

# The Well Crafted Word

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## REJECTED/ACCEPTED

The tradition of showing art work that had been previously rejected has a long history. As early as the 1830s, Paris art galleries had mounted small-scale, private exhibitions of works rejected by the Salon jurors. In 1863, the event was sponsored by the French government. In that year, artists protested the Salon jury's rejection of more than 3,000 works, approximately 60% of those submitted, far more than usual.

"Wishing to let the public judge the legitimacy of these complaints," said an official notice, Emperor Napoléon III decreed that the rejected artists could exhibit their works in an annex to the regular Salon.

Despite the criticism of many critics, the show did provide exposure to many artists who were not famous then but are now. Del Ray Artisans is having its own show of rejected work in January. It will be called

*Rejected/Accepted.* We have all had the experience of having our work rejected by show jurors. Jurors, unfortunately, like the critics of old are looking for what they expect to see. If they see something different, they often reject it because it is not what they were looking for. This show is for that work, the work that is in the studio, leaning against the wall, waiting to have its genius recognized.

To qualify for this show, any kind of rejection will do. So get your best rejected work ready for exhibition, sign it, frame it and bring it to drop off on January 5 from 2 to 4 pm or January 6 from 4 to 6 pm. Since one of the primary aims of this show it to exhibit new work, it is requested that work previously exhibited at DRA not be included and nothing that has won a prize is qualified.

## I HEART Weekend January 26 & 27!

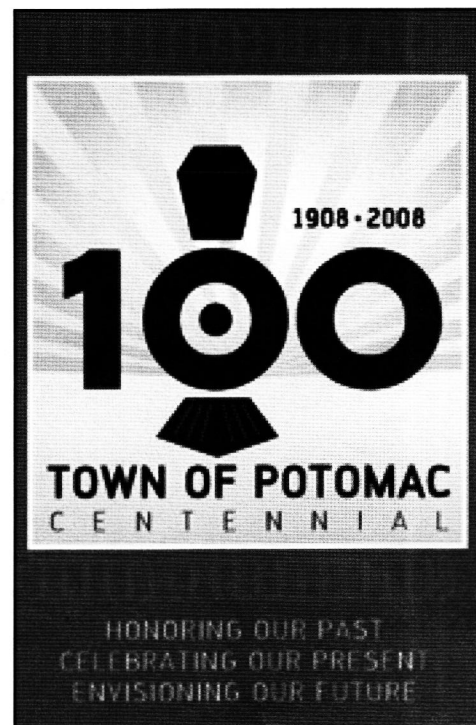
Get ready for a luv'n weekend at DRA mak'n valentines for your own loved ones! Create your own amore cards: Saturday, January 26 (noon-4pm) and Sunday, January 27(noon-4pm) with special mini demos between 1pm-2pm each day! Learn some basic techniques using stamping, collaging and embossing along with special "helpful hints" that will stimulate your own artworks in 2008! Cardmaking

hostesses Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz will guide and encourage all with a small suggested fee for materials. "It's a Win/Win & Grin" cardmaking experience with only one requirement ...YOU! Come listen, learn and make your own love cards SWAK.

Karen at [schmityk@yahoo.com](mailto:schmityk@yahoo.com) and Theresa at 703-283-0399/[tkulstad@verizon.net](mailto:tkulstad@verizon.net)

## Eichers Fund Donation

Founding Member Marlin Lord has just celebrated his "20/70". These numbers represent two landmarks in his life and that of the community: 20 years of his own architectural firm and 70 years of living! Congratulations Marlin! In honor of these celebrations, Del Ray Artisans has received a generous donation of \$70 for the Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship Fund from friend and client Donna Walker James. Thanks Donna!



## Call for Entries

Calling all local artists to exhibit the Spirit of Del Ray! Del Ray Artisans celebrate the Town of Potomac Centennial with artwork representing the spirit of our Del Ray neighborhood. See our website for details or contact Seana Gallagher at [seana1011@mac.com](mailto:seana1011@mac.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

## Five Favorite Quotes from DRA's Newest Board members!

1. Jeanne Tift (Co-Curator Coordinator): "I'm looking for things I've never seen before."  
- Robert Mapplethorpe
2. Susan Frazier (Co-Programs): "One can have no smaller or greater mastery than mastery of oneself." -Leonardo DaVinci
3. Tara Hardiman (Community Representative): "Long Live Art in the 'Hood'!" -Tara Hardiman
4. Randy Scheessele (Co-Fundraising): "When I'm inspired, I get excited because I can't wait to see what I'll come up with next." -Dolly Parton
5. Christina Richardson (Membership): "What you find in your mind is what you put there. Put good things in there." -Christina Richardson

## Meet DRA's New Gallery Assistant Tracy

For the first time, DRA has a gallery assistant with Tracy Wilkerson heading the job with loads of DRA experience already under her belt. Tracy curated the 2007 Fall All Members Show *Unusual Combinations* and was a juried artist in this year's Holiday Market selling her handmade cards as well as being a "cardie" in the 2007 *House of Cards 2*. This new position will have Tracy organizing many tasks as well as keeping the gallery open on Thursdays and Friday noon to 4 pm Wow!

