# Celebrating the Art of Making . . . **July 2015 The Well-Crafted Word**

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## **Register Now!** June 29-July 17, 2015

Welcome to Del Ray Artisans' version of summer camp for grown-ups! Choose from 30+ workshops and events in the first three weeks of July! GUAC

workshops explore performance art (dance & theater) and visual art (drawing, jewelrymaking, mixed media, painting, paper crafting, photography, polymer clay, print-making, resin, and upcycling), give you a "creative boost" and help you prepare for exhibits (writing an artist's statement, framing). There is even a panel discussion on social media to help you communicate with others about your work.

Grown-Ups Art Camp is also offering a "Spectrum Arts" workshop specifically for adults on the autism spectrum to create drawings, paintings or collages in order to experiment with new materials and subjects. Scholarship applications are available; contact the GUAC coordinator, Tracy Wilkerson, at GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org for more information.

Sign up for as many workshops as you want! Register now to reserve your spot. Details and registration are available at the gallery and at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC

Additionally, the gallery will be hosting an exhibit of artwork from the GUAC instructors, as well as an art supplies yard sale. Stop by to shop during workshop hours (please be respectful of the workshops) because regular gallery hours are not in effect in July.

### Youth Art Camp: "The Amazing Race: An Art Odyssey"

#### Spaces still available; Register now!

Youth ages 8-14 years old are invited to spend one week creating art and learning creative techniques, followed by a one-day, public gallery exhibit the Saturday after camp.

The theme for this summer's camp is "The Amazing Race: An Art Odyssey." Campers will travel around the globe on an exciting art odyssey. The art and artists native to a variety of regions will inspire our travelers to design and create unique works of art. The only limit will be our imagination as we set off



to visit some of the world's most artistic hot spots to experience art history, culture, and a variety of kinesthetic creative processes. Some destinations include: France, Australia, China, Russia, Germany, and more. We will arrive back to the USA just in time to unpack our suitcases and display our worldly creations on the walls of the gallery.

- Choose WEEK ONE: July 20-24, 2015 from 9am-4pm daily (gallery show on Saturday, July 25, 1-3pm) or WEEK TWO: July 27-31, 2015 from 9am-4pm daily (gallery show on Saturday, August 1, 1-3pm)
- Fee: \$300 per child. All art supplies, lunch and snacks are provided. Scholarships available.
- Information and registration forms at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp
- Inquiries: ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### Welcome, New Members!

- Katherine Barrus Mixed Media
- Stacy Cantrell Sculptural Crochet
- Jeanne Creekmore Oil, Pastel, Fabric
- Alec Dickey
- Andrea Foley Photography
- Mary Pat Forrest Acrylic
- Kay Fuller
  - Martha Garcia
  - Lori K. Gordon Mixed Media
- L K Jeffers
- Mary Ann Kirkpatrick
- Felda Lehto
- Corinne Marlowe Acrylic, Mixed Media
- Tiffeny Sanchez
- Sharon Van Duizend
- Jennifer Webb Glass

#### **First Thursday Mix Mash**

#### July 2, 2015 from 6-9pm

Try your hand at creating a mixed media art piece! Visit the gallery from 6-9pm on the First Thursday of July, choose from one of the provided supply kits, and create something unique. The event fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 13 years old. Mixed media artists will be available for ideas, suggestions, and questions. While you are visiting the gallery, participate in our community collaborative art piece, which will be featured as a silent auction item in the August Au Naturel show! For details, contact Tracy at: GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### **Sponsor a Camper**

You can make a donation to help send a youth to camp! All donations are appreciated. Donate at TheDelRayArtisans.org/donate under "Art Camp." Thank you!

#### A Very Silly Man

During a special SocialLights program on June 16, member Guy Jones began with a dance number, then gave a marvelous talk about his artwork and artistic journey to a full house. Guy stated that had it not been for Del Ray Artisans and past archivist John Hiller's photos of Guy's art on Flicker, he would not have gotten the children's book illustration job, nor be at the Torpedo Factory today. With the medical issues Guy has faced, he is an example of how art can help heal the body, mind, and soul.



Guy Jones presenting during SocialLights. For photos of Guy's work, visit: flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans/tags/guyjones

#### Save the Date: August 16 Member Meeting

Our ever popular Pie Contest and Indoor Picnic will be held during the Member Meeting on Sunday, August 16 from 5-7pm. Look through your favorite recipes for your finest savory and sweet pies to enter this annual contest. Prizes awarded to winners. Neighbor Pork Barrel BBQ will provide the food for the indoor picnic. For more information, contact: Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### **Coming Up Exhibits!**

- *Au Naturel* August 7-30, 2015 Opening Reception: Friday, August 7 from 7-9pm
- *ALTARS: Religious Rituals* September 4-27, 2015 Opening Reception: Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm

