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May 2018

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## Atomic Dog

**Opening Reception Friday, May 4, 7–9pm**

**May 4–27, 2018**

Del Ray Artisans and The Dog Store in Alexandria present *Atomic Dog*, an exhibit inspired by man's best friend and timed to coincide with the "Dog Days of Del Ray" First Thursday in May (see page 3). Join us at the opening reception on Friday, May 4 from 7-9pm. *Atomic Dog* runs from May 4-27, 2018 at the 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, contact curator Sarah Chittenden ([sarah@yourdogsbestfriends.com](mailto:sarah@yourdogsbestfriends.com)).



*"Nama-Stay"*  
by Sarah Chittenden

## Welcome, New Members

- Mary Anne Taylor
- Cynthia Schoepel
- Natasha Isler
- Taly Walsh

## Youth Art Camp Registration

Youth Art Camp registration is now open, and there is an early bird discount until June 1. Del Ray Artisans invites young campers to spend a week creating art with professional artist instruction.

All artist supplies are provided. Register for either Week One (July 16-20) or Week Two (July 23-27). Camp is from 9am-3pm daily, with an exhibit of the artwork on the Saturday after camp from 1-3pm.

Cost is \$300/child until June 1; \$325/child after June 1. Scholarship support may be available. For details: [DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2018](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2018)

## Spring Market Saturday, May 12, 10am–4pm

Our Spring Art Market is a one-day event that gives you the chance to purchase original handmade artwork from talented local artists. This outdoor market showcases artwork in media including ceramics, jewelry, fiber, paper, glass, and more. The Spring Art Market will be on Saturday, May 12 from 10am-4pm in Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA. Event is held RAIN or SHINE, free and open to the public. (Pictured right: scene from last year's rainy Spring Market)



## Member Meeting May 22, 7-9pm

Don't miss the member meeting on May 22 at the Colasanto Center from 7-9pm. This is the annual "member benefit" program. Join us at 7pm for light refreshments and a brief business meeting, followed by the evening's program. As of this writing, the program has not yet been finalized. Please watch the Del Ray Artisans website or the weekly DRA eNews for further details.

For any questions about membership or the meeting, contact Membership Director Sophia Suarez ([Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)).



2017 May membership meeting  
with speaker Lisa Semerad

## Help DRA Help You!

Please complete our short marketing survey so that we can better advertise our events and enhance communication with members.

Direct link to the survey may be found at:  
<https://informDRA.typeform.com/to/bfjBcg>

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## President's Message

We have lots of things going on this month. The *Atomic Dog* show opening reception is on May 4. The Spring Art Market is on Saturday, May 12, and it happens rain or shine. Come out, enjoy the fresh air, and support your fellow artists. Entries for the June show *Wanderlust* are due on May 17.

Be sure not to miss the member benefit meeting on Tuesday, May 22. We're working on a great program for you; watch the website and weekly eNews for details. I look forward to seeing you all there.

– Drew Cariaso, DRA President



## Support Del Ray Artisans Through AmazonSmile

Did you know you can support Del Ray Artisans through the AmazonSmile program at no cost to you? The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charity of your choice. Please choose Del Ray Artisans. You will be able track the number of orders you've made to support DRA and see the impact that your purchases have made. And you can still continue to use your Amazon Prime account through AmazonSmile. Direct link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1619669>

## Del Ray Artisans: Still In Search Of...

**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](mailto:GWW@DelRayArtisans.org).

**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, submit your proposal at [DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/2019-proposals/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2018/01/2019-proposals/). If you have any questions about what is involved, email [Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org).

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## Youth Art Camp Call for Volunteer Instructors

Youth Art Camp starts July 16. We would love to have you join us! Do you have an art form that you wish to share with young artists? Would you like to gain experience instructing students in a fun and open environment? If you'd like to join our talented and creative team, please let us know.

