



Celebrating 25 Years of Making Art . . .

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Thanks For All The Fish

Exhibit Dates: June 2- 25, 2017

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 3 from 7-9pm

Thanks For All The Fish is an exhibit of artwork by Del Ray Artisans members who have made exceptional volunteer contributions to support Del Ray Artisans within the past two years. Please join us at the opening reception on Saturday, June 3 from 7-9pm to meet the artists, celebrate their dedication, and enjoy the art they share.

Fifty artists were invited to submit pieces. Featured artwork was selected by curators Kathy Turner and Joshua Oliveira. Thank you to the exceptional volunteers who qualified for the exhibit: Rebecca Barnes, Melanie Bikowski, Ron Blank, John C. Bordner, Kathryn A. Brown, Andrew Carias, Michele Reday Cook, Sean Crumley, Linda Elliff, Gordon T. Frank, Joe Franklin, Donna Lee Gallo, Gale S. Goldfarb, Heike Gramckow, Rachel Grodsky, Lesley Hall, David Heckman, Patricia P. Hickey, Bonnie Holmberg, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Kim S. Joy, Tom Kelly, Veronica Barker-Barzel, Nancy S. Kline, Theresa A. Kulstad, Stephen Lally, Brandy Lellou, Miles Liss, Marlin G. Lord, Linda Lowery, Judy Lynn, Rusty Lynn, Liz Martinez, Milagros Mateu, David McClure, Betsy Mead, Eileen Marie O'Brien, Joshua C. Oliveira, Kurt Peterson, Zade R. Ramsey, Katherine P. Rand, Karen Schmitz, Rita Schooley, Dale Spivey, Pat Stacey, Kathy Stoner, Karen L. Thomas, Kathy Turner, Pamela Underhill, Lydia Walter, Tamara Wilkerson, and Tracy Wilkerson.

Del Ray Artisans is grateful to its members who have gone above and beyond, working tirelessly to make our little corner of the art world successful. The organization has only two part-time employees and relies on the dedication, commitment and generosity of its members to keep providing the high-quality exhibits, programs and special events for which Del Ray Artisans is famous.

Thanks For All The Fish runs from June 2–25, 2017 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: First Thursdays (April-September) 12-9pm, Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm, and Sundays 12-6pm. The gallery is free, open to the public, and handicap accessible. For more information, visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits or contact curator Kathy Turner at kturnersan@gmail.com.



"Thanks For All the Fish" by K. Turner

Welcome, New Members

- Anita and Jeff Cukr
- Dana Lynn Fernandez
- Deborah Mahnken

Our Newest 2017 Silver Supporters

- Del Ray Café
- Vintage Dress Company

Corporate Sponsors

- Salon Bisoux
- Yoga in Daily Life

Red, White & Tuna Friday, June 2, 2017



On Friday, June 2, join us at The Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Red, White and Tuna" comedy production, with opening reception and champagne intermission, a "fish art" exhibit and art raffle. The reception starts at 6:30pm and features heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and refreshments. Curtain at 8pm. Intermission features champagne, cupcakes, and the raffle drawing. Tickets are \$45. All proceeds support Del Ray Artisans nonprofit.

Buy tickets at the gallery or online, at DelRayArtisans.org/event/red-white-tuna.

2017 Youth Summer Art Camp July 17-21 and July 24-28



Register now for the 2017 Del Ray Artisans Youth Summer Art Camp! Youth ages 8-14 years old are invited to spend a week with professional educational staff at Del Ray Artisans creating art and architecture, learning a range of creative techniques. Art Camp is a one-week experience for campers of "Building BIG" using all kinds of materials and inspiration. We will investigate different architecture from near and far; learn how materials, texture, form, and design come together to make memorable structures. Working with cardboard, paint, clay, and other natural materials, our ideas will have no bounds!

Choose either week one (July 17-21, 2017) or week two (July 24-28, 2017). Camp is Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm daily, and costs \$325 per child. Scholarships may be available upon request. All art supplies and snacks are provided. For more information and registration forms, please visit: DelRayArtisans.org/event/Art-Camp-2017. There will be a special, one-day only, gallery show from 1-3pm on the Saturday following camp (July 22 for week one campers and July 29 for week two campers) to show off student work. The reception is a great chance for campers, family, and friends to talk to the Art Camp Administrator, Susan Tremblay, and other students about their experience.