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

#### From the President

We are all about Summer fun at the gallery! Have you seen the full line up for GUAC? Check out the article in this issue of *The Well-Crafted Word* and the class list on our website. Consider registering for one or two classes. I am excited and will be teaching a few workshops myself. Also, don't forget the new shows coming up, including *Au Naturel* in August and *ALTARS: Religious Rituals* in September. Check out the Calls for Entry online and submit a piece! Also, the *Under a Summer Sun* show at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is on view now through September 27.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to Jeanette Lukens for her service this year as Youth Programs Director. Also thank you to all who have helped with shows, the newsletter and cards, Facebook and Twitter, maintained the gardens, photographed events for the archives, and who just keep us going in general. Thank you. I hope you have a wonderful summer. ~ *Kim Joy, President@TheDelRayArtisans.org* 

#### Call for Entry: Au Naturel

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This Call for Entry is an online form. All entries must be received digitally. The deadline for digital submissions is Sunday, July 26, 2015. Contact the curator, Tamara Wilkerson, with any questions at Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org. The entry form is online at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

#### Building Bridges with Six Degrees Consortium Recap

In June, the gallery was filled with artworks featuring countries, cultures, and peoples from around the world. Artists from both Del Ray Artisans and Mississippi's Six Degrees Consortium joined forces for the collaborative exhibit, *Building Bridges*, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. In a special artist's talk, guest curator Lori K. Gordon shared her story of how she found the positive in such a devastating event and let it strengthen her. She provided inspiration for the packedhouse at the gallery.

At the opening reception, Gordon presented an artwork from The Arts Hancock County to Del Ray Artisans in honor of our continued friendship and in appreciation of *Southern Surge*, the show Del Ray Artisans organized in March 2007 to help support artists in the gulf coast after the natural disaster.

Curators Lori K. Gordon, Linda Elliff, and Barb Boatman presented the Curator Awards to Claudia Ringel and Kayal Dhabalia of Del Ray Artisans and Michelle Allee of Mississippi. Also, the curators send special thanks to Marge Holtz, Chris Vinh, Josh Oliveira, Kathy Turner, Ron Blank, Gloria Vestal, and as always, Lesley Hall.



Lori K. Gordon discusses her personal and artistic journey since Hurricane Katrina.



Lori K. Gordon (R) presents a drawing to Del Ray Artisans President Kim Joy (L).

#### **A Very Special Thanks**

We say goodbye to our wonderful Youth Programs Director, Jeanette Lukens, who is moving out of state. She has done a great job in a short amount of time. We will all miss her! Thank you, Jeanette, and all the best in the future. We hope you will visit in the future if you are back in Del Ray.

Eileen O'Brien and Linda Mierke coordinate several ongoing off-site exhibits for Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls (GWW) program. Eileen has been curating this successful program for several years now. She does it all, including writing calls for entry, negotiating with exhibit venues, hanging artwork and assisting DRA members. Thanks to Eileen's hard work, DRA currently has 3 separate exhibit locations.

Recently, Linda began working with Eileen as a site coordinator. Juggling several exhibits at once, Linda manages to stay cheerful, calm, and helpful. Those of us who have exhibited at these sites, know just how much time and energy Eileen and Linda put in for DRA. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. We appreciate you and we couldn't do it without you! Additional appreciation to volunteers:

- Suzanne Tillman, Laura Whitaker, and Susan Pennington for helping the office staff with a variety of miscellaneous tasks and small projects.
- Ann Marie Grills for tirelessly stuffing, folding, sealing, labeling, stamping and mailing 60+ *The Well-Crafted Word* newsletters each month.
- Ellyn Ferguson for consistently checking Del Ray Artisans voice mailbox for years!
- Maxine Whyte for her past volunteer time on the Web Posting Committee; and Lew Smith for recently taking over Maxine's posting tasks. The Web Posting Committee benefits us all by helping to spread the word about DRA shows and events.

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# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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703.838.4827 TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### **Gallery Hours:**

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

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Calendar

#### July 2015

- June 29 July 17 Grown-Ups Art Camp GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org First Thursday, open until 9 pm 3
- 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm (off-site)
- 20-24 Art Camp Week 1
- Art Camp Show for Week 1 25

#### 27-31 Art Camp Week 2

#### August 2015

- Art Camp Show for Week 2 1
- First Thursday, open until 9 pm 6
- 7-30 SHOW: Au Naturel curator Tamara Wilkerson
- Partners in Art, 2 4 pm 10
- 11 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 11-1pm, Gesture (clothed)
- 12 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed) Member Meeting, Indoor Picnic 16
- & Pie Contest, 5 7 pm 18
- SocialLights, 7 9 pm
- Life Drawing, 6:30 9:30 pm, Long 19
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- 27 Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long

#### September 2015

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- First Thursday, open until 9 pm 3 4-27 SHOW: ALTARS: Religious Rituals curators John Bordner and David Camero
  - Board Meeting, 7 pm

#### September 2015 Continued

- 9 Life Drawing, 11 am – 1 pm, Gesture
- 9 Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long
- 14 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 15 SocialLights, 7 – 9 pm
- 16 Life Drawing, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Long
- 20 Life Drawing, 9:30 - 11:30 am,
- Gesture (clothed) Life Drawing, 2 – 5 pm, Short/Long 23 (clothed)
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30 9:30 pm, Long

