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Chase Away the Winter Blues with Art

January can be dreary, but Del Ray Artisans has several events to help you shake off the winter doldrums.

On Jan. 2, Del Ray Artisans welcomes 2015 with *The Color Pink* exhibit where artists delve into the shades of pink and their ability to evoke a sense of purity, hope, romantic notions and other emotions. The Friday reception runs from 7 to 9 pm at the gallery and you'll have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a lighted pink glass gingerbread house to take home with you. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. The show ends on February 1.

In conjunction with the exhibit, we're having a January 17 workshop, *Build a Glass Gingerbread House*. The session is \$30 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$35 for non-members. The workshop goes from 10 am to 2 pm at the gallery. The glass pieces are pre-cut and all materials are provided to complete the house. Register: TheDelRayArtisans.org/house

If you've got a soft spot for animals, catch the *Rescue Me* exhibit at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter through Jan. 25. This is a joint show and fundraiser by Del Ray Artisans and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. For each piece of art sold, both organizations get a percentage. Hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. For more information, go to TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows/gww/

If you missed the *Board and Beyond* exhibit at our gallery last year, you are in luck. The works of our board members in 2014 are on display at Prudential PenFed Realty until Feb. 22 in a new arrangement entitled: *Beyond the Board*. A portion of all sales will go to the PenFed Foundation which supports loans and grants to active military personnel and veterans as well as their families. The pieces can be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm at 300 N. Washington St., Suite 100, in Old Town Alexandria.

DRA Cited as A City Highlight

The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) named our Holiday Market as one of four must-dos for the Christmas season in Alexandria.

Alexandria was among five areas writer Ann Witmer rated as good for quick trips during the holidays. She also reviewed New York City and Pennsylvania's cities of Bethlehem and Philadelphia plus the Brandywine Valley in her *Not Far by Car* column. Here's the link to the piece: <http://tinyurl.com/DRA-cited>



Welcome! New Members who Joined Recently:

Angela Calos—Artist

Ronald Samuels—Photography

Sharpen Your Skills at Drop-in Figure Drawing Sessions

Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions with nude and clothed models. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance.

Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you are welcome to bring your own if you want to use one. **Please don't bring acrylics or oils.** Pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. All skill levels are welcome. You can check out the schedule for our sessions on the Del Ray Artisans 2015 calendar elsewhere in the newsletter.

See the newsletter insert for descriptions of our three different session types:

Gesture Sessions (2 hours)

Short/Long Pose Sessions (3 hours)

Long Pose Sessions (3 hours)

The fee for each three-hour session is \$10 for DRA members and \$12 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or LifeDrawing@TheDelRayArtisans.org.



Thank you to these DRAngels:

- ▶ Kim Joy for serving as co-editor for the Weekly eNews for two years. She steps down from the editor spot as she steps up to the presidency.
- ▶ Our current Weekly eNews team of Liz Martinez, a veteran of more than three years, and Dale Spivey, a veteran of more than two years, for donating their time each week to keep the rest of us informed.
- ▶ Rita Cohen, Marge Holtz, Dani Keith, Chris Martinez, Liz Martinez, Audrey Stelzer and Laura Whitaker for gallery prep and setup for the Holiday Market.
- ▶ Anonymous donors who provided money for new upholstered chairs to make sitting at our gallery a more comfortable experience.
- ▶ An anonymous donor whose gift made a new keyless entry system possible.
- ▶ Joan Bickelhaupt, Rita Cohen, Marge Holtz, Tom Kelly, Nancy Kline, Vicki VanArsdale, Tamara Wilkerson and Paula Wulff for their help at DRA receptions.
- ▶ Bake sales elves Wendy Band, Luana Bossolo, Sharon Hyde, Hilary Kirwan, Jeanette Lukens, Amanda Malkin, Diana Manchak, Liz Martinez, Diana Papazian, Grace Rebollo, Claudia Ringel, Kathy Sullivan, Vicki VanArsdale, Laura Whitaker, John Wulff, and ATC Board Chair Jim Roberts for their help.
- ▶ Jen Athanas and Tamara Wilkerson for all they did behind the scenes to make our 19th Annual Holiday Market a success. Special Thanks!

