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Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show

The Del Ray Artisans all-photography show returns on November 9. The Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show will feature the work of fifteen photographers.

Participating members are: Kathryn Brown, Amy Bruce, Candace Clifford, Jen Chappell, Dee Ellison, Judy Heffner, Paige Ireland, David Kosar, Marlin Lord, LeAnn Pittman, Rob Rudick, Dave Scavone, Fierce Sonia, Lara Tiller and Rita Yurow.

They will be presenting a variety of works with subjects ranging from landscapes, abstracts and flowers to vintage automobiles. Amy Bruce will present creations from alternative processes such as Emulsion Lifts, to highlight architectural elements in a unique way. Dave Scavone is showing his "Foundling" series of still lifes of found objects. Paige Ireland's use of photographs and mirrors in old window frames will also be displayed. Different approaches to photography will include: digital and macro photographs, along with traditional color and black and white film photography.

The opening reception is Friday, November 9, 2007 from 7-10 p.m. and includes a silent auction of photography pieces created by "the Dozen." The exhibition runs through November 26. Gallery Hours are Saturdays, and Friday, November 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m.

Art on Avenue

Special thanks to Dianna Diatz who presented a wonderful demonstration on Painting Chinese Fans inside the Colasanto Center during Art on the Avenue. Her presentation attracted quite a number of visitors to not only watch her work, but view the Members Show as well. Special thanks to Tamara Wilkerson for the super work she did on our ad in the Art on the Avenue Program.

Holiday Market

DRA's annual Holiday Market returns for your shopping pleasure on November 30 through December 2, with the wares of a diverse group of 18 artists and craftsmen. Also for sale will be holiday gifts fabricated by the Holiday Market Committee and one-of-a-kind decorated ornaments from members. The timing of the event will coincide with 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. Holiday Market Chairs Ron Blank, Kathryn Brown, and Barbara Boehm remind you that purchases from the artists benefit DRA in addition to providing unique, handmade gifts.



Holiday Market Bake Sale

Some say the best way to one's heart is through one's tummy and you can get there by supporting our annual Holiday Market Bake Sale. Tables will be laden with homemade cakes, cookies and other gourmet gifts to be sold during the Holiday Market to support the Arlandria Health Clinic. All funds from the Bake Sale portion of our Holiday Market will benefit our neighbors who rely on their care from this clinic. To help, contact Theresa at (703) 283-0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net, and set aside time on your calendar to make, bake and take your goods to the DRA gallery for drop off on Friday, Nov. 30, 7 - 9 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 1, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Heads up artists!

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Del Ray, our March 2008 show will be dedicated to the theme "Del Ray Spirit". We know that you will want plenty of time to prepare for this juried show that is sure to be well attended by our community! If you have any questions contact Seana Gallagher at seana1011@aol.com.

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



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Featured

Submitted by Karen Schmitz

JUST HANG IT at HOME! The Art of Hanging.

- 1. Do not fear the nail hole.** Enter a room with fresh eyes and determine which walls have high visual impact. That's prime art hanging real estate. Select an art piece or grouping for that spot. Don't worry you can always change it (and you should periodically).
- 2. Quick tip.** Cut the shape(s) of your art work out of newspaper and either position on the wall or assemble on floor. Keeping them close, thinking about positive and negative space as well as color and style. Frames do not have to match. Hang to your eye level for single pieces or the average height for groups.
- 3 Mix those mediums.** Paintings on canvas, drawings under glass, B&W photos and 3-D pieces. Or, add an empty frame to your grouping to make an artistic statement.
- 4 Let your personality shine.** Hanging unusual personal items like: artsy purses, vintage shopping bags, clothing articles on hangers, and jewelry. Mix it up with small inexpensive shelves to display ceramic and mixed media pieces.
- 5 Best advice.** After you have hung your art in your home, move it! Change it for the season or just because! You will see your works of art with fresh eyes! Enjoy your art and home! And, please put those holes in the wall!

Come one and all to the Holiday & Peace Card Making Party on Sunday, Nov. 11, noon-4 pm. This DRA tradition brings out your creativity and is a not-to-miss-fun event.

How It All Gets Done

Unless you have actually served as a Board Member for our organization, you probably have no idea how much time each one devotes to Del Ray Artisans. The valuable knowledge, energy, and dedication from each of the Board Members this year has been extraordinary, and it is deeply appreciated.

Without such a tremendous effort by each Board Member we would not have Life Drawing Sessions, Peer Critiques, monthly shows, Art Camp, a functioning building with working air conditioning, the beautiful garden, workshops and programs, grants to provide funds, volunteers to staff the gallery & activities, children's outreach activities, minutes of our meetings, a fantastic state of the art web-site, money accounted for in our bank accounts with bills being paid, a successful national outreach endeavor, publicity to promote our

events, records to preserve DRA history, food & refreshment at our general members meetings, and the informative newsletter in which you are reading this! There are numerous other volunteers whose dedication to DRA is as significant, but this Thank You is directed to our Board Members, as the recent election indicates their term is coming to a close.

