



The Well Crafted Word

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October is Election Month!

For some the time has flown by. For others, it seemed to never end. Either way, it is time for DRA elections once again. The General Meeting is on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:30 pm. Food, as always, and elections are on the agenda. The slate has been filled by the very

capable Nominating Committee, headed by David Kosar and with the help of Barbara Boehm and Theresa Kulstad. Come visit with your fellow DRA members, learn about upcoming activities, and do your patriotic duty by voting.

2008 Board of Directors Nominations Announced

DRA 2008 Board of Directors slate for terms beginning January 2008 and serving a period of one year is nearing completion for approval by the membership at the October all-member meeting. It's still not too late to become a board member..

DRA members in good standing, whose dues are current, and who are committed to attending monthly board meetings are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

The 2008 Board of Directors slate is as follows:

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President: Linda Elliff

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Slipek

Programs: Susan Frazier, Jamee Telford

Volunteers: Barb Boehm

Positions still open: Gallery Coordinator, Historian/Archivist, and Membership. DRA is also seeking a newsletter coordinator.

As a fully volunteer organization, DRA's success depends on the many talents of members such as you. DRA members interested in any of the director positions are encouraged to apply. Co-directors are especially welcomed.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please submit your nomination and position of interest or additional information requests to Nominations Committee chair David A. Kosar, at david.kosar@verizon.net.

Special thanks to Nomination Committee members Barbara Boehm and Theresa Kulstad.

Members in Two Places at Once!

Del Ray Artisans announces a special storefront members' art exhibit from September 28 through October 7 at 2413 Mount Vernon Avenue.

DRA deeply appreciates the generosity of Scott Mitchell, owner of the building, for allowing DRA to use this space. The storefront show runs concurrent with the September members show at the Colasanto Center, Unusual Combinations.

This special exhibit will be open Friday evening September 28 for the Art on the Avenue Wine Tasting, throughout the day on October 6 for Art on the Avenue, and during our regular Saturday and Sunday Gallery hours on the two weekends, September 29-30 and October 6-7. Stop in and see us!

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



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Thank you to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts for its continued support.

Holiday Market? Bah, Humbug!

Del Ray Artisans announces the return of the 12th annual Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market. As in recent years, the timing of the event will coincide with our Del Ray neighborhood's Holiday on the Avenue which will feature street performers and luminaries along "The Avenue" and the annual Christmas tree lighting in the Park adjoining the gallery. Our Holiday Market will be held November 30, December 1 and 2 in the DRA gallery. Artists are invited to apply; please see the application in this newsletter.

The Holiday committee will select a diverse group of 18 artists and craftspersons who will represent the many talents of our members. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, October 19. All current DRA members are invited to apply. New members are welcome too!

A festive holiday opening reception will kick off the weekend on Friday, November 30, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. - so

shoppers and supporters, mark your calendars now! Additionally, the gallery will remain open late Saturday, December 1, to welcome guests arriving for the tree lighting event and to warm the cockles of some chilly hearts.

In addition to providing table space for each selected artist in the gallery, the Holiday committee will reserve a table specifically to feature holiday gifts fabricated by our Holiday Market Committee. So, if you are interested joining the fun as one of our Elves, we are looking for help with poster/postcard distribution, decorations, reception host/hostesses, and more. Contact Barbara Boehm at barbxb@yahoo.com.

And most tempting of all, the annual Bake Sale will again be held in conjunction with the Market. Details will follow in the November newsletter, but Theresa Kulstad is happy to answer any questions in advance. e-Mail tkulstad@verizon.net and/or call (703) 283-0399.

Wine Tasting Benefit for Art on the Avenue

On September 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a wine tasting to benefit Art on the Avenue at 2413 Mount Vernon Avenue, where our artwork will be on exhibit. For information contact Pam DeCandio at (703) 837-3736 or e-mail pdecandio@burkeand-herbert.com.

Funday Sunday was Funtastic

Our August General Member Meeting, Pie Contest, and Pool Party was a blast! Over 60 members gathered on a delightful Sunday afternoon of fun, food, and pie. And, we do love pie! The judges had to sample more than once to choose from such a delectable selection of pie entries! Winners were: 1st place, Jenny Nicholson; 2nd place LeAnn Pittmann; 3rd place, Karen Schmitz. Congratulations to the deserving winners!

Special thanks to head grill maestro Marlin Lord and event organizer Barbara Robinson.

Thank you from the artists in Hancock County.

It's been two years since Hurricane Katrina and the artists of Hancock County Mississippi are getting back into their homes and studios.

Liz Schafer, the painter of music writes, "You have shown us a light to move forward, and help provide us a purpose, a place to sell our artwork, and supplies to create. Thank you seems such a small thing, but in our hearts it is huge, because through you our wonderful arts community is rebuilding."

This is a testament to the caring generosity of the DRA membership.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Title _____ Name _____
 _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____
 Additional Name _____
 Organization/Corporation Name _____
 Address _____
 _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____
 e-mail _____
 Artist ☐ Media _____

Membership Levels

Patron

- ☐ \$1,000 Platinum
☐ \$500 Gold
☐ \$250 Silver

Patrons are considered Active Members and have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.

Active Member

- ☐ \$75 Household
☐ \$50 Individual
☐ \$25 Senior (62 and over)/Student/Disabled (circle one)

All Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.

Friend

- ☐ \$35 Friend of Del Ray Artisans

Friends may participate in workshops, classes, and programs as members. Friends do not have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.

All membership levels above receive DRA mailings, including the newsletter.

