



The Well Crafted Word

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From Our Trees Opens October 10

From the American Arts & Crafts inspired designs of furniture maker Stewart Crick to the vibrant watercolors of Alice Kale. From the natural edge turned vessels of Patrick O'Brien to the serene views of Oscar and Emmy Award winning photographer John Hiller. Carvers and collage artists, sculptors and graphic artists all interpreting the theme, "From our Trees ... Artistry is Revealed" the collaborative exhibit that will open the fall season in the gallery this October.

Fifteen Del Ray Artisans members answered the call to join members of the Washington Woodworkers' Guild in their bi-annual exhibition. Curator Ron Blank promises it will be a splendid exhibition of juried work from both groups.

The Woodworkers Guild selections will be judged and awards presented by David Fry. His pieces have appeared at some two-dozen galleries nationwide, including del Mano in Los Angeles, and the craft shops of the Renwick and Hudson River Museum. From 1984 until its closure in last May, Bethesda's Sansar Gallery represented his work in the capital area. David has also written articles for Fine Woodworking magazine and Crafts Report.

The juror for the graphic art submissions from Del Ray Artisans is Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz. She began studying Chinese Brush painting in 1989, when she met Painting Master I-Hsiung Ju. To further her understanding of Chinese art and culture, she has traveled to mainland China on four occasions, and most recently to Taiwan. Charlene teaches at the Art League School in Alexandria. She has conducted numerous watercolor and ink workshops and been selected for several one-woman exhibits. Her work has been displayed by the Artists Undertaking Gallery in Occoquan since 1997 and more recently by Spirited Collections. This is her first association with Del Ray Artisans and we welcome her. Visit her website <http://cmfuhrmanschulz.com>

Washington Woodworkers Guild members have toiled all year on a special fundraising effort. Their Small Table Project, a select group of handcrafted tables, each designed and donated by an individual craftsman, will be available at a reasonable price. You do not want to miss this opportunity, so plan to attend the opening reception on Friday, October 10th from 7-10 PM. The show will run through Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Cut it Up!

Don't forget to get out your scissors or knives and start making some 'cut' artwork for our very special Christmas-New Year's exhibit, "The World through the Blade of Scissors". The DRA Gallery will be bustling this holiday season with this joint show from Friday, Dec. 12, to Jan 4, with the Guild of American Papercutters. Call for Entry was in the September newsletter, and is now available on the website or in the Gallery. We'll be receiving your work on Sunday, Dec. 7 (6 - 8 pm) and Monday, Dec. 8 (5 - 8 pm). We look forward to your creations! Anne Leslie, 703-960-0095, curator.

Del Ray Artisan and Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden Beer Tasting

Del Ray Artisans and Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden will tip their hats to the tradition of Oktoberfest by holding a beer tasting in the beautiful gardens of Lee Fendall House in Old Town Alexandria on Sunday, October 19.

Patrons will have the opportunity to sample 8 beers, four different styles from Germany and their U.S. counterparts. A professional beer caterer will be on hand to answer questions. Style and tasting notes will be provided.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include a hand painted beer glass decorated by a Del Ray Artisan or Lee Fendall House Friend. Tasting runs 2-5 PM and the day will be topped off with a door prize drawing and raffle. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thedelrayartisans.org or by calling or visiting the DRA gallery during normal operating hours.

For more information, contact Randy Scheessele by phone at 703-535-6510 or by email at rms34@verizon.net.

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Thank you to the City of Alexandria, The Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts for their continued support.

Upcoming Workshops!

Title: Felt Jewelry
Instructor: Barbara Brecher
Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008
Time: 10 am - 4 pm
Fee: \$40 members \$50 non-members

In this session students will learn how to make felt beads, in different shapes and sizes, and will then explore how to put the beads together to make wonderful wearable art. Bring glass or other beads along with other findings you may want to incorporate into your piece. The instructor will supply the wool and other materials necessary to work in this medium. Questions? DRA contact: Barbara Brecher at barb@brecherdesign.com or Linda Elliff at LLEliff@aol.com

Title: Easiest Beaded Bead
Instructor: Paulette Baron
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2008
Time: 10 am - 1 pm
Fee: \$40 members \$50 non-members
Level: All levels

Students will learn the basics of peyote stitch beads with nationally known instructor Paulette Baron. Questions? DRA contact: Linda Elliff at LLEliff@aol.com or 703-360-1265.

