

The Well Crafted Word

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Think Green! Opens June 5th

The hottest scene in June is THINK Green! in Alexandria. Green is no longer a color but a movement of environmental awareness and consciousness as artists interpret GREEN. Just like the "brite idea" postcard, an amusing eco-parody of Michelangelo's "Creation", with two hands reaching a CF light bulb; artists will express Reduce, Re-use, Recycle in all mediums for this juried exhibition.

Eco-artist, environmentalist, and gold metal kayaker Alison Sigethy is the juror for this show. As a sculptor, her recycled glass art reflects her love of nature, water, and the cooler climates.

This summer, Alison is part of the Arctic Voice Exhibition Team kayaking to remote settlements documenting the stories of how the climate change has affected the Inuit people. Check out www.arcticvoice.org for more information. On Thursday, June 26th from 7:30-9:00 p.m, Alison will talk about her journeys and the environment at the gallery.

Curators Karen Schmitz and Jen Chappell are hoping to "keep green" for the Friday June 6th opening reception, 7:00-10:00 p.m. How green will they go?

Additional summer hours for THINK Green! The gallery will be open for First Thursday, June 5th, 12:00-9:00 p.m. and each Friday 12:00-9:00 p.m. in addition to DRA regular Saturday and Sunday hours. THINK Green! runs June 5th-29th, 2008.

For more info contact: jen.chappell@cox.net or schmityk@yahoo.com/703-317-9340



DRA Yard Sale June 21!

Mark your calendars..and tell everyone you know! The first-ever DRA Yard Sale is on June 21 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to DRA so help out where you can:

- 1) Donate items that will easily sell at the yard sale. Yard sale drop-off dates: Sunday, June 15, from 3 - 5 p.m. and Monday, June 16, from 6 - 9 p.m.
- 2) Help out at the Pricing Party on Wednesday, June 18, from 6 - 9 p.m. (please RSVP to Tracy)
- 3) Volunteer at the Yard Sale on Saturday, June 21. We need helpers from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. to help out for an hour or however long you can stay!
- 4) Tell all your friends about our Yard Sale and help increase the traffic to our sale
- 5) Stop by and shop at our Yard Sale yourself!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the Pricing Party or volunteering at the Yard Sale, please call or email Tracy at 703-567-3436 or tlwideas@comcast.net.

Scholarship Winner Announced

The 2008 Ted Eichers Scholarship winner is Olivia T. Morrow, a senior at T C Williams High School. Del Ray Artisans gives this award each year to an outstanding art student. The award was presented to Olivia at the 22nd Anniversary Awards Ceremony on May 21 by Outreach Chairman Courtney Bishop. Congratulations to Olivia and best wishes with your future studies.

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Featured

Five Bonuses you GET from Volunteering at Art Camp

- 1) Priceless moments when you see a camper thrive & smile!
- 2) Launch the kid spirit inside of you, playing games & laughing!
- 3) Get connected with OUR future artists & youthful thinkers!
- 4) Discover new art techniques!
- 5) Meet your DRA volunteer hourly commitment while having too much fun!

DRA's art camp is July 28-Aug. 1(9 a.m.-4 p.m.) To help volunteer contact Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com/703-317-9340

Art Camp is Coming in July!

Kids are getting creative this summer July 28-Aug 1, 2008 with a full program of art making, games and special projects. Camp Coordinators: Karen Schmitz & Jen Athanas are very excited about giving our young artists (age 8-12) a priceless week of camp style fun, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Registration and details are available at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Art Camp wishes to thank Seana Gallagher, curator of the March "Spirit of Del Ray" exhibition, for her donation of raffle sales and Marlin Lord for donating the sales of the "History of Del Ray" booklet to camp.

Also, an early BIG thanks to Community Partners for Children for sponsoring two camp scholarships. Members and friends wishing to sponsor a camper (tax deductible) can now even do so on line or contact Kathryn Brown at 703.549.5227

Coordinator contacts: Karen 703-317-9340 or Jen at jenathanas@hotmail.com

JUNK MAIL Collage with Karen Schmitz

Turn your throw-away junk mail into intriguing collages by recycling them into art. Learn about composition, color and shape. Learn about gluing & techniques that will give your collages a pro-finish. Learn what the "kiss" is in your collage. Having fun creating by putting some funk in your junk !

- Sunday, June 22, 12 p.m.-3p.m.
- DRA \$25/Non \$35
- Class size limited to 10 adults
- Bring straight edge (ruler), blades, scissors and junk mail.

Register online at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or gallery (703-838-4826). Payment/cc/check

Location: Del Ray Artisans The Nicholas a. Colasanto Center

2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22301

Instructor Contact: Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com

www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

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

Show Proposals Wanted for 2009

YES! DRA needs your show proposals for next year already. Wanted: shows that will make artists use their creative thinking caps and SHINE in 2009!