Art Camp and the gallery show will be at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. The gallery is handicap accessible. For inquiries, contact Office Manager, Betsy Mead, at Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org.

Grown-Ups Art Camp 2017

Registration is coming soon for this summer's Grown-Ups Art Camp (GUAC) workshops at the gallery. Details and schedule will be posted at DelRayArtisans.org/GUAC. There are a variety of workshops for all skill levels. We plan to offer classes in polymer clay techniques (beads, polymer inlay), jewelry, mosaics/glass (glass jewelry, fused glass), printmaking (Gelli printing, relief printmaking, gelatin printing), abstract painting techniques, fiber (Kumihimo, upcycled fabric necklace), and the business of being an artist (social media, taxes, digital image techniques, websites). There will also be instruction in leather mask making, soapstone carving, insect drawing, meditation, comic book making, book making, and nature journaling.

GUAC runs from June 26 through July 14 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 Michele Reday Cook at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.

Determination at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital May 21 - Sept 17, 2017

In our latest Gallery Without Walls show, *Determination (What's Your Goal?)*, Del Ray Artisans artists visualize their ideas about their determination to work as artists or in any part of their lives in order to overcome life challenges. As with previous VCA collaborative shows, proceeds from artwork sales will support both Del Ray Artisans and Veterans Moving Forward. VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital is located at 2660 Duke Street in Alexandria.



"Many Hills" by P. Underhill

Clowning Around at Del Ray Artisans August 4-27, 2017 Entries due: Monday, July 24, 2017 by midnight

Clowning Around encourages artists to express their inner clown through art in fun, playful, satirical, comedic, or tragic ways. Your clown could be a satirical social comment, a painting that expresses a personal tragedy through laughter, a found object reshaped by your imagination, a photograph to produce giggles, or even an absurd clown randomly popping up in a landscape. Embrace a childlike whimsy or journey into a carnival of crazy clowns. Join us in this romp with a truly American genre. Find call for entry details at DelRayArtisans.org/2017/05/clowning-around-cfe.



Call for 2018 Exhibit Proposals Extended!

Proposals now due: Monday, July 31 by midnight. For details go to DelRayArtisans.org/2017/02/2018-exhibit-proposal.

Tips and Reminders from the Office Staff

- So that all members can access the craft closet, keep this area free of belongings. Do not leave items in the closet.
 - Please help keep the kitchen clean. Do not leave food/beverages; take them home or discard. Keep the sink free of food and debris, and clean after every use.
 - Event or gallery hosts are asked to empty all trash at the end of the day. Use the bins outside on the back side of the gallery.
 - If your event requires you to move gallery items, please replace them when done.
 - All unsold artwork must be picked up the evening of the last day of the exhibit. Artwork left over 30 days after close of exhibit becomes property of DRA.
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Membership Meeting Recap - May 23, 2017

The May 23 membership meeting was standing room only. Local artist and instructor Lisa Semerand gave a talk about her experiences as an art show juror and discussed how to make your artwork stand



out in the crowd. Many thanks to Lisa, to Drew Cariasio (Membership Director), to Michele Reday Cook (Programs Director), to the volunteers who helped with the meeting, and to all the DRA members who attended.

Wherefore Art Thou, Gallery Without Walls?

In 1992 we opened our doors for the first time as the Del Ray Artisans Cooperative, at 2210 Mt. Vernon Avenue, in subsidized space granted to us by local businessman Rodger Digilio. We used that space for the next three years, until the property attracted a market rate renter. We had a robust membership by then, and suddenly no gallery space, so we found empty storefronts, walls in local cafes, coffee shops, restaurants, and real estate offices to display our art. This was the birth of DRA's Gallery Without Walls (GWW) program. In the GWW program, we have showcased artists in many locations, including St. Elmo's, Signature Theatre, Prudential PenFed Realty, the Art in City Hall program, and the Ground Zero Hurricane Museum in Waveland, Mississippi (by invitation, after we hosted a show at DRA for Hurricane Katrina-affected artists). Some of our most recent GWW shows have been at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, Shirlington Library, and Ease Yoga, with "Determination (What's Your Goal?)" currently at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital.

