

# The Well-Crafted Word

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#### Don't Miss Elements Art Exhibit

Del Ray Artisans' Annual Board Showcase has a new date—February. This year, Del Ray Artisans presents *Elements*, an exhibit showcasing the art of seven members of the Board of Directors. The elements of earth, water, air, and fire can be seen in artworks incorporating materials such as canvas, clay, glass, metal, paint, paper, and porcelain, and explored in a variety of media and subject matter. Del Ray Artisans' talented seven *Elements* artists together form the artistic components of this exhibit featuring 2D and 3D art, a silent auction, and art-to-go.

Come to our opening reception Friday, February 6th from 7-9pm and meet the artists:

- \* 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 or contact the Director of Curating Lesley Hall Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org

# Welcome! New Members who Joined Recently:

**Veronika Amaya**—Acrylic, Woodworking

Rebecca Barnes

**Judith Isaacs** 

David Johnes—Acrylic, Oil

Susan Maguire

Nicole Mahoney—Glass,

Photography

Terri Raines—Acrylic, Ink,

Watercolor

Doris Ross—Fused Glass

**Joel Salmons** 

Rita Schooley

**Missy Stockton** 

**Audrey Sykes**—Jewelry

**Liz Zerbe** — Photography

#### **ART SWAP FEB. 22**

It's time again for our Art Swap! Easily our most popular annual event, the Art Swap will be the feature of our Sunday, February 22 Member Meeting. Join us from 3 to 5 pm for this fun time.

Begin clearing out those unused art supplies, those marvelous items collected over the years, and the treasures gathered for that special artwork which you never had time to make. Someone else desperately needs your leftovers. Your imagination will run wild when you start thinking of all the objects which can be used in a mixed-media, found object artwork.

To participate, all you have to do is contribute something to swap. This will allow you to choose a new treasure to take home. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Linda at membership@thedelrayartisans.org

#### Thank you to these DRAngels:

- Vicki VanArsdale, Jeff Lodge, Jenny Nicholson, Christine Vinh, Tina McCoy, Lesley Hall for their help in receiving for "The Color Pink" art exhibit.
- David Kosar for his extraordinary efforts in supervising and hanging "The Color Pink" art exhibit.
- Tamara Wilkerson, John Messina, Susan & Dillon Gordon, and Betty Plummer for their dedicated team effort in hanging "The Color Pink" art exhibit.

#### **Did You Know?**

#### DRA members well-represented in The Art League's All-Media Exhibit

Two DRA members won awards in January in a juried Art League show:

Katherine Rand, 3rd place; and Michele Reday Cook, 1st place. Other DRA members whose work was selected include: Abol Bahadori, Alice Kale, David Kosar, Trudy Levy, Carol Morgan and Suzanne Tillman. Michele, Katherine, and Suzanne participate in DRA's Partners in Art group—excellent support in this group is reflected in their work getting into shows and winning awards! Congratulations to all!

# **Seven DRA artists received "Curator's Choice" awards** for their entries in *The Color Pink* show:

- Abol Bakadori: *The Pink Drip*-1st place;
- Deb Crerie: Lotus Pod Blue Dots– 2nd place;
- Amanda Malkin: The Croton-3rd place;
- Liza Uddin: *Cotton Candy Crush* Honorable mention
- Rusty Lynn: *Pink Flurries*—Honorable mention
- Alfonso Ong: *Spring Equinox* Honorable mention
- Eli Wilson: *Three Ways to Spell Pink* Honorable mention

Most art galleries automatically deduct between 40-50% of an artist's profit for gallery expenses. DRA kindly asks artists to donate 20% to the gallery.

It is a common practice for an art gallery to request a 10% donation from artists who receive commissions as a result of their work being shown in the gallery.

