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RESPECT:

Unsung Heroes in Uniform

June 3-26, 2016

Opening Reception: Friday, June 3, 7-9pm

When one is in uniform, people often see the uniform but not the individual. Let's take a moment to give respect to ALL unsung heroes in uniform: coaches, teams, nurses, doctors, dentists, veterans, food and restaurant workers, janitors, maintenance employees, retail service workers, gym instructors, landscape workers, bus and train drivers, police officers, and security personnel... just to name a few!

Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery to see how area artists chose to show their respect. There will also be a small memorial section in the gallery where visitors can reflect, contemplate, or remember.



Welcome, New Members!

- Heike Gramckow
- Marily Mojica
- Sara Robinson

Paint Del Ray First Thursday, June 2 from 6-9pm

Paint Del Ray is a collaboration between Del Ray Business Association and Del Ray Artisans. The event features artists demoing their talents and several family-oriented painting activities along Mt Vernon Avenue. Don't miss it!

Stop by the gallery to help paint "Photo Op Boards" to be set up at future First Thursdays! Thank you to Corrin Pumphrey and Dawn Wyse Hurto for sketching out the boards in preparation for the event.



Dip into Some GUAC!

Register for this summer's Grown Ups Art Camp (GUAC) workshops at the gallery. Check out the classes and schedule at TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC. The variety of workshops offered will be for all skill levels. If you haven't indulged your creative side, you can start with **drawing, painting and sculpture**. Or do you like **jewelry**? There are 5 classes where you could take home something to wear that you made yourself. Want to explore the possibilities with **polymer clay**? We have a couple of options for you! Do you have thoughts that crowd your mind? Try **art journaling**! If you're the type that accumulates art supplies and other things around your house, we have a number of classes in a range of **mixed media** from **recycled materials to art book making**. How about taking a break from the digital world and explore **film camera photography**? And if you love animals, there is **pet portraits in glass**! Want to break out of the studio and get physical? We even have **Hand Dancing and Improv**. You can design your own **Doodle Sneakers** to wear while you play! Already engaging in art but need to focus on the **Business of Art**? We are also offering workshops on **tax information, websites, and application packets for artists**.

GUAC runs from June 27 through July 15 with daytime and evening classes taught by real artists! It's a great creative boost and a fun, interactive activity for you and your friends. For questions, contact Theresa Kulstad at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.

Children's Art Camp

Children's art camp is a 5-day program (choose July 18-22 or July 25-29) of art instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, book-making, and more. All art supplies are provided. Healthy lunches and snacks are provided. Just a few spots left! Children must be registered in advance. Details at TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp



CoPo Concertina Book with Sally Canzoneri; Intro to Film Camera with Alan Whiting; Pet Portraits in Glass with Betsy Mead; and CitraSolv Magic with Susan Gantz



Designate your Nickels to Del Ray Artisans

Del Ray Artisans has been selected by Whole Foods Market (1700 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314) for their "Nickels for Nonprofits" Program.

Now through the end of June, bring your reusable bags to Whole Foods in Old Town Alexandria and choose to donate your nickel per bag at checkout to Del Ray Artisans to help empower budding artists and continue to bring diverse artistic activity to the community.

Thank you to Whole Foods and to everyone who donates their nickels!

President's Message

The school year is drawing to an end and some of our kids will be moving on to new chapters in their lives. It is a bittersweet, but exciting time. Our June shows, *RESPECT* at the gallery and *A Call to Service* at VCA Animal Hospital, are great places to start your summer adventures.

Are you going away? Or doing a staycation? If you are in town think about some of the wonderful workshops planned for GUAC and your child can attend one (or both!) of the fun-packed Art Camps offered by DRA.

Check our calendar of events and see what offerings you would like to try. We would love to see you this summer. If you do go away for the summer, stay safe, have fun, and keep art in your heart.

—Kim S. Joy, President

Special thanks to Jenny Nicholson for her beautiful calligraphy on the invitations to the Patrons Brunch, **Jennifer Webb** for making the fantastic (and surprise!) Patron gifts, and **Lynne Darnell** for the much needed kitchen organization.

HELP!!! DRA NEEDS YOU NOW!!!!

Several critical Board positions are open and we need you to fill them. As a Board member, each of these Directors has a voice and vote on all things discussed at Board meetings. Being a Board member is a great way serve and support your arts community and influence Del Ray Artisans policies and procedures. You can contact Kim Joy at President@DelRayArtisans.org with any questions about Board positions.