- by founding members Kathryn A. Brown and Marlin G. Lord

President's Message

Spring flew by so fast that I think I missed it. Be sure to check out the June Show *Thanks For All The Fish*. This show features the work of Del Ray Artisans' uber volunteers.

Do you have plans for this summer? Do the kiddos need something to do? How about sending them to Art Camp and taking yourself to GUAC (Grown-Ups Art Camp)? Making art and taking classes is a great way to learn something new or expand on your art.

If you are out and about looking for lunch or dinner, check out Holy Cow Burger Joint. We get 25 cents when someone orders a burger at Holy Cow and designates it to DRA (#088). Please remember to designate Del Ray Artisans as your non-profit if you drop in for a burger, and thanks for your support.

-Kim S. Joy, President, DRA

25th Anniversary Silver Legacy Project

Celebrating Del Ray Artisans' 25th Anniversary is more than parties, receptions and festivities. Our Silver Legacy Project will leave a more lasting tangible gift from Del Ray Artisans to the Alexandria community. We are providing funding to purchase art-related books and instructional materials for several elementary schools with art needs.

How can you help? Purchase a Silver Star for as little as \$25. Money received for the Silver Stars will be used for the Silver Legacy Project as well as continuing our artistic outreach programs. Silver Stars may be purchased at the gallery or online at DelRayArtisans.org/silver-star.



DEL RAY ARTISANS 1992-2017

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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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

June 2017

- 1 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 1 2018 Exhibit Proposal deadline
- 2 *Red, White and Tuna* Special Theater Night
Reception at The Little Theatre of Alexandria
- 2-25 **SHOW: *Thanks For All The Fish***
curators: Kathy Turner & Josh Oliveira
- 3 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 21 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 25 *Thanks For All The Fish* artwork pick up

July 2017

June 26-July 14 Grown-Ups Art Camp

- 6 First Thursday (Red, White and Blue),
open until 9pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 17-21 Art Camp (Week 1)

July 2017 (continued)

- 22 Art Camp (Week 1) Show
- 24 *Clowning Around* entry deadline
- 24-28 Art Camp (Week 2)
- 29 Art Camp (Week 2) Show
- 30-31 *Clowning Around* accepted artwork
drop off

August 2017

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 4-27 **SHOW: *Clowning Around***
curators: Gordon Frank & Zade Ramsey
- 4 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 9 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 20 Member Meeting/Indoor Picnic &
Pie Contest, 5-7pm
- 23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 23 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 27 *Clowning Around* artwork pick up

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

- **Betsy Mead, Office Manager**
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- **Eileen O'Brien, GWW Curator**
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Membership Form

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____
Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

Patron

- ☐ \$250 Silver
☐ \$500 Gold
☐ \$1,000 Platinum

Artist

- ☐ \$60 Individual
☐ \$90 Dual
☐ \$110 Family
☐ \$45 Senior
☐ \$30 Student

Supporter

- ☐ \$40

Add a Donation

- ☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____
☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____
☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

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

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

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans

Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Or join online: www.DelRayArtisans.org

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Membership Categories and Benefits

			12-hour Volunteer requirement	Exhibition Privileges	Reduced show entry fees	Inclusion in 2 member shows annually	Eligible for Gallery Without Walls shows	Member-only programs and events	Reduced workshop, classes and program fees	Monthly online <i>The Well-Crafted Word</i> newsletter	Appreciation Gift	Appreciation Event
Membership Categories		Cost	Membership Benefits									
Artist												
Individual	\$ 60	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Dual (2 adults, same address)	\$ 90	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Family (2 adults, 4 children, same address)	\$ 110	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Senior (Age 62 and over)	\$ 45	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Student (Full-time status)	\$ 30	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Supporter												
Supporter	\$ 40							●	●	●		
Patron (Includes 1 family membership)												
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Additional member benefits listed online