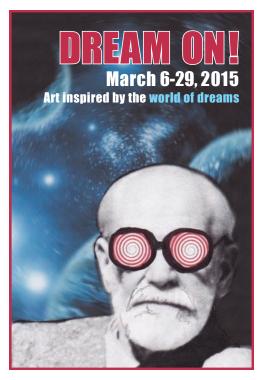
#### **Dream On!**

It is a happy New Year but it IS winter which still means short days and longer nights! Longer nights = more sleep.

More sleep = more DREAMS!!!!

This March, Curator Theresa Kulstad is looking to create a dream world in our gallery with *Dream On!*. This all media show invites area artists to interpret this theme in any media. No night dream recall? No problem! Explore your daydreams and aspirations. Do you dream in color? Perhaps random images evoke a sense of color and space. Are there recurring themes? Perhaps this reflects pattern. Play with patterns! Consider it all.

Dream outside the box! Surreal scenery, astral travel, repressed memories, premonitions and nocturnal nightmares could launch your art into unexplored



territory. Artwork drop-off: Sunday, March 1 and Monday, March 2, 6-8pm. Exhibit is March 6-29, 2015.

And mark your new calendars for DRA's DREAM ON PAJAMA PARTY on Saturday, March 14! Free party to those who show up in PJ's, and \$5.00 to those who don't! Food, fun, raffles and prizes!

For more information or questions, contact curator Theresa Kulstad at tkulstad@verizon.net or (703)283-0399 or visit: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows

#### The Color Pink Show a Whopping Success!

You cannot imagine the number of compliments we have received on our Pink show! Patrons and DRA artists have commented on how impressed they are with the artwork and the way it is hung! (Thanks again to the "hanging team"!) Our artists really stretched their imaginations and came up with some really unique and beautiful work! To date, we have sold at least six works of art.

#### Glass Gingerbread Workshop - a Fun Experience

Glass artist Betsy Mead taught 12 students a quick way to make a glass gingerbread house. With glass, glue, bathroom caulk and a few odds and ends, artists created unique houses and had a lot of fun doing it! Here are a few photos from the class:



#### From the President

The year is off to a great start. *The Color Pink* Show Reception was well attended and the art work was amazing. I saw lots of new names on the walls. Please be sure to welcome our new members.

For the past couple of years I have attended *Hip Hop for Heart*, which helps children age 5 through 13 make bracelets and beaded bookmarks. This is an event for foster parents of Alexandria and their foster kids. It is an action packed 3-4 hours, but the reward is great—to see so many kids proud of their own creations. This year they are looking for other artists that can teach kids how to make something. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer with this Outreach Project on Friday, February 20, please email Diana, Director of Outreach, at Outreach@TheDelRayArtisans.org or me at President@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Keep art in your heart! —Kim S. Joy, President

## Don't miss these Gallery Without Walls shows!

Rescue Me at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter was extended through February 21. View the art Monday-Thursday 12-7pm and Saturday-Sunday 12-5pm (closed Friday) at 4101 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria VA 22304.

Beyond the Board at Prudential PenFed Realty runs through February 22. View the exhibit during office hours (Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm) at 300 N Washington Street, Suite 100, Alexandria VA 22314.

Details at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

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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