Tracy was born in Minot, North Dakota and moved to the DC area in 1989 and Virginia in 1991. She has a daughter, Tamara (18), who is a freshman at George Mason University, as well as two cats, Star (Siamese) and Comet (tabby mix). She first found out about DRA through her daughter's participation (TC Williams HS) in the Student Art Show in 2003. First they joined as household members, and then as individual artists.

Tracy's own art is handmade greeting cards, mixed media and graphic design.

“The DRA is a great place for artists and visitors alike! I would love to see it grow to the next level and, I would like to be there to help it and see it achieve more.”

Some of Tracy's favs are authors: Piers Anthony, Stephen King, Michael Creighton and Douglas Preston/Lincoln Child. Music: "I grew up in the '80s — need I say more?" Movies: "I have over 300 movies at home and am an uber-Netflix-renter. I LOVE movies!" A favorite quote is from Auntie Mame "Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!"



## Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

☐ Renewal☐ New MemberTitle \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Corporation Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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## Welcome New Members

- Bill Bremmer  
Friend
- Anthony Bates and Mary Thompson  
oil
- Emery J. Lewis  
acrylics, collage, painting,  
drawing, mixed media
- Eric O. Distad  
photography
- Manuela C. Thompson  
Artist
- Emily Elizabeth Tompkins  
enamel, jewelry, painting,

## Angels Among Us!

So many Angels we have among us!  
Thank you so much for the delicious treats you cooked up for our annual Holiday Market Bake Sale benefiting this year's recipients, the Arlandria Health Center. Not only did you make delicious foods to sell, but you made them look so beautiful and brought them to us, too! Angels also made generous cash and check donations to help Del Ray Artisans raise approximately \$700 for our cause. You are certainly heaven sent. We wish all of you could be named, but with the Holiday frenzy, the list will not be complete at the time of this printing. Artisan Angel Romy Hosford's creative donation of her Del Ray themed Advent calendars sold along side our edibles supported our efforts, too. And let's not forget all of the Angels with appetites! Thank you all for shopping and supporting this year's event. The gift of good health is something to behold. And special kudos to head Angel Theresa Kulstad!

## Holiday Market Hoo-Ha

Richard Downs, brother of former president Susan Slattery, went on a two-day shopping spree at DRA's Holiday Market Dec. 1 and 2, buying gifts for his new South American fiancée Dubis. A multi-textured brown purse from Jen Athanas, a special double-hearted card from Tracy Wilkerson, as well as jewelry and other gifts were gathered. Richard weaved in and out of the many other market patrons who also discovered marvelous one-of-a-kind artist made gifts (and treats for themselves!) over the weekend event!

The Holiday Market committee, Ron Blank, Molly Hopkins, Kathryn Brown & Barb Boehm, were busily buzzing, making all their hard work shine for the 19 DRA

artists with their own tables of special fine art and fine craft goods.

Crowds ebbed and flowed, loaded down with not only artists' goods but also with tasty baked goodies from the bake sale table organized by Bake Sale Diva Theresa Kulstad, Carpenters Shelter fundraiser holiday cards, and DRA's own Peace cards and holiday ornaments!

Many many thanks to all the fabulous elves who helped make this event a success, including: Christopher Wright, Karen Schmitz, Linda Elliff, Kathe Graham, Fierce Sonia, Jennifer Webb, Jon Jennelle, Lara Tiller, Viv Lukacs, Tara Hardiman, Roger Jackson, Tamara Wilkerson, John Elliff, Tina Richardson, Beverly Hissrich, Barb Robinson, Polly Lange, Ellyn Ferguson, Kelly Cox, Sally Coler, Lucy Johnson and Jordan Hopkins.



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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: Karen Schmitz, Linda Elliff, Barbara Boehm, LeAnn Pittman, Kathryn Brown, Daniel Wise, Christine Richardson.

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month  
preceding publication (1/5/08 for the February issue).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 2008

8	7 p.m.	Board Meeting & New Board Orientation
11- February 3		Rejected/Accepted, Richard Wyvill
11	7 - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception
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

### APRIL 2008

4 - 27		All Member Show: Art Music, Jamee Telford
8	7 pm	Board Meeting
9	7 - 10 pm	Life Drawing
20	noon - 4 pm	Card Party
23	7 - 10 pm	Life Drawing

### DRA Darlings!

Do you know how those fabulous flower arrangements appear at each opening? Or how the website keeps getting improved? We all know that DRA thrives on its committed volunteers, but there are several people who work behind the scenes consistently to help make DRA happen. While all DRA volunteers deserve a big thank you, we'd like to take a moment to recognize these members for their continued commitment. THANK YOU! Jewell Lewis-Terry - Newsletter labeling and stamping, Leslie Wilder - Floral arrangement delivery, Jordan Wright - Chair of the Garden Committee, Roy Wright - Webmaster, and the all the Phone Tree Darlings, Cathy Dreher, Alice Eichers, Mary Ellen Larkins, Polly Lange, Parvaneh Limbert, Lynda Prioleau, and Susan Stump.

### The Challenge is On!

Thirty DRA members will be taking on the "Creative Challenge" again with an exhibit showcasing their projects: February 8-March 2, 2008.

Uber-curator Linda Silk assembled and distributed 30 boxes (in October 2007) and asked the recipients to use their imagination to create art using only the contents of the box! The only added outside ingredients that can be added are H2O (aka water) and plenty of creativity! Look for a full article on this unique show in the February newsletter.