



Celebrating 25 Years of Making Art . . .

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Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17

Join us for the 22nd annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market at Del Ray Artisans gallery. The Market is open the first three weekends in December; Fridays 6-9pm, and Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm. Each weekend, there's a different group of artists. Admission is free. The Holiday Market will be at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible. For more information, go to DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2017.



Our Newest Corporate Silver Supporters

- Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota (a double Corporate Silver Supporter)
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25th Anniversary Corporate Silver Supporters

- BB&T
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- La Brocante
- Los Tios Grill
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December 4 Creating Collage Paper Workshop

The "Creating Collage Papers from Coffee Filters and Alcohol Inks" workshop with Mary Kralj is on Monday, December 4 from 10 am–noon. DRA members: \$30, plus \$15 supplies fee; Non-members: \$40 plus \$15 supplies fee. Each participant will take home: a set of 3 or more alcohol inks created in class along with instructions for how to create more at home, a set of papers of various sizes created from custom dyed and painted coffee filters, with instructions for how to create more at home, and a sample of coffee filters from fellow classmates to demonstrate the variability that can be achieved with this technique. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/collage-papers/.

Gallery Without Walls at the Durant Arts Center November 27, 2017 – February 26, 2018 Reception Monday, December 11, 6-8pm

Del Ray Artisans is pleased to announce a collaboration with the Office of the Arts at Alexandria's Durant Arts Center, located at 1605 Cameron St., to sponsor a new Gallery Without Walls exhibit. Join us at the reception, which will be at the Durant Arts Center on Monday, December 11 from 6-8pm.



*"Bermuda 2" detail
by Eileen O'Brien*

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- Let's Meat on the Avenue
- Salon Bisoux
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Thank You to Our Sponsors

By any measure DelRay Artisan's 25th Anniversary year has been an overwhelming success. More than 120 members and friends expressed their support by purchasing a Silver Star. See their names as you enter the DRA gallery.

More than 20 businesses made cash or in-kind contributions to help fund the events of the 25th Anniversary. We recognize them as Corporate Silver Supporters and as Corporate Sponsors. Both individual and corporate groups have made it possible for DRA to accomplish an impressive number of projects.

I encourage every DRA member to visit our sponsors (listed on Page 1 of this newsletter and on the DRA website), tell them you appreciate their support. While you are there, look around. Our sponsors are committed small businesses who help make Del Ray the vibrant community it is.

--Joe Franklin, Fundraising Director

Thank You for Volunteering

Thank you so much to Liz Martinez for volunteering as the Weekly eNews Editor (and then co-Editor) since the summer of 2011. She is also responsible for growing Del Ray Artisans' Twitter following to over 2,700 people (wow!) and is now moving into the Social Media Committee Chairperson role.

Please welcome Jana Bertucci as she replaces Liz as one of the co-Editors of the Weekly eNews; and give a big thank you and happy two-year anniversary as a Weekly eNews co-Editor to Melanie Bikowski. Del Ray Artisans runs on volunteer power.

Thank you for your time and dedication.



2018 Wall Calendars & Upcycled Bags Available Now!



The 2018 wall calendar featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members is available for purchase at the gallery now at just \$19/calendar. You'll enjoy 45 pieces of art by 44 artists throughout the year. There are 3-4 pieces featured each month, and Alanna S. Graboyes' *Souvenirs* is on the cover. Pre-populated events in the calendar include Del Ray Artisans events, community events (from Del Ray Business Association, Del Ray Citizens Association, and others), national holidays, and major religious holidays.

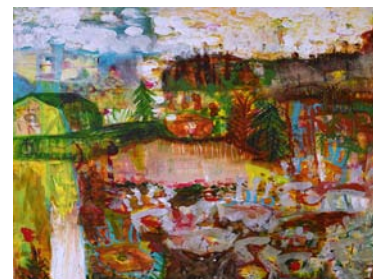
We are also offering tote bags and zippered pouches created from the banners hung each month to advertise art exhibits. It's the ultimate recycle/reuse transformation. Each bag is sturdy, one-of-a-kind, and made in the USA. Tote bags are now just \$25 each and zippered pouches are \$18 each. Proceeds from the calendar and bag sales benefit Del Ray Artisans. These items make great holiday gifts. Available for selection and purchase during the Holiday Market. Thank you for supporting Del Ray Artisans.