- The **Programs Director** maintains the gallery's current programs and helps develop new ones for members and surrounding communities. Duties include reading and responding to emails, helping develop program proposals, drafting publicity documents, and coordinating schedules as they relate to ongoing and future art exhibits. The current Programs Director is available to shadow and provide support during the transition period. For details, contact Theresa at 703-283-0399 or Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.
- The **Outreach Director** is responsible for any event or activity in which DRA is reaching out into the community. Some activities/events include First Thursdays and Art on the Avenue. This position works closely with the Programs Director to include the community. We need a volunteer as soon as possible.
- The **Grants & Sponsorship Director** oversees the production and delivery of DRA's annual grant proposals for general operating grants such as Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA), and Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA), which send out annual requests for proposals. Other duties include researching and seeking out other funding opportunities for DRA, including new sources for general operating grants as well as for specific program grants; and working with other directors to seek corporate and local sponsorship of DRA programs, events and/or special projects. This position is waiting for the right person to make it their own.

Curate an Art Exhibit

DRA is soliciting show proposals NOW for 2017. Themes should have broad appeal, spur creativity, and be open to diverse media. Curating is a rewarding experience and counts towards your volunteer hours. The Show Proposal Committee will review proposals and recommend those chosen to the Board for approval. Download the proposal form at TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

**Deadline
for Show
Proposals
Extended to
June 30**

Other Volunteer Needs

All DRA members are required to volunteer at least 12 hours per year to support the organization and its mission. Here are a few opportunities to consider:

- The **Nominating Committee** puts together the slate of candidates for the 2017 Board of Directors. Get to know your fellow DRA members while seeking persons interested in serving on the Board. Interested in helping? Contact Kim Joy at President@DelRayArtisans.org.
- DRA volunteers **pick-up litter in Colasanto Park** as a part of the City of Alexandria's Adopt-a-Park program. Inspections are on Mondays, so Sunday is the best pick-up day but not a hard rule. We need volunteers to sign up for weekends now through November 30. If you are interested in assisting, contact Marlin with your preferred weekend at AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org.
- **Gardners** with strong backs are encouraged to volunteer for a one-time project or seasonal work on the gallery's gardens. For more details, contact Pamela Underhill at underhill.pamela@gmail.com.

Contact Josh Oliveira at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org for other openings in: **Communications, Curating, Photography & Video (Archives), and Programs.**



Gallery Without Walls

DRA's off-site exhibits continue: *Streets Meets Glass* at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter (4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304) through August 15 and *A Call to Service* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) through September 25. Please stop by to see these wonderful exhibits in your summer wanderings.

For more information on the GWW exhibits, visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW or contact LG Mierke at Animals@DelRayArtisans.org.

"Streets Meets Glass" at the animal shelter showcases the work of artists Betsy Mead and Joshua Oliveira. Photos from Judy Lynn.

Surrealism Photography Exhibition a Triumph

The May show, *Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition*, was a successful first-time partnership between Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio. The exhibit received over 100 submissions and challenged the curator, David Heckman, and the jurors, Charles Butler and Charlie Kershner from Union 206 Studio and Claudia Olivos from Del Ray Artisans, to narrow down which pieces would hang in the exhibit. Eventually 72 pieces were selected and Best in Show was awarded to:

- Alicyn Drew, *Beautiful Mind*
- Michael Martin, *Up Creek No Paddle*
- Stephen Schiff, *Vision on the Mall*
- John Wisor, *Transience and the Persister*

Special thanks go to: Kathy Turner, Del Ray Artisans' Curating Director, for her gentle guidance; the jurors Charles Butler, Charlie Kershner, and Claudia Olivos; volunteers Amy Lopez and Skylar Watson for assisting with receiving and hanging artwork; Susane Asher of Plastic Sky for her amazing opening reception music; Dawn Wyse Hurto for tech support; Del Ray Artisans' office manager Dani Keith for the many office chores that contribute towards a successful show; and all the participating artists who volunteered time at the reception, gallery hosting, and with show receiving and take down. We could not put on an exhibit without all of your support.



Scene from the opening reception, John Hiller and Kathy Turner (L), and Susane Asher performing (R). Photos from Sean Crumley.

What's this thing called—Plein Air Painting?