#### October 2015

- 2 Nov 1 SHOW: Skeletons curator Tracy Wilkerson RecycledWorks@yahoo.com
- COMMUNITY: Art on the 3 Avenue, 10-6pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 11 - 1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
- Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long 7 (clothed)
- Board Meeting, 7 pm 13
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- 18 Life Drawing, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Gesture
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- Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long Life Drawing, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Long 22
- 29 Annual Meeting with Elections, 7-9 pm

#### More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### November 2015

- 6-29 SHOW: Under \$100 curator Stacy Rausch stacy@lovetocreate.net
- 9 Partners in Art, 2 – 4 pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 11 am - 1 pm, Gesture

#### July Board Meeting Location Change

The Board meeting on Tuesday, July 14 from 7-9pm will be held at 202 E Raymond Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301. Members are welcome to attend and address the Board with notification to: Secretary@

TheDelRayArtisans.org

#### Artists Forum

Join "Del Ray Artisans" Artists Forum" to share information with each other! facebook.com/groups/ delrayartisans

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.



#### DEL RAY ARTISANS - ART EXHIBIT - OPEN TO ALL ARTISTS

## **AU NATUREL**

#### August 7-30, 2015

Opening Reception: Friday, August 7 from 7-9pm

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Art can be in 2-D or 3-D format and 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.



"The Boldest of Children" by Tamara Wilkerson

## Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Curator: Tamara Wilkerson,

#### Entry Details Highlights:

- **DEADLINE for digital submissions is Sunday, July 26, 2015.**
- Up to three (3) pieces of artwork. Entry fee is \$5 per piece for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 per piece for non-members.
- Entry fees are due upon submission (no later than July 26) and are non-refundable. Pay with Cash/Check/CC at gallery or CC payments online at: squareup.com/market/del-ray-artisans/dra-au-naturel
- Final acceptance for this exhibit is at curator's discretion upon viewing artwork at drop-off.
- <u>Accepted</u> artwork must be delivered to Del Ray Artisans at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301 on Sunday, August 2 from 6-8pm or Monday, August 3 from 6-8pm.
- Artwork pick up is on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 1-3pm.
- All artwork must be for sale. When art sells, each artist is asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans.

## All entries must be received digitally through the online submission form.

## Full Entry Details and Form at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE



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#### DEL RAY ARTISANS & ART LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTIVE PROJECT

#### CALL FOR ENTRY

## **ALTARS: Religious Rituals**

#### September 4 – 27, 2015

#### Opening Reception: Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm

What comes to mind when you think of altars? They could reflect places of heavenly worship or nether worldly sacrifice. They can be simple raised platforms or elaborate structures used for religious ceremonies. Whether you think of them literally such as for worship or sacrifice, or figuratively for things given priority at the cost of something else—perhaps work over family—altars are used in varying religious rituals around the world. Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and Art Latin American Collective Project (ALACP) have teamed up to present this unique artistic challenge to their members. Artists, dig deep into your imaginations! Explore the use of altars in religious rituals worldwide and create your interpretations in any and every form of media.

#### ALACP Curator: David Camero (mactrovattore@yahoo.es) DRA Curator: John Bordner (JBordner@wiscenterprises.com)

#### **Entry Details:**

#### **Open to DRA & ALACP members only**

- Artwork receiving is Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> & Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm
- Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. The entry fee for DRA & ALACP members is \$5 per piece. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- All artwork must be for sale. Any pieces marked at "NFS" will not be accepted.
- Artwork must be ready to hang and 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 <a href="https://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtGuidelines">www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtGuidelines</a> for details.

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

- Artists are responsible for drop-off/pick-up arrangements.
- <u>All artists MUST gallery host and/or volunteer</u> with set-up, hanging, opening/closing receptions and/or take down. 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. Del Ray Artisans, Art Latin American Collective Project, and the City of Alexandria cannot 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 Del Ray Artisans show.
- When your art sells, you are asked to make a 20% donation (tax- deductible) to Del Ray Artisans.
- 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 this call for entry form for your records.



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#### **ENTRY FORM**

## **ALTARS: Religious Rituals**

#### September 4 – 27, 2015

Drop-off dates: Sunday, August 30 from 6-8pm and Monday, August 31 from 6-8pm

Entry Fee: \$5 per piece for DRA & ALACP members (non-refundable)

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#### Terms and Conditions (All DRA & ALACP members must sign)

I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Art Latin American Collective Project, Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, the 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	
Important Dates:		
Artwork Drop Off:	Sunday, August 30 & Monday, August 31 from 6-8pm	
Non-Accepted Artwork Pickup:	Wednesday, September 2 from 12-6pm	
Opening Reception:	Friday, September 4 from 7-9pm	
Show Closes/Artwork Pickup:	Sunday, September 27 from 6-8pm	
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