Art On The Avenue! Steppin' Out In Style!!! – DRA Specialty Hats

The 2008 Art on the Avenue Festival is scheduled on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. The Del Ray Artisans will be hosting an arts project for children throughout the day that revolves around making hats out of paper that will be decorated in various and sundry ways. The results may be as simple as strips of poster board turned into stately crowns, cone hats for damsels-in-distress or cone-head wannabes, folded triangular hats for aspiring ships admirals and patriots, or paper bag hats for those making their own style statements.

We could use your help with this project in two ways.

1) We hope you will consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help out during the day on October 4. No skills are necessary except a generally friendly demeanor and the willingness to respond to youthful inquiries to the best of your ability. To volunteer, please contact Margaret Slipek at mslipek@horationalger.com.

2) If you have art supplies and other things that might make good hat decorations that you would be willing to donate in support of this project, please drop them off at the DRA Gallery marked as Avenue on the Avenue Materials. Things we could use are colored pens, crayons, glitter, glue, glue sticks, stickers of fun things, ribbon, tissue paper, colored papers (including wrapping paper), plastic flowers, yarn, and anything else you think might add flair to hats.

This is truly a fun way to beautify your community and support the Del Ray Artisans. If you have questions, please contact DRA Outreach Co-Chairs Courtney Bishop (703-842-7542) or Margaret Slipek (703-739-9283). We hope to be with you on at Art on the Avenue!

Art Demonstrations at Local Schools

Volunteer artists from all media are needed to demonstrate art at local elementary and high schools throughout the school year. Demonstrations complement schools' limited art budgets and expand opportunities for students to experience various art media. School visits are fun for everyone and stimulate the creativity of both young budding artists and the demonstrator.

School visits are approximately 3 hours in length and satisfy volunteer hour requirements for members. For more information contact Randy Scheessele by phone at 703-535-6510 or by email at rms34@verizon.net.



DRA Still Loves Pies!

It was a swell time at the August General Member Meeting, Pie Contest and Pool Party. Good food, good friends, good times, and really, really good pies! Jordan Wright's Berry Pie took top honors, with James Locke's Crostata di Ricotta winning second place, and Linda Silk's Pecan Pie earning honorable mention. Thanks to our judges who were the big winners, as they got to sample all those delicious entries!

Do You Know.....Theresa Kulstad?

1. **Name:** Theresa Kulstad

2. **Type of Art/ Medium:** Painting and Paper crafts

3. **When I'm looking for artistic inspiration,** I always find it when I don't have my supplies at hand!!! I am mostly inspired by art exhibits, music and everyday life. The hard part for me is to channel it when I have that blank canvas before me!

4. **My favorite artists are:** Right now I am exploring Chagall, Khalo and Cornell

5. **The coolest thing I've ever done with my art is:** Collaborate in shows with other artists.

6. **The next thing that I would like to try with my art is:** bridge my paper-crafting collage techniques with my paintings.

7. **What I really enjoy the most about being an artist is:** The adventure.

Picture Me!

The all-member show, Picture Me! opened on September 12, 2008 with a well attended fun reception. The food was provided by the exhibiting members, and all in attendance were able to view the member entries for the first time.

All-members shows give everyone the opportunity to submit work and to know that at least one of their three entries will make it to the gallery for all to see.

The theme for the September 12- October 4, 2008 all-member show is "The Artistic Self-portrait in the 21st Century." We asked you to think of how you could best express who you are through your preferred medium. On canvas, and photographic paper, through sculpture and some extremely creative "out-of-the-box" expressions, our exhibitors have created a show of multi-faceted depth and perspective. Don't miss it!

Picture Me Exhibit Awards

Best in Show: "The Artist from a Distance" by Megan Coyle

Honorable Mentions: "Self Portrait" by Guy Rando

"Winter Woman" by Paula Lantz

"Centaur" by Sherry Loveless

"With my Hands" by Theresa Kulstad

"Self Portrait with Faces" by Andrzej Pinkowski



Megan Coyle – Best in Show

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

☐ Renewal

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Title _____ Name _____
 Additional Name _____
 Organization/Corporation Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____
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 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

Election Night!

Elections are upon us from all around, most notably right here at DRA! Our fall General Membership Meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 pm. We will have a pizza supper with a short meeting to elect leaders for 2009, followed by the dart throwing event detailed in a separate article. This is a meeting not to be missed!

