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A MEGA-Art Camp Thanks!

The Del Ray Artisans Art Camp crew graciously thanks the following DRA members, businesses and friends for their scholarship donations to a hugely successful summer art camp.

- Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota
- Community Partners for Children
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Several special scholarship recipients were referred to DRA's camp from: The Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, "SOHO-Space of her Own" (mentoring low-income, at-risk girls) and the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

Also, Coordinator Karen Schmitz and Asst. Coordinator Donna Byrne (Yipper Skipper) would like to give "Kamp-Kudos" to the following art camp friends: Jen & Bret Chappell, Jen Athanas, Mark Byrne, Juli Branson, Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Marlin Lord, Glenna Gallagher, Sharon "Girlie" Reilly, Deborah Odell, Jay Bowyer of F.Shumacher Co., Amoret Bunn, Jordan & Roy Wright, John Crouch Tobacconist, Trader Joe's of Alexandria, and David Kosar.

PLEASE Keep your eyes open for a zestful exhibit of some of the young artist's summer camp projects at the Septembers All Members Show. FUN-tastic!

FUN-DAY Sunday is August 19

YES, DRA members and friends mark your calendars for a FUN-DAY Sunday general meeting on August 19 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This brings DRA's most popular general meeting outside and inside with tasty BBQ and the renowned "OH MY! That's Good Pie!" Contest!

This is the 3rd year for this delicious pie competition that rates desserts on appearance, taste and creativity, but what we consider to be even a greater prize is that three lucky attendees of FUN-DAY Sunday will become

"PROFESSIONAL PIE JUDGES!" Oh My! Can you taste it? We do LOVE Pie!

Pie contestants are asked to bring their culinary masterpieces by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 19. Prizes and the infamous purple "rolling pin" award will be presented at 5:30.

Remember to save your appetite for an old-fashion DRA-style BBQ complete with fixin's, beverages, homemade pies and even the visual "tastes" of the August "Mashup" exhibition.

Now that's what we call a FUN-DAY Sunday—DRA Style!

August is an Art Mashup

Mashed Potato Martinis are featured for guests at the opening reception for *Mashup: Solos and Collaborations* on August 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Artists and board members Barbara Boehm, Juli R. Branson and Linda Elliff and former board member Joan Ulrich collaborated on various cross-media artworks that will be raffled off at the close of the show on August 26. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5 at the gallery. The term "mashup" originated in the music world when artists created a montage of unrelated forms of music to create a new composition.

Pottery, jewelry, monoprints, encaustic paintings and more are for sale through the month of August during regular gallery hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Join Jill Amstutz for a special program, "At Home in Your Life," at First Thursday, August 2 at 7 p.m. Jill will also present a workshop, "Your Life Is Art," on Saturday, August 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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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 Mara Burk

5 Ways for Artists to Go Green

1. **Join a local Freecycle Group** to trade and recycle art supplies, and/or make a commitment to purchase from art supply companies who use recycled packaging
2. **Request all newsletters & art subscriptions** be received electronically
3. **Paper artists** - make your own paper with a screen, blender and recycled paper
4. **Use trash**, found and/or recycle objects to make 3-D art
5. **Look at your old art with new eyes** - remake it into a collage, paint over old canvases, recover, etc..

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

Free Art Stuff!

Are you overrun by art supplies? Have you moved on to the next project and need new supplies and want to get rid of old supplies? Is your art habit eating into your ever-increasing gasoline budget? DRA's Art Swap could be the answer!

You've heard the saying, "One person's junk is another person's treasure"? Well, we'll have listings for "Junk," or the stuff you want to give away and "Treasure," or the stuff you are looking to find. To post your own "Junk" or "Treasure," e-mail artswap@thedelrayartisans.org with either "Junk" or "Treasure" in the subject line.

Make sure your e-mail includes (1) a description of what you want to swap and (2) contact info so interested parties can reach you to make arrangements for pick up or delivery. All swapping is up to the individual. DRA will merely offer the place to find each other.

To help you in your search, we will also post websites that provide free art supplies

and tips to help you in your search. Here are a couple of examples:

- Craig's List DC area Artist classified ad page: <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/ats>
- Craig's List DC area Artist chat: <http://forums.washingtondc.craigslist.org/?forumID=49>
- Freecycle is a free recycling group that posts free stuff you might want to use instead of trashing, and asks that members (free membership) post things, as well as acquire things: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlexandriaVAFreecycle/>

If you know of other websites that would be helpful for swapping art supplies, please forward them to artswap@thedelrayartisans.org with "Art Swap Site" in the subject line.

We will post this on our DRA Web site under "Art Swap" at www.thedelrayartisans.org every Thursday.