I would like to receive DRA mailings: ☐ electronically ☐ via regular mail ☐ both ways

I would like to make an additional donation to Del Ray Artisans in the amount of \$_____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the Del Ray Artisans Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship in the amount of \$_____.

Please indicate committees you are willing to serve on, to meet your 10 hour volunteer commitment:

- ☐ Communications; ☐ Newsletter; ☐ Website; ☐ Publicity; ☐ Archives; ☐ Administrative; ☐ Financial;
☐ Fundraising; ☐ Grants; ☐ Facilities; ☐ Gardening; ☐ Volunteers; ☐ Outreach; ☐ Shows; ☐ Programs;
☐ anything DRA needs.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: DEL RAY ARTISANS. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301 or pay online at www.thedelrayartisans.org

Welcome New Members

- **Joyce Ellen Weinstein**
varied media
- **Lou Caldwell**
mixed media painting
- **Mary Beth Flowers & Family**
oil, quilting, colored pencil
- **Christina L. Richardson**
energy painting
- **Kerinia Cusick**
photography
- **Raju Singh**
digital photography
- **Kelly Cox**
varied media
- **Lynne Russillo**
Supporter
- **John W. Hiller**
Photography

Unusual Combinations

The Unusual Combinations show opened with a bang! Over 130 people stopped by on Opening Night to view the 108 art pieces by 57 participating artists. The Royce Flowers unusual centerpiece was a great addition to the food table. We had many Art Camp attendees visit with their families and friends. Thanks to all the participating artists and to everyone who helped make this show a success!

Opening Night visitors were asked to vote for their favorite pieces, selecting up to five pieces as their favorites. A total of 111 people voted. The favorites, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

- "A-Line" by Tamara Wilkerson
- "Chicken Little" by Kathleen Kendall
- "Lady" by Barbara Stickell
- "Monocot Leaf" by Anna Bohlin-Sterud
- "Morning Contrast" by Constance Zabowski
- "Morning Ritual" by Cathy Messina
- "Playful Fringe" by Anna Bohlin-Sterud
- "Returning to Consciousness" by David Kosar
- "Sunset in a Bottle" by Roger Jackson
- "Taishan Takes San Francisco" by Rob Rudick
- "The Pirate Lady Dresses for Dinner" by Michelle Reday Cook

Imaging From Inside: Digital Photography Workshop

DRA presents a nine week workshop for amateur digital photographers led by Jeanne L. D. Tiff.

In this workshop you will learn how to use the technical and mechanical features of your digital camera to express your vision, document your work, record life's events, and make compelling portraits. A wide range of digital and artistic topics will be covered. Digital technicalities are commingled with concepts of visualization, history of photography, study of selected master works by great photographers, and principles of graphic design.

JLD Tiff (www.jldtiff.com) is a lifelong photographer, curator, librarian, and art historian

Format: seminar and discussion in nine (9) weekly sessions, with weekly assignments.

Dates: October 15 - December 10 (Mondays)

Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m. at DRA Gallery, Colasanto Center

Cost: DRA members \$150, non-members \$180.

Registration: Available on-line at www.thedelrayartisans.org

Requirement: you must possess a digital camera (any model) and its manual, both of which you will bring to each class.



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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: Ron Blank, Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Dave Kosar, Karen Schmitz, Tracy Wilkerson, and Daniel Wise

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication (11/5/07 for the December issue).
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

26	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
28	7 - 9 p.m.	Fundraiser for Art on Avenue
Sept 28 - Oct. 7		DRA Exhibit at 2413 Mt. Vernon Ave

OCTOBER

3	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
6	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Art on the Avenue
7		Unusual Combinations final day
9	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
Oct. 9 - Mar. 14, 2008		Art in City Hall IV exhibit (at City Hall)
12	7 p.m. - 12 a.m.	Opening Reception, Tribute to All Things Magical: the Light and the Dark
13 - 28		Tribute to All Things Magical
14	5 - 7 p.m.	Peer Critique
Oct. 15 - Dec. 10		Digital Photography Workshop
16	7:30 p.m.	DRA General Meeting & Election

17	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
23	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Art in City Hall IV Opening Reception (at City Hall)
28	2 p.m.	Del Ray Neighborhood Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER

9	7 - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception, Del Ray Dozen Photography Exhibit
9 - 26		Del Ray Dozen Photography Exhibit
11	12 - 4 p.m.	Card Making Party
13	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
30	7 - 9:30 p.m.	Opening Reception, DRA Holiday Market

DECEMBER

1	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	DRA Holiday Market & Bake Sale
2	noon - 4 p.m.	DRA Holiday Market & Bake Sale
9	5 - 7 p.m.	Peer Critique
11	7 p.m.	Board Meeting

Board Votes to Increase Membership Fee

For the first time in DRA history, the Board of Directors felt the need to increase membership dues. With the increased cost of doing business, and with the increase in postage rates, dues are increasing and membership levels have been restructured. See the updated membership form elsewhere in this newsletter for the new fees and types of membership.

These new membership fees go into effect October 1, 2007. However, for current members, the rates will not take effect until January 1, 2008. So if current members renew by December 31, you can take advantage of the old rates.

Del Ray Artisans is Seeking a Gallery Assistant

Looking to launch a career in the arts? If you are tech savvy (MAC, database and calendar software), available 2 consecutive days per week plus, and want to be part of the art community, then Del Ray Artisans is looking for you! \$12-15/hr, depending on experience. See full description and details under P/T Gallery Assistant at www.thedelrayartisans.org. DRA members receive preference as long as qualified. e-Mail resume and cover letter to president@thedelrayartisans.org by Monday, October 8, 2007, for consideration.