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That "Can Do" Spirit!

Anyone walking into the Del Ray Artisans gallery these days is going to notice a big change, starting from the ground up. Yes, we have a beautiful new floor that warms up the space and provides a polished stage for the amazing array of art we showcase monthly! This feat not only took months (some would say years) of discussing, planning, investigating, and fundraising, but also (and most importantly) it took a work crew of volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves and spend over a hundred hours on their knees laying the new floor. Thank yous go to Marc Sviland, Kurt Peterson, Rusty Lynn, Randy Scheessele, Alan Becker, Linda Silk Sviland, and Marlin Lord (this would not have happened without you). Thank you also to Bob Larson for loaning the chop saw and table saw, and to our landlord, the City of Alexandria, for giving us permission to do this.

The finished floor is a gleaming expanse of super high quality engineered bamboo that is easy to clean and easy on the eyes. Lumber Liquidators generously upgraded our order so that we could have the durable commercial grade for the lower residential price, which was a savings of several hundreds of dollars.

Recently someone referred to DRA as scrappy, and that's true, we are a scrappy organization as defined by "having determination and energetic pursuit of [our] ends." It is this scrappiness, this Can Do Spirit, which is the hallmark of DRA. Our genesis was a group of neighbors who volunteered their money, energy, and time to fill a gap in the community and created a place for art. And now, volunteers have just taken this place for art to the next level by making it a more inviting place.

New Work for a New Year Show

Del Ray Artisans (DRA) is pleased to announce the January 2010 show, *New Work for a New Year*. This exhibit, for both DRA members and non-members, provides local artists a platform to show recent work, which has not been previously exhibited.

The show will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery from January 8 - 24, 2010. The opening reception is Friday, January 8, 7-9:30 pm

Get Your Bags Packed for April

Are your bags packed for April's show? All bags on board for the *What's Your Bag?* show coming in April.

Photos, drawings, paintings, ceramics, mixed media, jewelry, fiber arts and of course bags, satchels, suitcases, backpacks, handbags. Look deep into the sack and make some bags that make us "purse" our lips and say "Mama & Papa's got a brand new bag!"

Super sachel curators are Theresa Kulstad at tkulstad@verizon.net and Karen Schmitz schmityk@yahoo.com 703-232-4526. Get making now and look for the Call for Entries on our website and in the February newsletter.





FUNday - Sunday January 31st is for Cardmaking and ATCs

Yes! We will have a FUN-derful combo day on Sunday, 1/31 from 12-4. Join us in making handmade cards and working on ATCs which are cool artist trading cards.

Themes for Cardmaking could be love, lust and all occasion. Cards can be donated to DRA or, with a small donation, you can take them home. Theme for ATCs (Artist Trading Cards) is what's IN and what's OUT for the new year of 2010! These small 2.5" x 3.5" cards are an easy make.

All are welcome to come and have an art play day.

Need more info? Contact: Theresa at tkulstad@verizon.net or Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com or 703-232-4526.

Come to the gallery for the New Works show, opening January 8th – and see the new exhibit *and* the new floor

Open Life Drawing

Open life drawing sessions will continue from 2-5 pm on selected Wednesdays at the DRA gallery. These three-hour afternoon sessions will start with some short warm-up poses and progressively move into longer poses (10-45 minutes). These sessions provide a great opportunity to hone your drawing and observation skills.

For the months of January and February we are adding gesture drawing sessions from 11-1 prior to each of our regular sessions. These two-hour sessions will be comprised primarily of a series of dynamic 1-5 minute poses. Favorite poses may be revisited for slightly longer at the end of each session. Come to these sessions to loosen up and participate in a fun, fast-paced drawing experience.

Sessions are drop-in so no registration is required. You may come to one or both sessions on a given day. Bring your supplies and join us.

Jan 13:	11-1 gesture	2-5 short/long pose
Jan 27:	11-1 gesture	2-5 short/long pose
Feb 10:	11-1 gesture	2-5 short/long pose
Feb 24:	11-1 gesture	2-5 short/long pose

The fee for each three-hour open life session is \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. The two-hour sessions are \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or katherine@katherinerand.com.

Thank You DRA Members for Making the Holiday Market A Success!

DRA's Holiday Market was a great success! Thank you everyone for braving it through the timing challenges with the tree lighting on Friday night and rain and snow mix on Saturday! Thank you to all those who contributed, baked for AND shopped at the Holiday Market. Nearly \$200 was raised to benefit Food for Others (www.foodforothers.org).

We had a great group of exhibitors this year (Jen Athanas, Kimberly Bush, Charles Farmer, Gail Goriesky, Kay Graf, Jewell Lewis-Terry, Genevieve Lynn, Betsy Mead, Stacy Rausch, Tangela Roe, Leah Sturgis, Ron Tickerhoff, West Landscaping, Joyce Wagner, Tamara Wilkerson and Tracy Wilkerson) and some very dedicated helpers (Seana Gallagher, Nora Partlow, Margaret Slipek, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Becky Rife, Vivienne Luckas, and Eric Bautista). West Landscaping provided beautiful poinsettias for sale throughout the weekend and they look forward to providing this service during future Holiday Markets.