Evie Ewing Scholarship

Art Camp coordinators and others successfully strive to gather scholarship funds for deserving campers in need. DRA has received some notable unsolicited donations towards these scholarships. Included in these contributions is a gift in memory of member Jane DeWeerd's beloved sister. With thanks and sympathies, we are honored by Jane's generosity. All Art Camp donors will be gratefully acknowledged on our website and in upcoming *Well Crafted Word*.

WWW.THEDELRAYARTISANS.ORG

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

- **Kathlyn J. Avila-Reyes**
fiber
- **Kerry Ellis**
photography
- **Ruth Fulpahs**
mixed media, painting, sculpture
- **Elizabeth Guerry Mead**
artist
- **Kathleen Kendall**
mixed media
- **Theresa Wells**
artist
- **Noah Williams**
found objects
- **David Zetoon**
photography

Express Yourself with these Workshops

Join DRA member, artist, and life coach Jill Amstutz for these exciting workshops in August at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery

At Home in Your Life

August 2 • 7:30-8:00 p.m. (As part of Del Ray's First Thursday event for August) •

Cost: FREE

At Home in Your Life is a peek into the ways people can come home and embrace their individuality through creative expression. The session includes an exploration of inner home-wreckers—those negative thoughts and behavior patterns that keep people stuck in their comfort zones—and will explore ways of using art to bring awareness to those patterns and find ways to express them. “Shedding a creative light on our most ingrained thinking habits can really help turn them around.”

There is no cost for At Home in Your Life. Those who are interested can stay and play with a few expressive exercises after the talk is done. This program is oriented for adults and may not be

conducive to children. This program is presented by Jill Amstutz, DRA member, artist, and life coach.

Your Life is Art

August 11 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60 DRA members • \$75 non-DRA member

Have you ever said, “I’m not creative,” or “I’ve never been good at art—I can’t even draw flies!”

Did you ever watch wistfully as your child colored outside the lines, drew green and purple tigers pouncing on clouds of marshmallows, or whipped up a family portrait of meltingly moving stick figures, complete with the family dog and goldfish? Why is it we believe that creativity and visual expression are the exclusive domains of children?

Your Life is Art is about showing people that they are creating art every day simply by the way they live. The way

you live is the outward expression of the person you are, the feelings you have, the words you use, your posture, your humor, the way you move, the way you do anything is artful. It’s artful because no one can live the exact same life the exact same way. We all create as we go along.

Participants in Your Life is Art will learn to:

- Embrace the creative energy of destruction
- Discover the expressive power of the stick figure
- Explore the graphic nature of the written word
- Learn new ways to “process” life.
- Find freedom in using “voices” visually.
- Own what in their lives is done artfully.

Register on-line at www.thedelray-artisans.org or call (703) 838-4827

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: Juli Branson,
Kathryn Brown, Mara Burk, Linda Elliff, Karen Schmitz,
and Daniel Wise

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication (9/5/07 for the October issue).
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

2	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview of <i>Mashup!</i>
	7 p.m.	Program: "At Home in Your Life" by Jill Amstutz
3 - 26		<i>Mashup!</i> , 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	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Board Retreat
19	4 - 6:30 p.m.	General member Meeting & Pie Contest
22	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing

SEPTEMBER

6	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview- <i>Unusual Combinations</i>
7-Oct. 7		<i>Unusual Combinations</i> , Fall All Member Show
8-9		<i>Alexandria Festival of the Arts</i> (in Old Town)
9	5 - 7 p.m.	Peer Critique

SEPTEMBER (continued)

12	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
16	Noon - 4 p.m.	Card making Party
26	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
Through 9/14		Art in City Hall Juried Exhibition
M-F 8-5, 2nd Sats 9-12 • City Hall, 2nd & 3rd floor corridors		

OCTOBER

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>
12-28		<i>All Things Magical 2</i> , Juried exhibit
16	7:30 p.m.	DRA General Meeting & Elections
28	2 p.m.	Del Ray neighborhood Halloween Parade

* Cinema Del Ray—located in field next to Gallery

Join Other DRA Members for the Monthly Peer Critique Sessions

Bring your masterpieces, works-in-progress, expertise and ideas to share with fellow members to the monthly Peer Critique session. Held in the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, the Peer Critique sessions are a fun and FREE way to get constructive feedback on your work. All media are welcome.

August 5 • 5 - 7 p.m.
September 9 • 5 - 7 p.m.

Life Drawing Sessions Twice a Month

Twice a month the Del Ray Artisans hosts life drawing sessions on Wednesday nights. Bring your sketchbook, pencils, watercolors, charcoal, watercolors or whatever and take advantage of these opportunities to hone your skills.

August 8 • 7 - 10 p.m.
August 22 • 7 - 10 p.m.
September 12 • 7 - 10 p.m.
September 16 • 7 - 10 p.m.