Plein air painting is the making of art on site—painting what you see. Usually done outdoors, it captures the ephemeral light of a passing day. Painted quickly, or over a series of days at the same time of day, the painter captures the essence of time and place. Traditionally, plein air pictures were studies for studio final works. Nowadays, the plein air piece is the final product. In the last 10 years, plein air festivals, paint outs, and competitions have exploded across the country.

The painter is portable with pochade box or Julian easel, supplies in bag or backpack, small panels, and an umbrella. Check out the artists participating in this First Thursday's "Paint Del Ray" event (June 2)! This is plein air in action.

FUN-derful is Two Shows in One this August!

How can that be? TWO shows? Yes!!! The first attraction ("Main Show") is called *FUN-derful*. This is Witty, Punny, Wacky, Schticky, Colorful, Silly, Zany, Quirky, Comical, Humorous and just LOL FUN art. Lookie! Lookie! Show runs August 5-28, 2016 at the gallery.

The second is a mini-FUN-raiser called: "Can You Spare a Square?" Artists adopt matboard squares and donate completed 6" x 6" artworks to DRA to support the gallery. Paint, Draw, Collage, Fiber, Photo, Assemblage, Mix and anything creative. The completed squares will be sold at a set price with prizes awarded to Squares for this affordable FUN-raiser.

Artists are encouraged to stop by the gallery during open hours and pick up some Squares with show details. FUN curator Karen Schmitz invites all area artists to participate in the merriment. **Digital entries due Monday, July 18** and donated Squares can be dropped off before August 1. Entry Details coming soon. Contact the curator Karen Schmitz at schmityk@yahoo.com with questions.

Fire and Earth

Fire and earth are two of the four elements. The September exhibit celebrates these elements in a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D exhibit. The exhibit will honor how fire in the kiln (be it fueled by wood, gas, or electricity) transforms earth (clay) into functional drinking vessels (cups, mugs, tankards, tumblers, goblets, & tea bowls).

Entry to this exhibit is by online submission. **The 3-D Ceramic Cup entries are due by midnight on Saturday, July 30. The 2-D Exhibit entries are due by midnight on Saturday, August 13.** Details and entry forms at: TheDelRayArtisans.org/CFE

Need help with online entries?

Kathy Turner, Curating Director, is willing to help anyone submit an online entry to a monthly exhibit. Contact Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday:
(April-Sept.) noon-9 pm
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: noon-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Editor: Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.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

June 2016

- 1 2017 Show Proposals Due
- 2 First Thursday (Paint Del Ray), 6-9pm
- 3-26 **SHOW: RESPECT: *Unsung Heroes in Uniform*** (Curator Tracy Wilkerson)
- 3 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 8 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 8 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 14 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 22 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 22 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

July 2016

- June 27-July 15 Grown-Ups Art Camp
- 7 First Thursday (Red, White & Blue), 6-9pm
 - 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
 - 18 **FUN-derful Digital Entries Due**
 - 18-22 Art Camp (Week 1)
 - 23 Art Camp (Week 1) Show, 1-3pm
 - 25-29 Art Camp (Week 2)
 - 30 Art Camp (Week 2) Show, 1-3pm

More information at: calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org

July 2016 *Continued*

- 30 **Fire and Earth National Ceramic Cup 3-D Digital Entries Due**
- 31 Artwork Receiving for *FUN-derful*, 6-8pm

August 2016

- 1 Artwork Receiving for *FUN-derful*, 6-8pm
- 4 First Thursday (Music & Dance on the Avenue), 6-9pm
- 5-28 **SHOW: *FUN-derful*** (Curator Karen Schmitz)
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Member Meeting/Picnic & Pie Contest, 5-7pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 **Fire and Earth 2-D Digital Entries Due**
- 21 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28-29 Artwork Receiving for *Fire and Earth*, 6-8pm

September 2016

- 1 First Thursday (Health & Wellness), 6-9pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/Membership for details.

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GROWN UPS ART CAMP

June 27 – July 15, 2016

Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC

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2016 Schedule

Please note the "Fee" column below shows the "member / non-member" price and includes the supply fee, if applicable.