February 2015		April Continued		
6-Mar 1	SHOW: Elements, Board Showcase	22	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long	
9	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm		(clothed)	
10	Board Meeting, 7 pm	23	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long	
11	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture	29	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long	
11	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long	May 2015		
17	SocialLights! 7-9 pm	1-31	SHOW: Mix (Mixed Media Show)	
18	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long		Judy Gula & Karen Schmitz curators	
22	Annual "Art Swap", 3-5 pm	,	schmityk@yahoo.com	
22	Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)	4	Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm	
		6	Life Drawing, 11–1pm, Gesture (clothed)	
25	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long	6	Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long	
26	(clothed)	O	(clothed)	
	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long	7	First Thursday, open until 9 pm	
March 2015		9	Spring Art Market, 10am – 4pm	
6-29	SHOW: Dream On Theresa Kulstad		ArtMarket@thedelrayartisans.org	
	curator tkulstad@verizon.net	12	Board Meeting, 7 pm	
9	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	13	Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long	
10	Board Meeting, 7 pm	17	Life Drawing, 9:30–11:30am, Gesture	
11	Life Drawing, 11-1 pm, Gesture (clothed)	18	Member Benefit Program, 7:30 pm	
11	Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long	19	SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm	
11	(clothed)	20	Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long	
17	SocialLights! 7-9 pm	21	Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long	
18	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long	June 2015	3	
22	Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture	4	First Thursday, open until 9 pm	
25	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long	5-28	SHOW: Building Bridges	
26	Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long		Lori K Gordon curator	
April 2015		8	Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm	
1	Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture	9	Board Meeting, 7 pm	
1	Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long	10	Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture	
10-26	SHOW: Student Show Team curators	10	Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long	
13	Partners in Art, 2-4 pm	16	SocialLights! 7 – 9 pm	
14	Board Meeting, 7 pm	17	Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long	
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21	SocialLights! 7-9 pm	25	Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long	
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#### DEL RAY ARTISANS - CALL FOR ENTRY - ALL MEMBER SHOW

### "Paws 'n Claws for Art" Gallery Without Walls Exhibit Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

February 21 – May 31, 2015

Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) present a 2-D media fundraising exhibition of animal-themed art at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.

How do animals inspire us? Do we long to soar, swim the depths, run with the wind or bask in the sun? You may submit artworks depicting animals of every sort; but of course, dogs and cats are always welcome. We will accept 2-D media in all styles including realistic, representational, and abstract. Show us your interpretations of *Paws 'n Claws*. Sales from this collaborative show support both DRA and AWLA and will be displayed for 3 months on the walls of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. The opening reception will be Friday, February 27 from 7-9pm. This is a Members only exhibit.

Gallery Without Walls Curator: Eileen O'Brien, GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org

**Exhibit Coordinator**: Linda Mierke

#### **Entry Details:**

- Artists must upload and send digital submissions to GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Art MUST be submitted digitally for this exhibit. (See instructions on entry form)
- DEADLINE is Sunday, February 15, 2015. (Notification of acceptance by February 18)
- Accepted artwork must be delivered to the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter (4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304) on Saturday, February 21 from 3-5pm.
- Final acceptance for this exhibit is at curators' discretion upon viewing artwork at drop-off.
- Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for accepted artwork.
- Artists must pay entry fees prior to or during accepted artwork drop-off at the animal shelter. Only cash or checks are accepted at drop-off. Credit card payments should be made in advance online at: https://squareup.com/market/del-ray-artisans
- Art must be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. We cannot show work that is not ready for exhibition. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows/artguidelines.html for details.
- Artists are asked to make a 40% tax-deductible donation upon sale of artwork; the donation is split evenly split between DRA and AWLA.
- Art previously shown at DRA may be submitted for this exhibit.

#### **Accepted Artist Requirements:**

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements.
- Artists MUST volunteer with set-up, hanging or take-down. (No gallery hosting hours required.)
- Insurance for artwork is the responsibility of the artist. Del Ray Artisans, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, and the City of Alexandria cannot be held liable for any loss or damage.
- Permission to photograph work for publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- Work must be original (no reproductions of your original artwork).
- Artwork left over 30 days after the close of the show will become property of Del Ray Artisans.
- Print out and keep a copy of both sides of this form for your records.