Nominations for Board of Directors 2009

Executive Committee

President - Linda Silk
 Vice President - Kurt Petersen
 Secretary - Monica Wise
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Directors

Communications -Carrie and Fred Schilling
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 Historian - John Hiller
 Membership - Christina Richardson
 Gallery Coordinators - Michele Reday
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 Outreach - Margaret Slipek and Randy Scheesele
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Welcome New Members

•Amy Elizabeth Joseph
photography

•Mary Ann Sikorski
painting/drawing

•Jennifer Judd
polymer clay

•Emily Lyle Kelly
printmaking

•Terry McEnaney
Editor, Our Town paper

•Heather Miller
sculpture

•Bruce C. Schmid
photography

BEAT IT TO BEAD IT! 3!

Bead it! 3, a show celebrating the art of bead making and beading, opens on November 7 and will run through November 30. With a national call for entry, the juried show will draw bead artists from throughout the US and Canada. At the opening reception from 7-9pm on Nov. 7, prizes will be awarded for the best in each of three categories: Handmade Bead, Wearable Bead Art and Non-Wearable Bead Art. The show will also include the Bead It Marketplace so visitors can wear their purchased bead art the day they buy it.

To enable further bead addiction, DRA will be holding two workshops in November in conjunction with the show. At "Felt Jewelry", on Nov. 8, long time DRA member Barbara Brecher will teach the art of making felt beads. The second workshop, on Nov. 15, "The Beaded Bead" will feature nationally acclaimed instructor Paulette Baron teaching the basics of peyote stitch beads. To register for the workshops and for further information on the show, please see the DRA website at www.thedelrayartisans.org.



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October Hours

Thursday: Noon - 4 p.m. • Friday: Noon - 8 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, Lynn Wyvill, Tracy Wilkerson, LeAnn Pittman, Kathryn Brown, Theresa Kulstad, Ron Blank, Marlin Lord, Tina Richardson, Anne Leslie, Barbara Boehm, Randy Scheessele

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2008

1	7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Life Drawing Session
4	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Art on the Avenue
Oct 10 - Nov 2		From our Trees, a collaborative show with Washington Woodworkers' Guild, Ron Blank, curator
10	7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Opening Reception From our Trees
14	7 p.m.	DRA Board Meeting
19	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	DRA Fundraiser with Lee-Fendall House
21	7:30 p.m.	DRA General Member Meeting & Election

NOVEMBER 2008

7-30		Bead it! 3 a national show celebrating the art of bead making and beading, Boehm, Brecher, Elliff, curators
7	7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Opening Reception, Bead it! 3
8	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Workshop: Felt Jewelry, Barbara Brecher
9	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Card Making Party
11	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
12	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing

NOVEMBER 2008 CONT

15	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Workshop: Easiest Beaded Bead, Paulette Baron
16	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Peer Critique
19	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing

DECEMBER 2008

5	7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Opening Reception Holiday Market
6	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Holiday Market Sale & Bake Sale
7	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Holiday Market Sale & Bake Sale
9	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
12	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Opening Reception, The World Through the Blade of Scissors
12 - January 4, 2009		The World through the Blade of Scissors ,Anne Leslie, curator
17	7 p.m - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
31		First Night Alexandria

Throw a Dart, Make Some Art!!!

Are you up for a challenge? DRA is known for some awesome creative challenges and this in no exception. Ever fantasized about throwing a dart onto a map and landing on your next destination? What a journey it could be!

That is precisely what this challenge is about. "Object D'ART" is our way of taking artists on an uncharted path to creativity. Two dart boards will determine your journey. Participating artists will throw a dart to a board that will contain various art mediums such as paint, pen and ink, fiber, clay, photography, etc., then you aim a second dart on a second dart board. This board will have words, for example: "splendor", "freakish" or "musical", that will determine the theme of your artwork for this show. So you may, for example, throw your first dart to land on "paint" and your second dart may land on "musical" so the art piece you submit will be a painting with a musical theme. It doesn't matter if you are a painter or not. It is all about thinking out of your creative box to explore and play.

Participants are asked to pay a \$20 deposit for shots at the dart boards and will be reimbursed \$10 upon submitting your works. Join us at October's General Membership Meeting and November's card making event for dart throwing opportunities. "Object D'ART" exhibit will open in late February 2009.

Object D'ART challenge show will be curated by Theresa Kulstad who is seeking volunteers for her committee. Please contact her at tkulstad@verizon.net or call (703)283-0399 to be a part of this fun event.