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Outdoors In

Opening Reception Friday, March 2, 7-9pm

March 2 - April 1, 2018

Outdoors In is an exhibition about how artists see and depict nature. *Outdoors In* will award prizes for top entries: \$100 for best in show, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for honorable mention.

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, March 2 from 7-9pm. The *Outdoors In* art exhibit runs March 2-April 1, 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. For more information, please contact the curators Joe Franklin, Jr. (franklin.joe.t@gmail.com) and Margaret Wohler (wohler4@verizon.net) or Director of Curating Kathy Turner (Curating@DelRayArtisans.org).



"Cedar Trail"
by Margaret Wohler

Nature Journaling Workshop, Sunday, March 11, 10am-12noon. DRA members \$35 (\$15 without materials), non-members \$40 (\$20 without materials). Come learn how to set up and maintain a field sketch journal. Instructor Margaret Wohler is a naturalist at Huntley Meadows Park who teaches art. The class will cover: history of field sketching, basic outdoor drawing skills, and how to set up a field sketch page for nature observation. Instructor will provide each student with a field art kit to keep if they purchase a full-price ticket. Otherwise, students must bring their own supplies. Sign up for the class at DelRayArtisans.org/event/nature-journaling-2/.

Welcome, New Members

- Tyler DeCourt
- Judy Heiser
- Janice Horoschak
- Dana C. Jurcul
- M. Scott Mahaskey
- Jane Podesta
- Arpi Sahr
- Edith Sanabria
- Scott T. Sidley
- Vanessa Webb



"Nama-Stay" by Sarah Chittenden

Look for call for entry details for the May 4-27 show *Atomic Dog* at DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/atomic-dog-cfe/ or April issue of this newsletter.

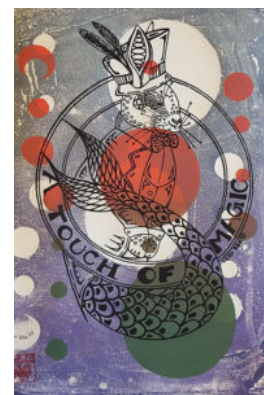
A Touch of Magic Call for Entry

April 6-29, 2018

Entries due: Monday, March 26, 2018

Magic is what we believe it is. We can see it as subtle or bold, complex or simple. Magical inspirations can vary with culture, age, beliefs, experience, physiology, and even pharmacology. We can suspect that magic created that special moment of connection, that fulfilled dream, that rare experience, the unexpected beauty, or that amazing phenomenon others seem to think is just the edge of new science.

Join with Del Ray Artisans to explore the magic we see in the world around us and share in the art of everyday mysteries, miracles, marvels, and dreams. Call for entry can be found at: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/touch-of-magic-cfe/.



"A Touch of Magic"
by Veronica Barker-Barzel

A Plea for Cooperation

Attention members: During recent 6-8pm art receiving on Sunday evenings, artists have begun arriving at 5:30 or earlier. Some have dropped off artwork in advance without permission of the show curators and without signing up for their volunteer duties.

On Sundays the gallery is open for regular business until 6pm. Early arrivals are disruptive and prevent the curators from getting properly set up to receive artwork. Going forward please **DO NOT** come to drop off before 6pm, and **DO NOT** drop off unaccompanied art work earlier without prior arrangement with show curators. Thank you all for helping us help you have a smooth entry process.

President's Message

There are just two items I want to mention this month. First, don't miss the membership meeting and art swap on Sunday, March 4; details are on the right side of this page. This is your opportunity to get rid of unused supplies, pick up something wonderful and new-to-you, and help a worthy charity, Prison Art on a Mission.

Second, an unrelated housekeeping matter. Next time you work a shift at the desk, note that due to Alexandria city rules, we can no longer use the "Gallery Open" bow flag outside. The photo below shows our new sandwich board sign. From now on, we will use only this new sign.

Spring's coming, first day is March 20! Keep creating, and we'll see you at the meeting.

– Drew Carias, DRA President



Gallery Without Walls (GWW) Returns to VCA Alexandria

Del Ray Artisans GWW program returns to the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, located at 2660 Duke Street. The title of our next show is *Reinvention*. DRA members were 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. The show runs from March 4 through June 10, 2018.

Member Meeting and Art Supply Swap Sunday, March 4, 4-6pm

Join us at our popular All Members Meeting, the annual Art Supplies Swap. Check your studios, basements, closets, attics – then bring your old supplies with you to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served as we learn about the latest DRA news, and view the supplies. We will then pull names from a hat to take turns choosing “new” supplies.

This year, we are asking you to take a look at what you have and see if any or all can be donated to Prison Art on a Mission - an initiative run by local artist Kelli Sincock. A list of the much-needed/prison-approved items is provided below. Any supplies not donated to Prison Art on a Mission will be collected and displayed. Please consider donating the following to Prison Art on a Mission:

- * Pads of Drawing Paper * Pads of Bristol Board * Tracing Paper *
- * Small cardboard backed canvases (8x10) * Carbon paper *
- * Drawing pencils of various hardnesses * Kneaded erasers *
- * Gum erasers * White erasers * Smudge sticks * Acrylic Paints (especially black and white) * Chalk pastels * Charcoal sticks * Conte crayons * Paintbrushes * Stencils * Repositional Tape * Paper Plates * Styrofoam Cups *

For more information and updates on various projects of MsKelliArt - Prison Art on a Mission, check out [facebook.com/Mskelliart/](https://www.facebook.com/Mskelliart/).