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#### DEL RAY ARTISANS - ENTRY FORM - ALL MEMBER SHOW

### "Paws 'n Claws for Art" Gallery Without Walls Exhibit

**Animal Welfare League of Alexandria** February 21 – May 31, 2015

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Check here to have Del Ray Artisans automatically take a 40% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork. (20% goes to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria & 20% goes to Del Ray Artisans)

Signed	Date	
<b>Important Dates:</b>		
Submission Deadline:	Sunday, February 15, 2015	
Notification of Acceptance:	Wednesday, February 18, 2015	
Accepted Artwork Drop-off:	Saturday, February 21, 3-5pm with payment of entry fees	
Opening Reception:	Friday, February 27, 7-9pm	
Show Closes/Artwork Pickup	Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 3-5pm	



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#### DEL RAY ARTISANS ~ CALL FOR ENTRY ~ ALL AREA ARTISTS

## **Dream On!**

#### March 6-29, 2015

Opening Reception on Friday, March 6, 2015, 7-9pm

Weird, wonderful, surreal or scary, our dreams conjure images and influence feelings—a nocturnal adventure or setting forth to follow your dreams? Either way, our dreams take us places that could be artfully explored. Do you have reoccurring dreams that run a theme? Or are they more random, disjointed occurrences and fragmented images that beg us to question "What does it mean?" "Is it a premonition?" "Is it possible?" Some don't recall nighttime dreams and only have their daydreams and aspirations to go on. There are those who can just close their eyes, and patterns and shapes will appear. Are these dreams? There are even those who believe they can "travel" in their dreams. Let your dreams inspire your art. All area artists are invited to explore and express in any medium.

Curator: Theresa Kulstad, TKulstad@verizon.net

#### **Entry Details:**

- Receiving takes place Sunday, March 1 & Monday, March 2 from 6-8pm.
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for Members and \$10 per piece for Non-Members. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Your art must be ready to hang or display with wire and screw eyes, mounting and/or display stand, framed, matted, or with edges finished. We cannot show work that is not ready for exhibition. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtGuidelines for details.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans.

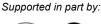
#### **Accepted Artist Requirements:**

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements.
- All artists MUST gallery host and volunteer with set-up, hanging, opening/closing receptions and/or take down. Artists who do not Gallery Host and/or contribute to the reception or related events will not have work shown. Please bring your calendars so you can sign up for duties at receiving.
  - We'll ask you to contribute a food or beverage for the opening reception.
- Insurance for artwork is the responsibility of the artist. Neither Del Ray Artisans nor the City of Alexandria can be held liable for any loss or damage.
- Permission to photograph any work for publicity purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- Work must be original (no reproductions) and **not previously exhibited** in a DRA show.
- Any artwork left over 30 days after the close of the show will become property of Del Ray Artisans.
- Print out and keep a copy of both sides of this form for your records.

#### **Special Events:**

• PAJAMA PARTY!!! Saturday, March 14, 2015, 7-10pm. Prizes, raffles, and fun!













#### ENTRY FORM ~ DEL RAY ARTISANS GALLERY ~ ALL AREA ARTISTS

## **Dream On!**

#### March 6-29, 2015

**Drop Off Dates:** Sunday, March 1 & Monday, March 2, 6–8pm

Entry Fee: Members: \$5 per piece, Non Members: \$10 per piece. You may enter up to 3 pieces. Entry Fees are non refundable Artist Name: Address: List artwork below: TITLE MEDIA **PRICE** 1 2. 3. \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this show. Check here to have Del Ray Artisans automatically take a 20% tax-deductible donation from the sale of artwork. 
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_
 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_
 **%-----DREAM ON! Important Dates:** Artwork Drop Off: Sunday, March 1 & Monday, March 2 from 6-8pm Friday, March 6 from 7-9pm Opening Reception: Pajama Party!!!: Saturday, March 14 from 7-10pm Show Closes/Artwork Pickup: Sunday, March 29 from 6-8pm I agreed to GALLERY HOST on • I will bring:  $\square$  drinks,  $\square$  veggies,  $\square$  fruits,  $\square$  cheese,  $\square$  sweets (check one) • I will staff the opening reception as \_\_\_\_\_\_ time slot: \_\_\_\_\_ (OR)



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Gallery Hours

Thursdays: Noon – 6 pm Fridays: Noon – 9 pm

I agree to volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_\_ on this date \_\_\_\_\_

Saturdays: Noon – 9 pm Sundays: Noon – 6 pm