Sensorium Call for Entry

Del Ray Artisans gallery, January 5 – 28, 2018
Entries due: Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Our senses and the apparatus in our brain evoke emotional feelings of sympathy, appreciation, or gratitude, or something that is moving, heartwarming, or tender.

The connection between our senses and emotions makes contact with our hearts through someone, something, or an event—be it a pat or tap on the head, the feel of flower petals, hard steel, body parts or smooth glass.



"Home" detail by Melanie Bikowski

This exhibit asks artists to interpret the senses through evoking any of the five senses: sight, sound, taste, smell, or touch. Call for entry details are at DelRayArtisans.org/2017/10/sensorium-cfe/.

Special Thanks for a Special Celebration

Del Ray Artisans' 25th Anniversary Year has been jam packed with fun and exciting events, opportunities to give back to the community, and promising plans for the future. It has been a rewarding year for DRA, thanks to key 25th Anniversary Committee members who have given their time to make this year successful.

No 25th year would be complete without a 25th Anniversary logo. Nancy Flores got us off to a grand start by designing our 25th logo. It has been used on programs, letters, the website, and T-shirts designed by Cameron Turner and Josh Oliveira. We are grateful to Nancy, Cameron and Josh for their artistic talents.

Our March 25th Anniversary Reception officially began the year-long celebration. Huge thanks go to Michele Reday Cook for presenting a grand reception honoring DRA's Founding Members and recognizing Alexandria city officials, local and state officials, and local and state arts commission members. The large crowd in attendance enjoyed bounteous food featuring recipes from the DRA cookbook.

A most important area of any organization's budget is fundraising, and Brandy Lellou has ably led the 25th Anniversary Fundraising effort. At this writing, local businesses have donated \$3800 and more given as 'in kind' contributions. Just over \$3,000 has been raised through sales of Silver Stars. Barbara Boehm is spearheading the 25th Anniversary Silver Legacy Project to use a portion of the Silver Star purchases to provide selected Alexandria Public Schools who have art needs with art-related books and instructional materials. DRA Fundraising Director Joe Franklin pitched in to help with this fundraising endeavor. Jenny Nicholson's beautiful hand lettering on a plaque designed by Karen Schmitz provides recognition to all of the Corporate Supporters. "A Big Bucks Thank You" to all of them.

Angela Calos and John Bordner organized a wonderful evening collaborating with The Little Theatre of Alexandria and we thank them for making it part of the 25th Celebration. "Red, White, and Tuna" was a fun, zany production accompanied by marvelous foods and a classy art raffle.

As founding members themselves, Kathryn Brown and Marlin Lord have provided us with their historical knowledge for the last 25 years. They have served throughout the years in numerous Board positions, working to preserve the organization. Kathryn has completed a revised, more comprehensive history of Del Ray Artisans. Our history recalls how DRA became known for its Offbeat Auctions. Chairman Kurt Peterson gathered donations and planned a modern "twisted" version of those past DRA auctions. The Twisted Masterpieces Auction in September at Port City Brewing Company was a swell evening of fun and fundraising, all thanks to Kurt, the event volunteers, and the many artists who generously donated their artwork.

While it is impossible to name every individual who helped the 25th Committee, all of your time is sincerely appreciated. The success of this year would not have been accomplished without each of you. Special "thank you's" are due our Web Curator, Dawn Wyse Hurto, and to our office staff, Betsy Mead and Celeste Zabowski, for their help. This 25th year has been a time of looking back and also to the future. Each of you are encouraged to join with these loyal volunteers to give back to the organization which gives so much to each of you.

--Linda Elliff, 25th Anniversary Chair

Welcome, New Members

- Debby Brautigam
- Marguerite Carroll
- Joyce A. Frank
- James M. Halloran
- Hernan Murno
- Deneen Stambone

President's Message

I want to thank the Del Ray Artisans membership for giving me the opportunity to be president of such a wonderful, vibrant organization. I have met many wonderful people and built friendships I will carry with me.