Reporting Volunteer Hours Online

Del Ray members may now report their volunteer hours worked online. Go to DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer. Click the blue button “Enter Volunteer Hours Now”. Complete the form and click “Submit” button. When the “Congratulations” message appears, your entry has been recorded.

You may report volunteer hours each time you work or keep track yourself and enter monthly totals. For your convenience, you may use the computer in the gallery to report your hours. Volunteer hours must be reported by the 5th of the next month. **If your artwork is in a show, do *NOT* report your required three show hours on this form.**

If you have questions about the form, contact Judy Lynn, Director of Volunteers at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org.

Del Ray Artisans: In Search Of...

Director of Curating ISO candidate interested in eventually becoming the Director of Curating to shadow her for 2018 and learn the ropes. In this position 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 this director's apprentice for 2018, email Kathy Turner at Curating@DelRayArtisans.org.

Gallery Without Walls Coordinator ISO candidate to take place of current coordinator, who is stepping down. Be program organizer and act as liaison with participating businesses. For more information, email Eileen O'Brien at GWW@DelRayArtisans.org.

Grown-Ups Art Camp ISO instructors for 2018. Seeking instructors for a diverse array of classes, workshops and programs at DRA for annual summer workshops to be held from June 30-July 13. Curriculum will include visual arts (painting, photography, mixed media, digital); crafts (knitting, crocheting, sewing); performing arts (music, dance techniques, improv, spoken word); and artist development (journaling, developing artist statements, framing, finding inspiration). Send in your best ideas for classes for beginner and experienced artists alike. Go to DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe/ for application. April 1 deadline.

2019 Show Proposals We are now ISO 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.

Partners In Art Expands

DRA's long-running and popular art support program, Partners In Art, is considering adding evening sessions to its ongoing monthly afternoon meetings for members and local artists. Evening sessions will provide an opportunity for those who can't meet during the day. If there is sufficient interest, these additional monthly evening sessions would be scheduled for third Tuesdays (after opening receptions each month), 7-9pm, starting in April 2018. Our next three daytime meetings are on March 5, April 9, and May 7, from 2-4pm.

Partners In Art has been meeting since 2011, and grew into its current successful format of an informational art support group for DRA members and other local artists to meet and share artistic goals and projects, discuss news and opportunities in the local art scene, and topics of interest to the group. Participants also bring in their artworks for discussion and feedback from the group; Partners In Art has developed a positive and helpful peer critique protocol to encourage and inspire participants as they create their art. The agenda for evening meetings will follow that of current Partners In Art afternoon meetings, but could develop new directions based on interests and goals of the evening participants. If you're interested in attending the evening meetings, and to learn more about Partners In Art, please contact Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com.



25th Anniversary Legacy Project to be Presented

The 25th Anniversary Silver Legacy Project will be awarded during the opening reception of *Outdoors In*. President Drew Carioso will present a check to Alexandria City Public Schools in the amount of \$2,100 from the sale of Silver Stars and major donations by Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota and Alexandria Hyundai.

The Silver Legacy Project was established by the 25th Anniversary Committee to honor Del Ray Artisans' ongoing commitment to give back to the community. While the 25th Anniversary Year in 2017 was about celebrating our growth and progress over 25 years, the 25th Anniversary Committee wanted to leave something tangible to the community to commemorate DRA's milestone. It was decided to raise funds through the sale of Silver Stars at \$25 each. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase art-related books and instructional materials for selected Alexandria City Public Schools with art needs.

Two local merchants, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota and Alexandria Hyundai made additional donations to the Silver Legacy Project to help Del Ray Artisans achieve their goal.

Silver Legacy Project Chair Barbara Boehm announced that books and instructional materials will be purchased by Alexandria City Public Schools for five elementary schools: Cora Kelley, William Ramsay, John Adams, Jefferson Houston, and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools. Bookplates will be inserted in each book purchased to recognize the donor as Del Ray Artisans, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, and Alexandria Hyundai.

Special thanks to all who purchased Silver Stars to make this gift to our schoolchildren possible.



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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/

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)
 - 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
 - 11 Nature Journaling Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
 - 21 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
 - 21 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
 - 26 *A Touch of Magic* entry deadline

April 2018

- 1 *Outdoors In* artwork pick up
- 1 Grown-Ups Art Camp proposal deadline
- 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

April 2018 (continued)

- 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
- 23 *Atomic Dog* entry deadline
- 25 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 25 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 29 *A Touch of Magic* artwork pick up
- 29-30 *Atomic Dog* accepted artwork drop off

May 2018

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 4-27 SHOW: *Atomic Dog*
curator: Paul Haire
- 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
- 12 Spring Art Market, 10am-4pm

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