Come by and Say Hello to Dani

The New Year begins with a new face at the gallery desk on Thursdays and Fridays. Dani Keith will staff the gallery on those days assisting Tracy Wilkerson with our day-to-day operations. You may have already met Dani who was an exhibitor at the Holiday Market in December.

With Dani's arrival, you won't see Tracy as often because she will be concentrating on working behind the scenes to keep DRA running smoothly, as always.

Please stop by to welcome Dani and show her what a warm and friendly DRA family we are.



Prepare for February's Elements

Seven of our board members will show off their artistic talents in February, a shift from the DRA tradition of reserving August for the board show.

The show, *Elements*, focuses on earth, water, air and fire allowing this group of artists to incorporate a range of materials and media ranging from metal to paint to clay. The exhibit opens Friday, Feb. 6, with a reception from 7 pm to 9 pm. The show ends Sunday, March 1.

The participating members are:

- ▶ **John Bordner**, an Old School medium/large format photographer, makes the digital turn—(mega)bit by (mega)bit.
- ▶ **Kathryn Brown** captures compositions through her camera lens, as she observes everyday objects in her unique way.
- ▶ **Michele Reday Cook** explores the atmospheres and auras of her favorite places, and people, in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and clay.
- ▶ **Linda Elliff** incorporates found objects in her collages, jewelry, and wall mirrors.
- ▶ **Kim S. Joy** creates in stained glass using the copper foil technique and works in jewelry for little “staycations.”
- ▶ **Marlin Lord** presents his special photography of nature, acrylic abstracts and figure drawings.
- ▶ **Tamara Wilkerson** creates jewelry and objects out of wire.

For more information visit: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows

Another festive Holiday Market Season!

Our 19th Annual Holiday Market was another resounding success! Artists from all three weekends sold over \$26,000 in handmade goods from 1,120 customers. This year's Bake Sale brought in over \$400 to support the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium. Thanks to everyone who visited and shopped at the Holiday Market this year.



Photos courtesy of Sean Crumley

From the President

The Year of the Volunteer

Welcome to 2015! This is going to be a new year that will provide many opportunities for DRA members to show their work to the community and to give back to that community. We are very lucky to live and work in a place where we are so well supported.

This year I will be asking all members to step up their volunteer game. DRA needs you as much as you need DRA. Without volunteers, DRA would not be the active organization and gallery that it is today. I thank all past and present members for their time and talent over the years. Let's make this the Year of the Volunteer.

—Kim S. Joy, President



How to Track Your Volunteer Hours

If you're a current member of Del Ray Artisans, you must donate at least 12 hours a year towards helping our organization function.

Don't cheat yourself by not letting us know when you've given your time to us. You can record your volunteer hours in the book located behind the gallery desk. If you don't yet have a page in the book, start from a blank form in the front. The other way to track your hours is via email. Send the day, the times and who you worked with to Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org

—Gale Goldfarb, Director of Volunteers

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter!

☐ Renewal

☐ New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Home () _____ Cell () _____ Work () _____

Email Address(es) _____

☐ Artist Media _____

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 & over)
☐ \$25 Full-time Student/Disabled

Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 12 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.

Friend

- ☐ \$35 Friend of DRA
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.

DRA has "gone green!" A monthly notice is sent to all members via email when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at the gallery.

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 DRA Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for \$ _____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the DRA Art Camp for Youth for \$ _____.

