



# The Well Crafted Word

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## Ho Ho Holiday Market

**D**on't miss this unique opportunity for gift-gathering at the **12th annual Fine Art & Fine Crafts Holiday Market**, November 30 through December 2 in the DRA gallery. This market will feature the fine arts and fine crafts of over 18 artisans and craftsmen. Artists Participating: Jen Athanas, Kay Bailey, Randall Blackburn, Joseph Dailey, Sallie Derr, Linda Elliff, Keith and Donna Ellingsworth, Barbara Holubar, Paige Ireland, Nihal Kececi, Jewell Lewis-Terry, Patti North-Rudlin, Rob Rudick, Karen Schmitz, Leah Sturgis, Ron Tickerhoff, Joyce Wagner, Jennifer Webb, and Tracy Wilkerson.

As in recent years, the timing of the event coincides with the Del Ray neighborhood's **Holiday on the Avenue** which features street performers and luminaries along "The Avenue" and the annual Christmas tree lighting in the Park adjoining the gallery. A festive holiday opening reception kicks off the weekend on Friday, November 30, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Additionally, the



gallery will remain open until 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, to welcome guests arriving for the tree lighting event, and to warm the cockles of some chilly hearts. The market continues on Sunday, December 2 from 12 to 4 p.m.



*Artisans, Leah Sturgis (l) and Jen Athanas (r), at the Fine Art and Fine Crafts Holiday Market*

*Holiday Helpers sell goodies at the Holiday Market Bake Sale*

Every penny that you spend benefits DRA, our talented artists and the friends and family that you will shower with the one-of-a-kind creations! Market items include: handmade holiday and peace cards, artisan designed ornaments, jewelry, and other fine arts and crafts. And, most tempting of all, the annual **Bake Sale** will be held in conjunction with the **Market**, see page 4.

## January 2008 Show: Rejected/Accepted

**A**ccording to Wikipedia, Salon des Refusés, French for "exhibition of rejects" is generally, an exhibition of works rejected by the jury of the official Paris Salon, but most famously the Salon des Refusés of 1863, which included, Édouard Manet's *Luncheon on the Grass* (*Le déjeuner sur l'herbe*) and James McNeill Whistler's *Girl in White*.

Del Ray Artisans is having its own show of rejected work in January. It will be called **Rejected/Accepted**. It is for all the work, leaning against the wall, whose genius has not yet been recognized. To qualify for this show, it is not necessary to be rejected by the Paris Salon. Any rejection will do. Even if is only your mother saying "Aw, Honey, what were you thinking?" That is sufficient rejection to qualify for this show. So get your best rejected work ready for exhibition, sign it, frame it and bring it to the drop off on January 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. or January 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Since one of the primary aims of this show is to exhibit new work, it is requested that work previously exhibited at DRA not be included and of course, nothing with an Art League "Accepted" stamp is qualified.

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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.

# Featured

Submitted by Karen Schmitz  
and Michele Reday Cook

## Five Shows to for Your Art in 2008!

- 1) March: *Del Ray Spirit*** lets artists show their interpretation of this historical vibrant neighborhood coinciding with the Del Ray Centennial Celebration. Curated by Seana Gallagher, seana1011@mac.com or (703) 548-1174.
- 2) April: *Art Music*** hits a high note for the Spring Member Show as artists exhibit their work with a musical influence. Curated by Jamee Telford, wrecker17@yahoo.com or (703) 842-7542.
- 3) June: *THINK Green!*** (juried) Enviro-art, recycle concepts, global art-awareness. What visual statements does your art say about our environment and planet? Curator: Karen Schmitz, schmitzk@yahoo.com (703) 317-9340.
- 4) July: *The Portrait and Figure Show*** Open to all, this exhibition will showcase works by artists working regularly in DRA's Life Drawing sessions. Curated by Michele Reday Cook, mredaycook@mac.com and Joan Ulrich.
- 5) September: *Inner Visions*** Self Portraits and other explorations of self—Go deep! Curated by Daniel Wise, danlwise@verizon.net (703) 258-4283

## We Remember Mara Burk

**M**ara Burk, a former DRA Board Director, died on September 20 from an accident.

Mara was an established professional glass artist and art teacher. Mara exuded an enthusiasm for life, and through her involvement with the arts and education, she touched many lives. She is deeply missed.

Her exceptionally talented children Zane (age 8) and Delaney (age 10) attended this year's Art Camp. Mara's husband, Stuart, has set up a scholarship fund for them at:

Delaney and Zane Burk Scholarship Fund

c/o Long & Foster

7027-A Manchester Blvd

Alexandria, VA 22310

## In Memoriam

**F**ormer DRA member Barbara Casana, daughter of member Mardy Bosch and cousin of member Kathryn Brown, passed from this life on September 6, at age 57.

After a diagnosis of cancer 6 years ago, she lived life to its fullest. She encouraged all who knew her and was an inspiration to all of us.

## New Brochure

**D**el Ray Artisans has needed a promotional brochure. Finally, the volunteer effort of Linda Silk is making this a reality. You will see her talent and expertise in the resulting brochure and card handout she has designed.

The attractive brochure lists membership benefits and contains the membership enrollment form, while the eye-catching, single panel card gives basic information about us. It is truly wonderful to finally have materials to promote DRA at various events.