A special thank you goes out to Sapore D'Italia Ristorante (1310 Mt. Vernon Avenue) for the YUMMY food prepared for us at Friday night's Opening Reception!! We are sorry that the food didn't last long enough for late-

comers to enjoy; so stop by Sapore for some great Italian food.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vicki St. Germain <i>Oil painting</i>	Gloria Vestal Watercolor, Oil painting, Print	Carol Freeman Ceramics, Photography
Mary Wang		
	Barbara Dill	Fiona A. Schneider
Rob Lockard	Friend	Pastels
	Rebecca	Cavan N. Fleming
	Haemmerlein	Oil Painting

Curator's Corner

Happy New Year to all our artists. We hope to see you submitting your art for our monthly shows. There are eight shows in 2010 for which you can submit work. We especially welcome our new members to bring in your work.

Check our newsletter, website or sign up for our email updates to be alerted to upcoming calls for entry and the dates for receiving. Participating in a show is a great way to become involved and to meet fellow DRA artists. Even if you don't have anything ready for a show, curators always can use an extra pair of hands for a variety of needs. Check our calendar and then give us a call. Come to our opening receptions, usually held on the first Friday of the month and meet the artists and fellow DRA members. We also have many interesting workshops throughout the year, many of which are associated with the shows. Join us!

Our all-member shows this year are in June and November; in each of those shows, DRA members are guaranteed to have one piece displayed, a member benefit. Don't be discouraged if your work isn't accepted for one of our other shows. This year, curators will be experimenting with new gallery design ideas, and for some shows, we want to see a little more space between artworks--to let them "breathe." This means, of course, that fewer works would be displayed. Keep trying! You're sure to get in.

Curators will be paying close attention to presentation standards and requirements. That means that 2D works MUST be attached with wire and screw eyes. No sawtooth hangers or clips. Works on paper should be under glass or plexi. Unframed works on canvas must have sides finished artistically and appropriately. 3D works should arrive with base, or stand, and/or mounting equipment and instructions! Read the Call for Entry form carefully, as specific show requirements will be listed there. The show curator can answer any questions you have about submissions, so do call or email ahead of time.

Your curator advisory team: Theresa Kulstad, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Tina Richardson, Karen Schmitz, Jeanne Tifft, Tracy Wilkerson.

Curator Coordinator: Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com)

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Introduction to Figure Drawing: A Workshop

Tuesday, February 23rd, from 2 to 5 pm

If you are interested in life drawing but have been apprehensive about coming to our regular open sessions, please join us for a special Introduction to Figure Drawing Workshop. Hamil Ma, a resident of Alexandria and an instructor at Prince George Community College and VisArts (www.visartscenter.org), has graciously agreed to hold this instructional session at the Del Ray Artisans gallery.

Hamil Ma will cover basic techniques and strategies for getting started with drawing the figure. Demonstrations to facilitate the learning process will be followed by a chance for participants to practice drawing from a live model. Bring paper (18"x24"), pencil, compressed charcoal, kneaded eraser, backing board and portable easel (optional). All levels of drawing skill are welcome.

The fee for this workshop will be \$12 for DRA members and \$16 for non-members. Space will be limited to 15 participants. Visit the DRA website to register or contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or katherine@katherinerand.com if you have questions.

Messing Around with Creativity Workshop

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 1-3 PM

Whether you are a working artist or you haven't picked up a crayon since grammar school, this workshop is for you. Everyone is creative, but most of us never fully explore that idea. That's what this workshop is designed to do. We'll spend two hours focused on finding and expressing the creativity that is buried within you. During this fun, interactive, hands-on workshop, we will explore how the creative process works so that you can apply it not only to traditional artistic pursuits, but to life in general. Absolutely no art experience is necessary, just an open mind and a willingness to play, discover and have fun.

Adults only, please. \$10 for DRA members, \$12 for non-members. For more information, contact Lynn Wyvill at 703-299-0848 or lwyvill@comcast.net. Space is limited and registration is required. You can register online at www. thedelrayartisans.org



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Submission Deadline : 5th of the month Editor: DRA.Newsletter@gmail.com

Membership Notice: Please check your newsletter label to see if your membership has expired. Renew today.

2010 Calendar

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January		19	Workshop Self Marketing, 7pm
8 - 24	New Works for a New Year:	23	Workshop Introduction to Figure Drawing
	State of the Art in Del Ray		2 – 5pm
	Richard Wyvill curator	24	Life Drawing / Gestures, 11 am – 1pm
	richard@rfwyvill.com	24	Life Drawing / Poses 2 – 5 pm
12	Board Meeting, 7pm	28	Art Swap/General Meeting
13	Life Drawing / Gestures, 11 am – 1pm		
13	Life Drawing / Poses 2 – 5pm	March	
17	Workshop Messing Around with Creativity,	5 - 21	Women in Art: Body of Work
	1 – 3pm		Ellyn Ferguson curator
27	Life Drawing / Gestures, 11am – 1pm		elferguson@netzero.net with
27	Life Drawing / Poses 2 – 5pm		Vivienne Lukacs and Beverly Hansen
31	Card Making and ATC Party	9	Board Meeting, 7pm
		10	Life Drawing, 2 – 5pm
February		24	Life Drawing, 2 – 5pm
5 - 21	Artioms: Idioms, cliches and word		0, 1
	phrases expressed in art	April	
	Tracy Wilkerson curator	2 - 25	What's Your Bag?
	tlwideas@comcast.net	,	Theresa Kulstad, Karen Schmitz,
9	Board Meeting, 7pm		curators, tkulstad@verizon.net,
10	Life Drawing / Gestures, 11am – 1pm		schmityk@yaboo.com
10	Life Drawing / Poses 2 – 5pm	13	Board Meeting, 7pm
10	Life Drawing / Long Pose 6pm	21	Life Drawing, 2 – 5pm
12	Prose Reading for Artioms Show, 7pm	<u>4</u> 1	Life Drawing, 2 Jpin

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