) _____
First Middle Initial Last

Corporation Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ e-Mail _____

Artist ☐ Media _____

Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a DRA Active Artist 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:** ☐ 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 ____/____/____

Dues: ☐ \$500 Gold Corporate; ☐ \$250 Silver Corporate; ☐ \$35 Friend of DRA; ☐ \$35 Active Artist; ☐ \$50 Household; ☐ \$10 Student/Senior/Disabled

Dues payable to DEL RAY ARTISANS and mail with this form to:
Del Ray Artisans, Attn. Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

Welcome New Members

- **Chris Hoskins**
pottery/ceramics and more
- **Izlem Tanik-Moore**
supporter
- **Gina Reneé Peregory**
photography
- **Courtney Pippin-Mathur**
freelance illustrator
- **Tariq Rafiq & Mora Ghazi**
oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel
- **Margaret "Peggy" L. Tevis**
supporter
- **Cheryl Vander Molen**
student, art instructor

Love history? Love a challenge?

Then you may be interested in helping to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Potomac, which included the Del Ray neighborhood.

Pat Miller, owner of A Show of Hands on Mount Vernon Avenue, is leading a committee to help plan next year's centennial celebration.

Del Ray and its sister neighborhood of St. Elmo grew up around the railroad industry and were among the early commuter suburbs in the area. In March 1908, Del Ray and St. Elmo formed the Town of Potomac with its own mayor, council and police and fire services. By 1930, the town was part of the city of Alexandria.

Centennial Committee members, including Del Ray Artisans representative Ellyn Ferguson, are still examining ideas about ways to mark the town's founding. Committee members believe art should be a key part of the celebration.

If you're interested in more details or have ideas for marrying art and history, contact Ellyn by phone at 703.549.2660 or by e-mail at elferguson@netzero.net.

May General Member Meeting

About 30 members who enjoyed a pizza supper attended the General Member Meeting on May 15. Various Board Members reported on their projects and several upcoming shows were announced. "Unusual Combinations," the name and theme for the September submitted by Karen Schmitz.

The next General Member Meeting is an afternoon event from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on August 19 and features DRA's renowned pie contest. Watch for more details about this not-to-be-missed event!

Welcome on Board

At the recent Board Meeting, David Kosar was elected to serve as Vice President and Margaret Slipek was elected to take the Outreach Chairmanship. Congratulations to them, and we thank them for their willingness to serve in these positions

Art in City Hall: Third Bi-Annual Juried Exhibition

The Third Bi-Annual Art in City Hall Juried Exhibition is now installed – and it winds all the way through the second and third floor corridors in Alexandria's City Hall throughout the summer, until September 14. It is open for viewing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the second Saturdays of each month (excluding holiday weekends).

Juror Norman Parish, owner of the Parish Gallery in Georgetown, selected 226 works in all media from the 284 submitted. The award winners he selected are: Best in Show, Tatyana Schremko for wood carving "Lady of Chaillott"; Second Place, Carol Lopatin for acrylic "St. Croix Great State Pond"; Third Place, Carol Hershey for photograph "Plum Island Moon"; and Honorable Mentions to DRA members C. Mark Blackden for his photograph "Fonthill Bishop" and Nina Tisara for her mosaic "Meadow Prancer."

Gallery Hours

Saturday: noon - 4 p.m. • Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The gallery is open during all events and performances.

Contributors this month include: Barbara Boehm, Juli Branson, Kathryn Brown, Mara Burke, Linda Elliff, Ellyn Ferguson, Vivienne Lukacs, Karen Schmitz, Daniel Wise and Brian Z.

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication (8/5/07 for the September issue).
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

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| 1 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Peer Critique |
| 5 | 6 - 9 p.m. | First Thursday Dance Performances |
| 11 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |
| 21 | | Cinema Del Ray*— <i>Over the Hedge</i> |
| 25 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |
| 23-27 | | Art Camp |

AUGUST

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| 2 | 6 - 9 p.m. | First Thursday Preview of Mashup! |
| | 7 p.m. | Program: "At Home in Your Life" by Jill Amstutz |
| 3 - 26 | | Mashup!, 4-Artist Show |
| 5 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Peer Critique |
| 8 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |
| 11 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Workshop, "Your Life is Art" by Jill Amstutz |
| 18 | | Cinema Del Ray*— <i>Night at the Museum</i> |
| 18 | | Board Retreat |

AUGUST, continued

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| 19 | 4 - 6:30 p.m. | General member Meeting & Pie Contest |
| 22 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |

SEPTEMBER

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| 6 | 6 - 9 p.m. | First Thursday Preview- Unusual Combinations |
| 7-Oct. 7 | | Unusual Combinations , Fall All Member Show |
| 8-9 | | Alexandria Festival of the Arts (in Old Town) |
| 9 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Peer Critique |
| 12 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |
| 16 | Noon - 4 p.m. | Card making Party |
| 26 | 7 - 10 p.m. | Life Drawing |

OCTOBER

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| Oct. 3-Mar. 8, 2008 | | <i>Art in City Hall IV</i> -Juried Exhibition (City Hall) |
| 6 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | <i>Art on the Avenue</i> |

* Cinema Del Ray—located in field next to Gallery

Propose Your Show Proposal

DRA is accepting proposals for 2008 shows until August 1, 2007. All submitted show proposals will be reviewed to select a balanced and varied presentation for 2008 season. The show proposal can be found on the Web site. Or, to receive a form or for questions, contact Linda Elliff at LLEliff@aol.com or 703.360.1265.

Art Camp Thank You

A great big THANK YOU to the Divas of Decoupage for their generous donation of \$500 to Art Camp 2007. This donation enables two young people to experience a week exploring the many fun art and craft topics that will be taught at DRA's 2007 Art Camp. DRA is most appreciative for The Divas of Decoupage, who continue to support Art Camp.

Del Ray Dozen Looking for Photographers

The Del Ray Dozen has a few open slots for the Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show this November. DRA members who are interested in participating may submit portfolios for review on Thursday, July 12, starting at 7 p.m., at the gallery. Please contact Rob Rudick, robrudick@yahoo.com 301.270.2323 to schedule an appointment.