



The Well Crafted Word

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Two themes highlight the Del Ray Artisans 2008 Spring All Member Show. Art & Music are two powerful mediums used today to send messages and create conversations. Art Music challenges you to submit work that has been influenced by music in some way, shape, or form.

Current DRA members are invited to submit up to three original works for the Spring All Member Show. All 2-D, 3-D, and multimedia are welcome!

We know music can influence how an artist's brush strikes the canvas, the colors developed in a photograph, and the form of a sculpture. So turn up the music, close your eyes, and let the sounds lead you to your artistic desires!

A Call for entries can be found on our website www.thedelrayartisans.org. For more information about this show contact Jamee Telford at wrecker17@yahoo.com.

Opening reception is Friday, April 4 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

"Bee Kind" Sewing Bee

DRA is having a second one-day sewing bee to make easy, colorful, lightweight cotton Recovery Covers for breast cancer surgery patients on Saturday April 5. The Bee will be from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery at the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. The "Recovery Covers" are a lightweight cover worn around the neck and holds the drainage bottle needed by post mastectomy patients freeing up one's hands. The covers are not available commercially and are **ABSOLUTELY FREE** to anyone that needs them. Surgeons and patients who have received these covers love them and find them useful and comforting.

At our first bee, 103 covers were made by members of DRA, Springwater Fiber Workshop, friends and people who read about the project. Becky Heavner, former member and quilter extraordinaire, and her Arlington quilting group made an additional hundred, and so did people who responded to our web

site and prefer to work at home, including a scout troop. The goal is to get folks everywhere to make these needed items and get them to surgical centers so that they can be given freely to those in need. So if you know of a group that wants to participate and have their own sewing bee, check our website, www.thedelrayartisans.org and click on "Sewing Bee for Breast Health" for tips on having your own event and the simple pattern.

You don't have to be a seamstress in order to participate in this outreach activity--cutters and measurers are needed too. Light refreshments will be available, so drop by anytime and bring interested friends. If you have extra cotton pieces or narrow ribbons by the yard, please bring them. Sewing machines will be on hand, but if you want to bring another and scissors, thread (all colors) and straight pins, please do. If you have questions, please call Jane DeWeerd (703) 548-2612 or Theresa Kulstad (703)283-0399.

Spring Art Sale - May 3

The Del Ray Artisans Spring Art Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Note: The Spring Art Sale has been moved up a week, to Saturday, May 3rd to coincide with the Town of Potomac Centennial Parade. See Page 4 for more information on the Parade.) It is held outside in Colasanto Park, adjacent to the gallery. This is a chance for all Artisans to show and market their work. All media are welcome. Each participant gets a 10' x 10' space, and most use a tent, though it is not required. The fee is \$35 plus a donation of 10% of sales. Get your art ready for sale! For information contact: Rob Rudick (301) 270-2323, robrudick@yahoo.com. A Call for Participants application is in the newsletter.

Del Ray Artisans Voted #1!

Yes, now the rest of the world knows what we have known all along. Del Ray Artisans was voted the Number One place to view art by the readers of The Alexandria Times. The newspaper asks readers in an annual survey to name their favorites in a number of categories. We are proud that our patrons think so highly of our shows.

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Featured

Get your art ready for June's "Think Green" show!

Five things to Think About....

- 1) **THINK** about the global environment (small & big picture)
- 2) **THINK** about green concepts and practices (whirligigs, push mowers and carpooling)
- 3) **THINK** about effects of green thinking on your everyday life (pro & cons & dark & humorous)
- 4) **THINK** about reusing, recycling and reconditioning materials into something new.
- 5) **THINK** about Green!

DRA Presents: Two new workshops coming up!

A two-day decoupage workshop will be led by Beverly Hansen. In this workshop, students will learn the techniques of applying cut-outs, various embellishments and layers of decoupage medium to make an ornamental box. This promises to be an interesting and fun workshop for all levels. Participants may bring in their own images from cards, magazines, giftwrap, etc. to personalize their ornamental box with objects of their choosing.

Dates: May 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday)

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: DRA Members \$175.00

Non-Members \$190.00

(cost includes supplies used in the workshop)

Maximum Class Size: 10

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



www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

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	Active Member	Friend
<input type="radio"/> \$1,000 Platinum	<input type="radio"/> \$75 Household	<input type="radio"/> \$35 Friend of
<input type="radio"/> \$500 Gold	<input type="radio"/> \$50 Individual	Del Ray Artisans
<input type="radio"/> \$250 Silver	<input type="radio"/> \$25 Senior (62 and over)/Student/Disabled (circle one)	Friends may participate in workshops, classes, and programs as members.
Patrons are considered Active Members and have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.	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.	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

• **Sherry E. Loveless**
 digital photography, digital art,
 illustration

• **Daniel Michael Tomlinson**
 mixed media, photography
SILVER PATRON - Thank You

• **Kathleen Conklin**
 photography

Art Swap - Chili Combined!