## Del Ray Dream Houses

**W**e are pleased to report that "Del Ray Dream Houses," our outreach project for children during the **Arts on the Avenue Festival**, was a great success! More than 300 children (and several adults) decorated their own dream houses with art supplies provided by the **Del Ray Artisans**. Special thanks goes out to Karen Schmitz who provided us with the idea for the project, and to volunteers: Barbara Boehm, Mary Beth Flowers, Margaret Slipek, Rebecca Thomas and her 14-year-old son, and Monica Wise. Their time and efforts in support of this project are deeply appreciated.

## 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

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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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## And the Award Goes to

**D**RA's own Barbara Brecher and Brecher Design Group, Inc. was named the 2007 Alex Award winner for Innovative Partnership between Business and the Arts. The Alex Awards Program salutes Alexandrians who have made a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of the community and are presented by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Congratulations to Barbara!

## Call to artists

**F**ifth Annual 2008 VMRC Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition, June 1-29, 2008, Park Gables Gallery, Harrisonburg, VA. For info and entry form: [www.vmmc.org/artexhibition](http://www.vmmc.org/artexhibition)

## Final Reminder

**M**any of your memberships expire at the end of 2007. Current members may still renew their memberships at the previous rates until December 31, 2007.

## If You Can Read This, Thank...

**T**ypically, the answer that comes to mind is "a teacher" but at DRA, the person who is to be thanked is Daniel Wise, our very capable Newsletter Editor. Daniel revitalized *The Well Crafted Word*, to provide us with DRA news. A great deal of time is required to collect and edit articles from members and then format it all into the very appealing final copy you receive. Thank you, Daniel, for a fantastic job.

## Welcome New Members

- **Jean M. Barrett**  
oil
- **Evelyn Baskin and Jon Chace**  
oil, pastel
- **Donn S. Grover**  
varied media
- **Zoya Gutina**  
jewelry
- **Lesley A. Hall**  
mixed media,  
acrylic/ceramics, charcoal
- **Joe G. Jamaldinian**  
oil, pencil
- **Pamela Marcon**  
acrylic
- **Lauren Rice**  
collage, painting
- **Carrie D. and Fred Schilling**  
glass, photography
- **Paula H. Wulff**  
glass

## Twenty Merry Makers at Holiday Card Party

**T**he holiday card party for Joy & Peace had quite a merry crowd of nearly 20 enthusiasts. Hostesses Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz demonstrated techniques and offered an art "encouragement show" all day Sunday, November 11. Margaret "Peggie" Tevis was having such a amazing time making cards that she wrote a check to sponsor the card making party. Thank You, Peggie! Kudos also to first time visitor Jeanette Derby who donated two complete sets of type font rubberstamps to DRA along with other decor items. Over 75 donated handmade holiday cards will be on sale at the holiday market and through the New Year to benefit DRA events and programs.

Finally, cardie Kay Graf did not want us to forget our wounded troops and requests we remember them when sending cards this season: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20307-5001.



### 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

**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*  
**11** 7 p.m. Board Meeting  
**31** 6:30 - 11:30 pm First Night Alexandria performances

### JANUARY 2008

**8** 7 p.m. Board Meeting & New Board Orientation  
**11- February 3** *Rejected/Accepted*, Richard Wyvill  
**13** 1 - 3 p.m. Creativity Workshop  
**16** 7 - 10 p.m. Life Drawing  
**26 - 27** noon - 4 p.m. Card Weekend, *Make Your Own Valentines*  
**30** 7 - 10 p.m. Life Drawing

### FEBRUARY 2008

**8 - March 2** *Creative Challenge - Again!*, Linda Silk  
**10** 5 - 7 p.m. Peer Critique  
**12** 7 p.m. Board Meeting  
**13** 5 - 7 p.m. Life Drawing  
**19** 7:30 p.m. General Member Meeting & Art Swap  
**27** 7 - 10 p.m. Life Drawing

### MARCH 2008

**7 - 30** *Del Ray Spirit*, Seana Gallagher  
**11** 7 p.m. Board Meeting  
**12** 7 - 10 p.m. Life Drawing  
**26** 7 - 10 p.m. Life Drawing

## Nothin' Says Lovin' Like Somethin' From the Oven!

**P**ull out those pans and fire up your ovens! This year the Del Ray Artisans will spread the love by selling baked goods and gourmet food gifts at our **Holiday Market**. Proceeds benefit our neighbors at the Arlandria Health Center.

When our friends at the Arlandria Health Center heard that they were the recipients of this year's **Holiday Market Bake Sale** funds, they were delighted and invited DRA member, Theresa Kulstad to see their facility. Theresa met the entire staff from administrators, doctors, nurses to assistants and admissions receptionists. Theresa witnessed patients in the very full waiting room all being treated with kindness. Please find a little time to make and/or bake some taste-tempting treats for the bake sale and tell your

friends to stop in and buy while shopping at the **Holiday Market**. Information on the Arlandria Health Center will be available at the bake sale. Thank you all for your support.

We need cookies, brownies, muffins, loaves, cakes, candies and any of your favorite, homemade and delicious goodies. Food donations must be packaged and priced when dropped off.

Drop off is Friday, November 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. (at opening reception) in the gallery kitchen unless otherwise arranged by contacting Theresa Kulstad. We also need elves to work at the table during the market on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2 any time from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Just give Theresa Kulstad a jingle at (703) 283-0399 or e-mail her at [tkulstad@verizon.net](mailto:tkulstad@verizon.net).