Please indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows | _____ |

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, or join online: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday:
(May-Sep.) noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: noon-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Editor: newsletter@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

2015 Calendar

January 2015

2-Feb 1 **SHOW: The Color Pink** Betsy Mead
curator egmead@gmail.com
5 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
7 Life Drawing, 11-1 pm, Gesture
(clothed)
7 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
(clothed)
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
17 **WORKSHOP: Build a Glass
Gingerbread House**, 10 am-2 pm
18 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
20 SocialLights! 7-9 pm
21 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
22 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
28 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long

February 2015

6-Mar 1 **SHOW: Board Showcase**
9 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture
11 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
17 SocialLights! 7-9 pm
18 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
22 Annual "Art Swap", 3-5 pm
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
(clothed)
25 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
(clothed)
26 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long

March 2015

6-29 **SHOW: Dream On** Theresa Kulstad
curator tkulstad@verizon.net
9 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11 Life Drawing, 11-1 pm, Gesture
(clothed)
11 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
(clothed)
17 SocialLights! 7-9 pm
18 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
25 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
26 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long

April 2015

1 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture
1 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
10-26 **SHOW: Student Show Student Show**
Team curators
13 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
(clothed)
21 SocialLights! 7-9 pm
22 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long
(clothed)
23 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long
29 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long

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Support Del Ray Artisans by Buying Cool Stuff

- ▶ **2015 Wall Calendar** (\$15) showcases the artwork of 47 different artists. Enrich your year with this aesthetic feast!
- ▶ **One-of-a-Kind Tote Bag** (\$37) upcycled from past exhibit banners. Each bag (15" h x 16" w x 5" d) is unique & sturdy.
- ▶ **Metal Folding Chair** (\$5)—great deal! Only 8 of these strong, timeless seats remain. Come to the gallery soon to get yours.

Visit **ArtsEventsAlexandria.com** for performing and visual arts happenings in Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans is a member of **Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association** and **Alexandria Arts Forum**, who make possible this website.

Special thanks to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.



Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2015

Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Both nude and clothed models are featured. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you are welcome to bring your own if you want to use one. *Please no acrylics or oils*; pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. All skill levels are welcome.



Gesture Sessions (two hours)

Come to the gesture sessions to loosen up and participate in a fun, fast-paced drawing experience. These two-hour sessions are composed primarily of dynamic 1 to 5 minute poses. Occasionally different drawing exercises are employed to keep things interesting.

Short/Long Pose Sessions (three hours)

The three-hour short/long pose sessions start with some short 1 to 5 minute warm-up poses and progressively move into longer poses lasting 10 to 45 minutes. These sessions provide a great opportunity to refine your drawing and observation skills.

Long Pose Sessions (three hours)

If you want to spend an extended amount of time on a pose, come to our long pose sessions. These sessions are generally composed of two long poses with perhaps a few warm-ups at the start.

The fee for each three-hour session is \$10 for DRA members and \$12 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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Drawing by Katherine Rand

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2015

(Sessions feature nude models unless otherwise noted.)

Wed Jan 7	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Jun 10	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
Wed Jan 14	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Jun 17	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Sun Jan 18	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Sun Jun 21	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Jan 21	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Jun 24	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
Thu Jan 22	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Thu Jun 25	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Jan 28	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Aug 12	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Feb 11	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Aug 19	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Feb 18	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Sun Aug 23	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Sun Feb 22	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Aug 26	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
Wed Feb 25	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Thu Aug 27	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Thu Feb 26	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Sep 9	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
Wed Mar 11	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Sep 16	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Mar 18	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Sun Sep 20	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Sun Mar 22	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Wed Sep 23	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
Wed Mar 25	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Thu Sep 24	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Thu Mar 26	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Oct 7	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Apr 1	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Oct 14	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Wed Apr 15	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Sun Oct 18	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Sun Feb 19	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Oct 21	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
Wed Apr 22	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Thu Oct 22	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Thu Apr 23	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Nov 11	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture
Wed Apr 29	6:30-9:30pm	Long		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
Wed May 6	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Nov 18	6:30-9:30pm	Long
	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long (clothed)	Wed Dec 9	11:00am-1:00pm	Gesture (clothed)
Wed May 13	6:30-9:30pm	Long		1:00-2:00pm	Holiday Party
Sun May 17	9:30-11:30am	Gesture		2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long
Wed May 20	2:00-5:00pm	Short/Long	Wed Dec 16	6:30-9:30pm	Long
Thu May 21	6:30-9:30pm	Long			

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