



The Well Crafted Word

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Bead it! 3 Opens November 7th

Don't miss it! The third edition of Bead it! opens with a reception on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. Juror Lisa St. Martin has selected amazing beadwork and individual beads from entries received from across the country. Lisa St. Martin has been working with hot glass for over thirty years, and is a Resident Artist at The Workhouse at Lorton.

Don't miss it! At the reception, awards will be given for the best in each category: Wearable Bead Art, Handmade Bead, and Non-Wearable Bead Art.

Don't miss it! Space is still available for the last two bead workshops, "Felt Jewelry" by Barbara Brecher on November 8, and "Easiest Beaded Bead" by Paulette Baron on November 15. For more information, contact Barbara Boehm at barbxb@yahoo.com.

Report - Art on the Avenue

We are pleased to report that the DRA's Art on the Avenue hat-making project was a crowning success! More than 300 children came by bare-headed and left sporting tiaras, crowns, conical hats and colorful triangular hats. We like to think we did our part to add to the festive atmosphere of Art on the Avenue and to inspire interest in "The Art of Making." Coordinator Margaret Slipek created an entire wardrobe of hats, appropriate for every occasion, as she worked with the children during the day. And Margaret also modeled them to inspire greater creativity in the children.

Sincere appreciation goes out to everyone who donated supplies. With your support, children were able to decorate their hats with plastic bugs, faux jewels, yarns and ribbons of every color, glitter, a variety of tissue paper, and an assortment of other engaging materials. An additional note of gratitude goes to Tracy Wilkerson for assembling these materials in good order.

We also wish to thank the volunteers who shared their time and talents to create this art experience for young Alexandrians. A hearty salute goes out to the following volunteers: Peter Marshall, Randy Scheessele, Beverly "Maggie" Tomasello, Monica Wise, Celeste Zabowski, Constance "Connie" Zabowski, Christina Richardson, and John Elliff.

It was fun to work with each of the volunteers and we cannot thank you enough for "stepping up to the plate" to help. That will "cap" off this report about the DRA's hat-making project during the 2008 Art on the Avenue Festival from Margaret Slipek and Courtney Bishop, DRA Outreach Co-Chairs.

Thinking ahead....

Nights are getting longer so it's time to plan ahead for the January show: Nocturne - from Dusk to Dawn.

Art critic William C. Sharp wrote that the chief characteristic of a Nocturne is its reflective, atmospheric quality, "a pensive beauty specific to the whispering shadows of night". Capture this quality in an original work of art and get ready for long winter nights and an exciting exhibit in the new year.

Correction Notice

The date of the Bead it! 3 Felt Jewelry Workshop was incorrectly listed in the last newsletter. The Felt Bead Workshop is to be held on Saturday, November 8 with instructor Barbara Brecher. Details for this workshop and also the Easiest Beaded Bead workshop led by Paulette Baron on Saturday, November 15, are currently at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Our thanks to Self Storage Plus, 2520 Oakville St., Alexandria, for their donation of storage space.

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Many thanks to Royce Flowers, our monthly sponsor, for the lovely arrangements seen at every opening.

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From Our Trees Recap

The opening of *From our Trees ... Artistry is Revealed* was the culmination of a year and a half of preparation all beginning on a sleet frosted night in February, 2007. An overflow crowd snacked on an array of "foods from trees" -- olives, fruit salads, dates and figs, almonds and cashews, walnuts and pecans, mango salsa and guacamole, and birch toothpicks.

In a brief ceremony, awards were presented to members of both groups. Diane McClaugherty won "Best in Show - Del Ray Artisans" for her exquisite oil painting "Virginia Countryside--Early Morning" and sold it too!

The Washington Woodworkers' Guild members were presented antique hand planes commemorating their achievement.

Best in Show - was awarded to Jennifer & Dave Heller for the "Art Nouveau Desk and Chair" which also graced the show postcard.

- Outstanding Design in Furniture was awarded to John Courtney
- Outstanding Workmanship in Furniture was awarded to Kevin Fink
- Outstanding Design in Decorative Woodwork was awarded to Neil Kagan
- Outstanding Workmanship in Decorative Woodwork was awarded to Patrick O'Brien

The Washington Woodworker's Guild wishes to thank the Del Ray Artisans for the wonderful opportunity to showcase their work. And the Del Ray Artisans are grateful for the opportunity to display their members' work in such a rich, elegant setting. Special thanks are offered to all the artists and artisans who helped make the show a success, notably Susan Slattery and the late Mara Burke, Linda Silk, Kathryn Brown, Linda Elliff, Martin Angebrannt, Jen Chappell, Lara Tyler, Tracy Wilkerson, D J Gaskin, Donnalynne Lefever, Diane McClaugherty, John Hiller, and especially Michele Reday Cook.

