

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

February 2018

The Well-Crafted Word

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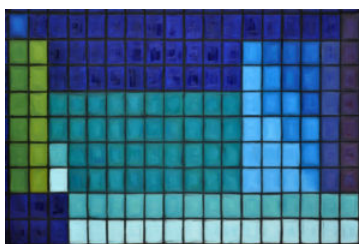
February 2 – 25, 2018

Opening Reception

Friday, February 2, 7-9pm

Creativity drives the mind to explore: it inspires the scientist to ask questions and search for understanding; it leads the engineer to new solutions and inventions; it pushes the artist to new levels of expression. Mathematics has its own beauty (like Euler's identity), and principles of symmetry, geometry, and measurement are often used in creating beautiful artwork. Anatomy informs the expression of human form, physics is used to find balance in 3-D installations, technology adds sound and motion in modern art, and so forth. The *Art² (Art Squared)* exhibit will explore the synergy of art with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, February 2 from 7-9pm to discover these unique artworks, meet the curators, artists, and art appreciators. The *Art²* art exhibit runs February 2-25, 2018 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: 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, please contact the curators Sophia Suarez (sleesuarz@gmail.com) and Monica Hokeilen (HokeilenArt@gmail.com) or Director of Curating Kathy Turner (Curating@DelRayArtisans.org).



"Periodic at 475"
by Monica Hokeilen

Welcome, New Members

- William Bremmer
- Susan T. Ok
- Chelle and Mark Winslow
- Kristin Neubauer
- Alan Hoshor

Updated DRA History Now on Website

Thanks to all for participating in the DRA 25th anniversary celebrations this past year. As part of our anniversary efforts, several founding members reviewed and updated the history of DRA, and the new version has now been posted on our website. We invite you to learn how Del Ray Artisans was envisioned and developed into the thriving organization it is today. The revised history can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/about/history/.

Outdoors In Call for Entry

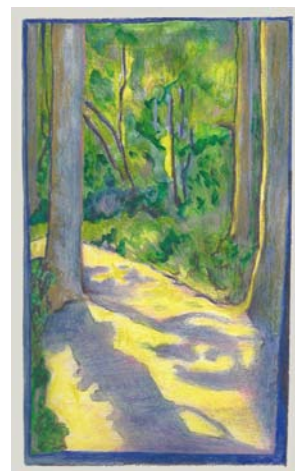
March 2 - April 1, 2017

Entries due: Monday, February 12, 2018

Art and nature have been closely linked from the time of cave drawings. Before the camera was in common usage, what we learned about the nature of things and our environment came largely through the work of artists. Scientists, explorers and adventurers all recorded animals, vegetation, and landscapes in their visual records.

Outdoors In is an exhibition about how artists see nature and depict it in painting, sculpture, textiles, found materials, and drawing. This show is for Del Ray Artisans members and all local area high school and college students. Students are not required to pay an entry fee. *Outdoors In* will award cash prizes for the top selected entries: \$100 for best in show, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for honorable mention.

Call for entry details are at DelRayArtisans.org/2017/12/outdoors-in-cfe/.



"Cedar Trail"
by Margaret Wohler

New Gallery Assistant

In addition to new office manager Anna Sherlock, who we introduced in the last issue of *The Well-Crafted Word*, say hello to new gallery assistant Carol Strachan, who started in January. You can find her managing the gallery desk on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

British born Carol has lived in Alexandria for 40 years and brings administrative experience from Johnson & Johnson, the Pentagon and the British Embassy. She has attended many arts and crafts classes at Michael's and a cat toy making workshop at DRA. Carol regularly attends our art show openings; please introduce yourself when you see her.

President's Message: February Challenge

As president, I am fortunate to be working with smart, dedicated and enthusiastic board members. (See the full list on the back page of this newsletter.)

I am putting out a challenge to our membership. I declare that February is "reach out and meet your DRA Board Members" month. Say hello... Send them an email and e-introduce yourself, share your thoughts about our collective organization, ask what projects are in the works and how you can get involved. The challenge: how many board members can you meet before our DRA membership meeting on March 4?

—Drew Carias, DRA President

2018 Wall Calendars Now On Sale

As of February 1, the 2018 wall calendars featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members are only \$10 each. Proceeds from calendar sales benefit Del Ray Artisans.

Big Developments for Gallery Without Walls

• **Gallery Without Walls (GWW) returns to VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital.** After a six-month hiatus, Del Ray Artisans artwork will once again grace the walls of the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (located at 2660 Duke St.). The animal hospital just completed a major renovation, working with the strong bones of their original structure to reinvent the hospital to better serve their clients.

The title of our next Gallery Without Walls show is *Reinvention*. DRA members are challenged to look at the "bones" of a prior piece and reinvent it with a new message/color scheme or to reinvent themselves as artists by working in a medium outside their comfort zone.

This members-only show is a great opportunity, since we have had a large number of sales at the animal hospital, and there are no entry fees. The show will run from March 4 through June 10, 2018 and digital submissions are due February 26, 2018. (As with other GWW shows at the animal hospital, when art sells, each artist is asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation, 10% to Veterans Moving Forward and 10% to Del Ray Artisans.) Call for entry details can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/reinvention-cfe/.

• **Durant Arts Center show is up until February 26.** Del Ray Artisans is proud to showcase the artwork of more than 50 members in a Gallery Without Walls show at the Durant Arts Center (located at 1605 Cameron St. in Alexandria) through February 26, 2018. With more than 130 entries to choose from, curators Drew Carias and Eileen O'Brien were able to pull together a very interesting show with an open theme.