If you missed the February General Members' Meeting, you missed a fantastic opportunity to get some great finds at the Art Swap, which continues to be a big hit with Del Ray Artisan's treasure seekers. A gracious thank you goes to Susan Frazier and Jamee Telford who planned the fun evening and arranged for the winter warming chili dinner.

Next Card Party

DRA's next fun-filled Card Making Party will be on Sunday, April 20, from noon - 4 p.m. Come one, come all, and help us restock our supply of those marvelous cards for which we have become known. It's your chance to have fun, fulfill some volunteer hours, and be creative!

Workshop # 2: "What is your relationship with your art?:"

Exploring your intention and interaction with your creative process" What is your relationship with your art? Does it push you or pull you? How do you describe yourself in relation to your art...are you a "working" artist? A dabbler? Painter? Sculptor? Creative channel? Just messing around?

In this workshop, coaches and artists will work with you to get clear about what your art means to you. Why do you create, how do you create, what purpose does your art serve for you and the world? No matter what media you work with, your relationship with your art involves your spirit, mind, and body. This workshop will help explore the interconnection between and the roadblocks that might develop in and among these places. Do you go beyond your comfort level when you are creating, and if not, what would help you do that? What would it look like, feel like and be like to truly trust your passion and be free of inhibitions that hold you back?

All creation is organic, flowing, and ever-changing. This workshop will help you find out where you are on the path of creation – being, expressing, exploring, centering, opening, waiting, receiving, etc...Even the most passive act in the act of creation is powerful when it is done with intention.

This workshop is May 31, 1-4p.m. Cost is \$50 for members; \$65 for non-members. More details at DRA website.

Gallery Hours

Thursday and Friday Noon - 4 p.m.

Saturday: 10a.m - 4 p.m. • Sunday: Noon. - 4 p.m.

The gallery is also open during all events and performances.

Contributors this month include: Linda Elliff, Seana Gallagher, LeAnn Pittman, Kathryn Brown, Rob Rudick, Lynn Wyvill, Karen Schmitz, Jamee Telford

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month preceding publication .

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2008

4 - 27		All Member Show: Art Music, Jamee Telford
5	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	2nd Annual Breast Cancer Recovery Cover Sewing Bee
8	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
9	7 p.m. - 10 pm	Life Drawing
11-13		Weekend Intensive: IT Bytes. Digital Workflow: Fri 7:30-9:30pm; Sat 930a-1230pm, 2-5pm; Sun 2-4pm
20	noon - 4 p.m.	Card Party
23	7 p.m. - 10 pm	Life Drawing

MAY 2008

1	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Del Ray
2 - 18		T C Williams Student Show, T C Students
3	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Spring Art and Craft Sale
3		Town of Potomac Centennial Parade

MAY 2008 (CONT.)

3-4		Weekend Intensive : Intermediate Photoshop Concepts & Techniques: Sat 9:30am - 12:30pm, 2:00-5:00pm; Sun 10:30am-12:30pm, 2:00-4:00pm
11	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Peer Critique
13	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
14	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
17		Del Ray House Tour
17-18	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Decoupage Workshop
20	7:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
23- June 1		Syncretism: Paintings of Del Ray and Arlandria Jennifer Lea Hall
28	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
31	TBD	Workshop: Your Relationship with Your Art

JUNE 2008

6-29		Think Green, Karen Schmitz
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DRA Artist Profile Series: Nina Tisara

1. Name - Nina Tisara. Did you know that I made up my last name? I named myself after my grandmother, Sara, and added the first two initials of my maiden name.
2. Type of Art/ Medium -.Photography, mosaics
3. When I'm looking for artistic inspiration, I keep my eyes and ears open. Inspiration is all around me if only I'm open to it.
4. My favorite photographers are Henri Cartier-Bresson and Eugene Smith. The collection of photographs that most inspired me was an exhibition I saw as a high school student in New York City, "The Family of Man."
5. The coolest thing I've ever done with my photography was a

photographic essay of workshop in Alexandria called "Converging Paths." The coolest thing I'm doing now is a photographic project called "Living Legends of Alexandria" that will be exhibited at the Lyceum beginning April 25.

6. The next thing that I would like to try with my art is -- Sell it!!!
7. What I really enjoy the most about being an artist is - when I am making art, every cell of my body is tuned in, turned on like a radio receiver. I am totally in the moment. Very exciting.
8. If you'd like to see my work, check out my mosaics, fine art photography and Living Legends on www.tisaraphoto.com .