The organization is its membership. I can see it every time I walk into the building. When I took my last walk in on November 14, I was sad because I knew I would be missing out on the family that is Del Ray Artisans, wonderful artwork that adorns the walls and being there to watch new budding artists join and grow as we all have. Know that I carry each and every one of you with me. I will be watching to see the wonderful things DRA does and look forward to seeing the artwork the future brings, even if on social media.

To all a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year. Take care of each other. Keep art in your heart,

--Kim S. Joy, DRA President 2015-2017

December 12 Board Meeting Location

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm at the home of incoming president Drew Carias. This meeting is for current Board members to welcome new Board members. To address the Board at the January 9 meeting, email:
Secretary@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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

December 2017

1-3 Holiday Market

- 4 Workshop: Creating Collage Papers from Coffee Filters and Alcohol Inks, 10 am-noon
- 6 Life Drawing Holiday Party 1pm
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 6 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

8-10 Holiday Market

- 11 GWW Open Theme Reception at the Durant Arts Center, 6-8pm
- 12 Board Meeting (off site), 7pm

15-17 Holiday Market

- 20 *Sensorium* entry deadline
- 18-31 Gallery closed
- 31 *Sensorium* artwork dropoff, 6-8pm

January 2018

- 1 *Sensorium* artwork dropoff, 6-8pm
- 1 New Year's Day, gallery closed
- 5-28 SHOW: *Sensorium***
curators: Betsy Mead and Melanie Bikowski
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm

January 2018 (cont'd)

- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 15 *Art Squared* entry deadline
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 28 *Sensorium* artwork pick up
- 28-29 *Art Squared* accepted artwork drop off

February 2018

2-25 SHOW: *Art Squared*

curators: Sophia Suarez and Monica Hokeilen

- 2 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
- 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 *Art Squared* artwork pick up
- 25-26 *Outdoors In* accepted artwork drop off

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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DelRay Artisans Holiday Market 2017 — Vendor List

Weekend 1 (Dec 1-3)

Artists include:

- Lauren Boyle
- Kajal Dhabalia, Wholesome Soul I by Kajal Dhabalia
- Lynn Fernandez, Now Brace Yourself
- Maria Illingworth, Maria's Windows
- Maria Kaneer
- Jenn Kukorlo
- Leigh Lafosse
- Genevieve Lynn, Jade River Studio
- Liz Martinez
- Patti North, All Fired Up
- Eileen M. O'Brien
- Ken and Sue Reed
- Terry Rowe
- Sue Santiago, PODJewelry
- Kent Slowinski, Washington Monuments
- Howard Stelzer, How-Aud's Creations
- Ron Tickerhoff, WolfMountain Glass
- Tamara Wilkerson, WiRealm by Tamara
- Tracy Wilkerson, Recycled Works

Weekend 2 (Dec 8-10)

Artists include:

- Becky Barnes
- Romona Bordelon
- Lynn Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick Design
- Marche Covington
- Chris Fedderson, MacroFine Photography
- Brittany Gabel, BG Mixed Media
- Sharon Harley
- Stephen Lally, Stephen Lally Pottery
- Diana Papazian, Papazian Jewelry Designs
- Tangela Roe
- Ellen Rosenthal
- Samantha Shelton
- Kevin Sherlock
- Lisa Sikes, Heart & Hammer Furniture Co LLC
- Marcia Toepfer
- Vy Tran, Vyness' Design
- Karen Williamson

Weekend 3 (Dec 15-17)

Artists include:

- Jen Athanas, Jen-A-Fusion Fashion Accessories
- Marcel Artes Deolazo
- Joyce Fallin
- Marcelle Fozard
- Kate Gibney, Lucid Arts Jewelry
- Alanna Graboyes
- Nicole Hampton
- Nancy Kline
- Lisa McBride
- Claudia Olivos
- Bindu Parikh, Nirvana Inc
- Madeline Ramsey, Unique Stained Glass
- Dick Ratcliff
- Imani Russell, Indigo's Friends Studio
- Meg Talley
- Victoria Walchak
- Eli Wilson



First three weeks of December
Fridays 6-9pm,
Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm

Hand-crafted artwork from
different artists every weekend!
Free admission, handicap accessible

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