A sizeable crowd braved the cold to attend the opening reception (see pictures below), held on Monday, December 11, 2017. Patrons may view the artwork at the center from 5pm to 9pm Monday through Friday, or during the business hours of Upcycle Creative Reuse center (see upcyclecrc.org).

• **We need a new GWW coordinator.** We are currently looking for a new GWW coordinator, as Eileen O'Brien is stepping down from this position. Please contact GWW@DelRayArtisans.org for more information.

*Photos from the December 11 Durant Arts Center reception below:
(l) Drew Carias, Kurt Peterson, Virginia state representative Mark Levine, and Kay Fuller; (r) Artist Jai Mitchell and guitarist Bill Cabrera*



A Word From Director of Curating Kathy Turner

When I joined the DRA board as Director of Curating I had three goals: to develop a smooth online entry system for exhibits, to update the Curator's Manual and post it on the DRA web site, and to install a professional hanging system in the gallery. With the help of too many wonderful volunteers to mention, these goals have been largely accomplished. Special thanks to Joshua Oliveira, Tracy Wilkerson, and Dale Spivey for help with the hanging system install, and to Dawn Wyse Hurto, Tracy Wilkerson, Betsy Mead, and Rita Schooley for the work they did on the Curator's Manual and online entry system.

I have been DRA's Director of Curating for about two and a half years and am committed to continuing through 2018. However, I feel it is important to not linger too long in a board position. We need to involve new members with fresh ideas and new goals. With that in mind, I am actively looking for someone who is interested in eventually becoming the Director of Curating to shadow me for 2018 and learn the ropes. The position of Director of Curating is a very rewarding one. You have the opportunity to assist as an idea comes to artistic life, and act as guide to help individual show curators. If you are interested in becoming my apprentice for 2018, please email me at Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.

Planning for 2019: Show Proposals

Even though we have just begun 2018, it is not too early to plan for 2019. DRA is already looking for show proposals for the 2019 calendar year. If you are interested in curating an exhibit at Del Ray Artisans please submit your proposal at DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/2019-proposals/. If you have any questions about what is involved email Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.

Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2018

Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Both nude and clothed models are featured. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you are welcome to bring your own if you want to use one. Please no acrylics or oils. Pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. All skill levels are welcome.

The fee for each three-hour session is \$10 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$12 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. View the "Life Drawing" category in the online calendar at DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing for the most current schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at LifeDrawing@DelRayArtisans.org.

DRA Gets "Readers' Choice" from The Zebra

The Zebra is a widely distributed free monthly Alexandria newspaper. The January 2018 issue included the results of a Readers' Choice survey conducted in 2017. Del Ray Artisans was voted "Best Art Gallery". A link to the listing can be found at digital.thezebra.org/?issueID=21&pageID=20.

Belated But Heartfelt: \$100 And Under

So many of you stepped up to volunteer for November's *\$100 & Under* – you were everywhere help was needed, even at a moment's notice. That is what makes DRA such a special place, and why we are still a vibrant, successful arts organization, going strong for 25 years.

Our receiving team and hanging crew were amazing. Teams of volunteers arranged artworks in eye-catching groupings, and had them up on the walls in record time: 200 pieces of art in in less than five hours. Our astonishing take-down and wall prep crew rose to the challenge and took care of just as many artworks – and finished the walls, in about 45 minutes.

Our DRAngels include (in no particular order): Kitty Russell, Sunny Chen, Leslie Landerkin, Thea Barron, Monica Wise, Jenny Nicholson, Millie Mateu, Joyce Wagner, Chris Vinh, Tina McCoy, Jim Blackie, Suzanne Tillman, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Joyce Frank, Linda Elliff, Gayle Goldfarb, Liz Martinez, Betsy Jones, Maxine Fulkerson, Francoise Dickinson, Deneen Stambone, Donna Gallo, John & Cathy Messina, Ken Reed, Lisa McBride, Rusty Lynn, Kay Fuller, Abol Bahadori, Nancy Kline, Linda Lowery, Chris Feddersen, Trudy Levy, Joe Franklin and anybody else I pressed into service at the last minute.

Most of all, my thanks to Kathy Turner, who in dual roles as Director of Curating and co-curator, got this going and managed the digital responsibilities necessary to get an exhibit up on the walls.

A special and grateful acknowledgement to our former office staff, Betsy Mead and Celeste Zabowski. Administrative support is key to making this all happen every month.

–Michele Reday Cook
Co-Curator, *\$100 & Under*



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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
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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.

2018 Board of Directors

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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

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
- 12 *Outdoors In* entry deadline
- 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
- 26 GWW *Reinvention* entry deadline
- 26 GWW SHOW ENDS: Open Theme at the Durant Arts Center**

March 2018

2-April 1 SHOW: *Outdoors In*

curators: Joe Franklin and Margaret Wohler

- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)

March 2018 (continued)

- 4 Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 4-6pm
- 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

April 2018

- 1 *Outdoors In* artwork pick up
- 1-2 *A Touch of Magic* accepted artwork drop off
- 5 First Thursday, open until 9pm

6-29 SHOW: *A Touch of Magic*

curators: Tom Kelly & Veronica Barker-Barzel

- 6 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 11 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 25 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 25 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**
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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:

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <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

Membership Categories	Cost	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 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