Workshop Title	Instructor	Date and Time	Fee
Intro to Film Cameras (2-part workshop; see also 7/6)	Alan Whiting	Monday, June 27, 1-5pm	\$80 / \$90
Pet Portraits in Glass	Betsy Mead	Monday, June 27, 6-10pm	\$80 / \$90
CitraSolv Magic	Susan Gantz	Tuesday, June 28, 9am-1pm	\$60 / \$70
Printing with Gelli Arts Plates	Susan Gantz	Tuesday, June 28, 2-6pm	\$45 / \$55
Art Journal: Finding Beauty in Chaos	Karen Thomas	Tuesday, June 28, 7-10pm	\$50 / \$60
Life Drawing Session - Short/Long Poses	Katherine Rand (coordinator)	Wednesday, June 29, 2-5pm	\$10 / \$12
Life Drawing Session - Long Poses	Katherine Rand (coordinator)	Wednesday, June 29, 6:30-9:30pm	\$10 / \$12
Mokume Gane for Polymer Clay	Susan Gantz	Thursday, June 30, 9am-1pm	\$55 / \$65
CoPo Concertina Book	Sally Canzoneri	Thursday, June 30, 2-5pm	\$50 / \$60
Birdhouses From Recycled Materials	Barb Boatman	Thursday, June 30, 6-10pm	\$45 / \$55
Ancient Chinese Whirlwind Book	Sally Canzoneri	Friday, July 1, 3-6pm	\$50 / \$60
Hand Dancing	Virginia Brown	Friday, July 1, 7-10pm	\$15 / \$25
Carving with Soapstone: Making Your First Sculpture	Jonathan Ottke	Saturday, July 2, 1-4pm	\$70 / \$80
Create Depth in Paintings with Texture	Judy Lynn	Tuesday, July 5, 9am-1pm	\$75 / \$85
Artists, Taxes & the IRS	Rita Schooley	Tuesday, July 5, 2:30-4pm	\$35 / \$45
Precious Metal Clay Basics	Kim Joy	Wednesday, July 6, 9am-1pm	\$90 / \$100
Intro to Film Cameras (Follow up to 6/27 workshop)	Alan Whiting	Wednesday, July 6, 2-3pm	included
Playing With Resin	Tracy Wilkerson	Wednesday, July 6, 6:30-9:30pm	\$50 / \$60
Stained Glass Pendant	Kim Joy	Thursday, July 7, 9am-1pm	\$70 / \$80
Nature Journaling in Your Neighborhood	Margaret Wohler	Thursday, July 7, 2-4pm	\$50 / \$60
Groutless Mosaics (2-part workshop; see also 7/8)	Nancy Kline	Thursday, July 7, 7-10pm	\$90 / \$100
Cuff Bracelet from Vintage Kimono	Kim Joy	Friday, July 8, 9am-1pm	\$70 / \$80
Groutless Mosaics (part 2 of 7/7 workshop)	Nancy Kline	Friday, July 8, 7-10pm	included
Polymer Clay - Textures	Ken and Sue Reed	Saturday, July 9, 1:30-5pm	\$58 / \$68
Meditation & Intuitive Painting with Abstract Expressionism	Melanie Bikowski	Saturday, July 9, 6-9:30pm	\$60 / \$70
Hand Carving Rubber Stamps	Stacy Rausch	Sunday, July 10, 10am-1:30pm	\$115 / \$125
Doodle Sneakers	Stacy Rausch	Sunday, July 10, 2:30-5pm	\$35 / \$45
Abstract India Ink & Water Painting for Everyone	Kath Gayle	Sunday, July 10, 6-10pm	\$95 / \$105
De-stress Through Drawing	Jennifer Westberg	Monday, July 11, 2:30-5:30pm	\$50 / \$60
Sequential Drawing: How to Draw a Comic Strip	Kevynn Joseph	Monday, July 11, 7-10pm	\$20 / \$30
Create a Full Artist Application Packet	Brandy Lellou	Tuesday, July 12, 6-10pm	\$55 / \$65
Mixed Media Mantras	Kajal Dhabalia	Wednesday, July 13, 12-3:30pm	\$55 / \$65
Creating a Stellar Website on a Shoe String Budget	Kajal Dhabalia	Wednesday, July 13, 6-10pm	\$65 / \$75
Mixed Media From Recycled Building Materials	Brandy Lellou	Thursday, July 14, 9am-1pm	\$55 / \$65
Restrung, ReVamp Your Costume Jewelry	Linda Elliff	Thursday, July 14, 7-10pm	\$50 / \$60
Box Sculptures	Rusty Lynn	Friday, July 15, 2:30-5pm	\$60 / \$70
Improv for All	Carole Douglass	Friday, July 15, 7-10pm	\$15 / \$25