Don't Get Too Comfortable! Watch Out For Flying Darts!

Getting too comfortable in one place creates a sedentary artist. Everyone needs to get up and stretch out now and then to get things circulating again.

That is what "Object D'ART!" is all about. Come to the gallery on Sunday, Nov. 9 between noon and 5 for a dart throwing opportunity that could allow you grow as an artist. Aim the darts you throw to determine what medium and what theme your artwork will be. Whatever you land on will take you on an experimental or exploratory art journey. Every artist could use that.

Even if it is to get away from the pressure of perfecting your true medium, this challenge is surely an escape from your norm. Come throw darts during the card making event on Sunday, Nov. 9 between noon and 5 PM to start your challenge.

Future dart throwing dates will be announced soon. Artwork is due in late February, so the sooner you throw, the more time you have to explore and work. Exhibit will show in March. For more information or to help on show committee, contact Theresa Kulstad at (703)283-0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net.

Please respect the copyrights of each artist.
No use may be made of any artwork without the express, verifiable permission of the originating artist.



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.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter

☐ Renewal

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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:

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☐ 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

Another Chance to Develop Card Making Skills

Well, if you missed the fun, antics, and instructional tips and how-tos at the last Card Making Party, you will have one more opportunity this year to participate in this popular event. Card divas Theresa Kulstad, Charlotte Corcoran, and Karen Schmitz are such whizzes at card making that they have been invited back to conduct another session on Sunday, November 9, from noon to 4 pm.

You simply have not lived if you have not witnessed and participated in one of DRA's Card Making Parties. Cards of all occasions are made to be sold for the benefit of Del Ray Artisans. At this next card making session, holiday cards will be the focus, with secrets and helpful hints that will speed you on your way to becoming expert at card making! Plan to attend.

Royce Flowers

Royce Flowers is moving its workshop operations to warehouse space on Edsall Rd in the near future. Royce will be continuing to serve Del Ray and the Artisans as usual. We very much appreciate her generous contributions of outstanding custom-designed centerpieces for our openings. Thank you, Royce!

The space now occupied by Royce Flowers will be available for sublet. Anyone who may be interested in this space should contact: royce@royceflowers.com.

Welcome New Members

• **R. Mikeual & Laura S. Perritt**
[yes- it's unusually spelt]
painting/drawing, photography,
printmaking

• **Sherrill Farley**
Active member

• **Lisa Neher**
Active member

• **Celeste Zabowski**
Student artist

• **Alexander D. Westwood**
wall art

• **Susan B. Gantz**
polymer clay

• **Brian Marcus**
Active member

RECOVERY COVERS UPDATE

Many thanks to Channel 9 and Andrea Roane for featuring our Recovery Cover Project. Their presentation, pattern and directions are now available on their website, channel9@wusa9.com (click on features, then buddy check with a link to DRA) or directly from the DRA website, www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Some other groups, such as quilters, Nurses, Scouts and relatives of mastectomy survivors have also made the Covers. We hope to involve more groups, so if you know others who might also be interested in making Covers to give hospitals which do breast cancer surgery please let them know of the web sites.

Thanks to you and all the members who have been involved so far. If any of you should want to give a Cover for a friend in need, we have reserved some until the next bee. Contact Jane DeWeerd at 703/548-2616.

November 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, Kathryn Brown, Theresa Kulstad, Ron Blank, Charlotte Corcoran, Jane DeWeerd, Barbara Boehm, Margaret Slipek, LeAnn Pittman

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication .

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
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

Tribute to Peggy Kaufman

Alas for the world, one of her most fiery stars now will move only through the heavens and will no longer burn a trail of kinetic creativity on the earth. Peggy Kaufman, long-time DRA member/friend, artist and craftsperson, died on September 9, 2008, of multiple myeloma.

Although Peggy had not been as frequent a physical presence at DRA in recent years, she had a long history of spirited involvement and sharing of her considerable talents. She established her "Digital Prism" business and one time produced recycled items and furniture that benefited from her imaginative embellishments of mosaic work and found objects. Peggy also developed a highly successful line of polymer clay cane-design ornaments, as well as hand-painted "recycled" lightbulb ornaments, which were sold nationwide in retail venues and through catalogue sales. She also crafted fabulous bead jewelry, which she sold as a popular vendor at the Old Town Alexandria Farmers' Market and also at a shop in

Chincoteague, MD.

Peggy created with passion and had a brain that always was working overtime. She found both funky wonder and fragile beauty in most of what her ever-inquiring eyes took in. And they didn't miss much.

Peggy Kaufman was a dear friend and a creative force, whose whirling dervish of a spirit endures, and whose wish was always that we honor the earth, "a planet worth keeping".

A selection of Peggy's work will be on sale at both the Bead It! 3 Marketplace in November and at December's Holiday Market.