A GIANT THANK YOU to those who have served—Karen Schmitz (over 8 years on the Board!), Barbara Robinson, Juli Branson, Candace Clifford—and to those continuing—David Kosar, Monica Wise, Marlin Lord, Kathryn Brown, Barbara Boehm, Jamee Telford, Margaret Slipek, Ron Blank, Kathe Graham. It takes the efforts of many like these wonderful members to make DRA the vibrant organization providing each of you with abundant opportunities.

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

- **Aylene Fallah**
mixed media, sculpture
- **Manasi Kashyap**
fiber
- **Dawn W. Hurto**
Supporter
- **Nathan P. Hurto**
supporter
- **Jung Eun Kim**
print making
- **Ruth E. Kinsey**
watercolor
- **Vicki Kirby**
acrylics, mixed media
- **Winifred Scheffler**
Supporter

Membership Reminder

The new membership fee structure became effective for new members as of October 1, 2007. However, current members renewing their dues may still renew at the previous membership rates until December 31, 2007. Make sure you renew early and take advantage of the savings!

2008 Board of Directors Elected at October All-Member Meeting

Members of the Del Ray Artisans elected the 2008 Board of Directors at the October all-member meeting. Terms for next year's board run January through December 2008. Commenting on the 2008 board, President Linda Elliff told DRA members, "This is the first time in a long time that we have had such a full complement of board members. This board will serve the interests of DRA and its members well. I look forward to working with you."

Prior to the election at the October 16 meeting, the board approved three nominees to fill for the remainder of 2007 current board positions: Kathe Graham as communications director, Michele Reday

Cook as curator coordinator and Christina Richardson as membership director.

The following are the 2008 board members:

Executive Board

President: Linda Elliff
Vice President: David A. Kosar
Secretary: Monica Wise
Treasurer: Marlin Lord
Assistant Treasure: Kathryn Brown

Directors

Communications: Kathe Graham
Community Representatives: Tara Hardiman, Nora Partlow

Curator Coordinators:

Michele Reday Cook, Jeanne Tiff

Facilities: Ron Blank

Fundraising: Kate Graham,
Randy Scheessele

Membership: Christina Richardson

Outreach: Courtney Bishop,
Margaret Slipek

Programs: Susan Frazier,
Jamee Telford

Volunteers: Barbara Boehm

The board also expressed it thanks to the nominations committee, Barb Boehm, David Kosar, and Theresa Kulstad for their work in soliciting members to serve on the 2008 board.

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: Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Dave Kosar, Karen Schmitz, LeAnn Pittman and Daniel Wise

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication (12/5/07 for the January issue).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

9	7 - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception, <i>Del Ray Dozen</i> Photography Exhibit
9 - 25		<i>Del Ray Dozen</i> Photography Exhibit
11	12 - 4 p.m.	Card Making Party
13	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
14	7 - 10 pm	Life Drawing
30	7 - 9:30 p.m.	Opening Reception, <i>DRA Holiday Market</i>

DECEMBER

1	10 a.m - 6 p.m.	<i>DRA Holiday Market & Bake Sale</i>
2	noon - 4 p.m.	<i>DRA Holiday Market & Bake Sale</i>
11	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
31	6:30 - 11:30 pm	First Night Alexandria performances

JANUARY 2008

11	7 - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception, <i>Rejected/Accepted</i>
11-February 3		<i>Rejected/Accepted</i>
16	7 - 10 pm	Life Drawing
26 & 27	noon - 4 p.m.	Card Making Weekend
30	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing

FEBRUARY 2008

8 - March 2		<i>Creative Challenge Again, All Members Show, Juried for Awards</i>
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Garden Fan-Flower-Tastic!

Our Gardening Committee put forth a spectacular effort at the Fall clean-up. The DRA Garden is a shining star thanks to their HARD WORK!

In one day they managed to plant Shrub Rose, Creeping Sedum, New York Asteraceae, Pansies, Japanese Dwarf Mondo Grass, Ornamental Millet, Lantana, Perennial Salvia, Ornamental Cabbage, Hyssop Gigantica (Lamiaceae). Landscaping fabric was laid under the mulch, around the entire electric box area

and beneath the front of building where flood lighting was placed. Stepping stones were installed for easier access to sign replacement. Pruning, weeding and dead plant removal was performed in all areas. A delightful water feature was added in the front yard with pansies and Mondo Grass. The front door looks fresh and clean with a new coat of plum paint!

Huge thanks go to all the garden team (in no particular order): Angela Wright, Roy Wright, Jacob Clark (the Wright's

Grandson), Charlotte Landis, Dale May, Nina Schwartz, Ellyn Ferguson, Dorothy Wallace, Karen Schmitz, Judy Heffner, Jane DeWeerd and our stalwart helper, Pedro. Particular congratulations go out to Jordan Wright whose vision is very exciting. Thank you from all the membership!

If you have plants that you might donate to the garden, please feel free to contact Jordan Wright by phone at (703) 549-1548. We need sun-loving as well as shade-loving annuals and perennials.