How about a show called "Meowers, Woofers and Tweetters" which focuses on all creatures BIG and small? (vegetarian reception) Another Idea could be "It's In the Bag!" an exhibit of purses, satchels, totes, sacks and other clever carriers. You get the idea. What kind of shows would you like to see at 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave?

The proposal form is available on the website at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org and deadline is August 1, 2008. Again, be HEARD, get CLEVER, have FUN and make DRA SHINE in 2009!

Wood Show in October

For the third time in recent years, Del Ray Artisans will collaborate with the Washington Woodworkers' Guild on an exhibition of recent work by members of both organizations. A "Call for Entries" may be found in this month's newsletter. We expect the gallery to be filled with furniture and decorative objects crafted by the woodworkers. And we expect the walls to be graced with paintings and drawings and photos interpreting this year's theme "From our trees ... artistry is revealed." You may see a still life painting of a bowl of pears next to a pear wood bowl whirled whisper thin. Or a sketch of a wild white oak next to an Arts and Crafts cabinet crafted from Quercus alba. Plan to participate!

Welcome New Members

• **Julia S. Riley**
wood block prints, acrylic, water color, pastel

• **M. Gasby Brown**
Artist

• **Marsha Brown**
Artist

• **Kim S. Joy**
jewelry

• **Maryse Loertscher**
mixed media

• **Greta Gonzalez**
face painting, jewelry

• **Michelle Witiak**

Got Yours Yet?

Have you noticed those fashionable DRA members wearing the ever-so-classy new T-shirts hand screened by Chad Brady? Limited edition colors in a new design by Chad are now available at the Gallery. Yes, you read correctly -- Chad designed and printed the T-shirts himself in several color combinations, creating a work of wearable art. What more could anyone want! Stop by to choose the one which complements your wardrobe and appeals to your color style. Don't miss out on getting one of these. Thanks, Chad!

Card Party

The weather was lousy with rain and even tornadoes were reported in the area, but that did not deter a few die-hard card enthusiasts from their appointed Card Party. Charlotte Corcoran and Jenny Nicholson took command of the stamp pads and markers and creativity also reigned! Thanks to Charlotte and Jenny for conducting the Card Party

June Gallery Hours

1st Thursday: Noon - 9 p.m.

Thursday: Noon - 4 p.m. • Friday: Noon - 9 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, Rob Rudick, Lynn Wyvill, Karen Schmitz, Jen Chappell, LeAnn Pittman

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication .

Editor: DRAeditor@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2008

1	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Volunteer "Thank You" reception
5	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Del Ray
6	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception, "THINK Green"
6-29		"THINK Green", Karen Schmitz
10	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
11	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
21	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	DRA Yard Sale
22	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Workshop: Junk Mail Collage
25	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
26	7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Juror Talk, Alison Sigethy

JULY 2008

3 - 20		"As We Are: The Enduring Nude" Michele Cook & Joan Ulrich
3	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Opening of "As We Are: The Enduring Nude" Demos with Posed Models

JULY 2008 CONT...

3	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Del Ray
8	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
9	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
23	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing Session
26	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Closing Reception "As We Are" Awards, Live Auction of Art
July 28 - August 1		Art Camp

AUGUST 2008

7	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	1st Thursday
8 - 31		Board Members Showcase
10	5 p.m.	Peer Critique
12	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
13	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Life Drawing Session
17	4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	General Member Meeting, Pie Contest & Pool Party
27	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Life Drawing Session

Do You Know.....?

Name: Rob Rudick

Type of Art/ Medium: Digital Photography

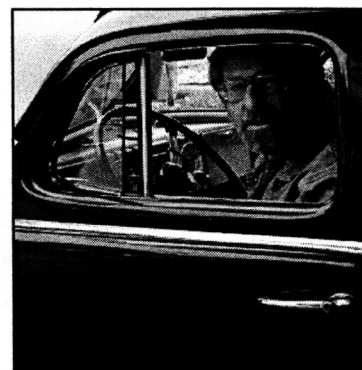
When I'm looking for artistic inspiration,
I grab my camera and head for a garden or a car show.

My favorite photographer is Henri Cartier-Bresson, **artist** Edward Hopper.

The most fun art project I've worked on was *Inspired Results*, a collaboration of poets and artists, with each exchanging work to inspire the other. My poem was about man's folly, and I decided to locate

and photograph an Edsel for the project. (If you don't know what an Edsel is, ask your parents.) My search led me to the largest Edsel collector in the world (located in MD) and a visit to his collection, The Shrine of the Holy Grille. **Activities that Improve My art:** I meet regularly with other photographers to have my work critiqued, and to see what others are doing. I also find it useful to show my work to artists who are not photographers, because I get a different perspective. I also display new work around my desk so that I can see it repeatedly and see if it is strong enough to

withstand repeated viewings. **What I really enjoy about being an artist** is indulging my creative side, and being a part of the community of artists. If you'd like to see more of my work, please buy a piece.



DRA appreciates Rob organizing the Spring Art Sale each year!