Art Camp is July 16-20 and July 23-27, 2018 with activities from 9:30am – 2:30pm daily. Suggest a morning or afternoon art activity. Contact Marcelle Fozard at [ArtCamp@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:ArtCamp@DelRayArtisans.org) with any questions. Forms due May 15, 2018 by midnight. Details and form: [DelRayArtisans.org/2018/04/art-camp-instructors-form](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2018/04/art-camp-instructors-form)

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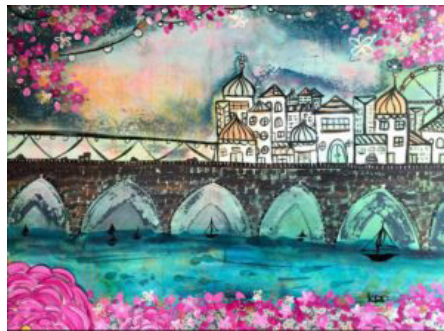
## Wanderlust Call for Entry

**June 1–24, 2018**

**Entries due: Thursday, May 17, 2018**

*"Of all the books in the world, the best stories are found between the pages of a passport." – Anonymous*

*Wanderlust* is a group exhibit about adventure, travel and new experiences. Whether you're floating through the Arctic fjords in Norway, wandering the crowded streets of Mumbai, savoring a sweet, chewy macaron in a small Parisian cafe, or taking in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Grand Canyon... The world is full of rich experiences that bridge cultures and help us cultivate connections that go beyond borders. *Wanderlust* is about celebrating diversity and sharing beauty found in every corner of this world, both near and far.



*"Consciously Living"*  
by Kajal Dhabalia

This show is open to all area artists. Call for entry and exhibit details can be found at: [DelRayArtisans.org/2018/03/wanderlust-cfe/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2018/03/wanderlust-cfe/)

## Adopt-a-Park Gears Up For Another Year

We have entered into a new year for the Adopt-a-Park and have agreed to adopt the Colasanto Park and building again. We had a successful year in 2017 and raised over \$750 for DRA. If you want to try your hand at improving the appearance of the gallery and the surrounding parkland, get a little fresh air and get exercise and also get credit towards your required volunteer time (see the article below for instructions on how to report volunteer time online), please consider volunteering for this program. We have been doing Adopt-a-Park for about 13-14 years. In previous years we have earned over \$800 per year for DRA. The money goes towards our award-winning landscaping and improvements around the gallery as well as going towards other expenses.

The Adopt-a-Park program runs from April 1 - November 30; we pick up trash and debris around the gallery and in the adjoining Colasanto Park. We usually do this work in an hour or less on Sundays since inspections by the Recreation Department staff are on Mondays. We pick up from the intersection of Mount Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues south to the fence adjacent to the school play field. The city has a point schedule which deducts points for any trash found during the inspections.

Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer for one or more weekends. You can feel free to bring a family member or friend if you like. Please contact me to be put on the schedule. I can be reached by phone, 703-508-7471 or by email, [AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:AdoptAPark@DelRayArtisans.org).

– Marlin Lord, Community Director

## Reporting Volunteer Hours Online

We need all members to report all their volunteer work online by the fifth of every (following) month. We need this information for a number of reasons.

Del Ray Artisans is an all-volunteer organization. Grants are about 15% of our budget. Grantors require us to report volunteer hours so that they have a sense of the amount of work required to run our organization: put on exhibits, conduct workshops, provide services to the community, etc. Please take a minute to submit your hours so we can include them in the report.

Go to the DRA website: [www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org).

1. Click "Support Us" from the menu at the top of the screen
2. Click "Volunteer"
3. Click the [BLUE BUTTON] and off you go!

Questions? Email: Volunteers Director Judy Lynn at [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org).

### Submit Volunteer Hours Online

1 [www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)

2 Support Us menu

3 Volunteer submenu

4 Enter Volunteer Hours Now

Due: 5th of every month

## Join the New Volunteer Support Team

The new Volunteer Support Team will work with the Director of Volunteers with recruiting, communication with members, recognition planning, and more. Most of the work can be done from the comfort of your home or office. Of course, you will earn volunteer hours for your work! For information, email [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org).



## First Thursdays

First Thursdays are a series of free outdoor street festivals along Mount Vernon Avenue in the spring and summer.

Every first Thursday of the months of April, May, June, July, August and September the Del Ray Business Association features businesses along Mt. Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music from 6-9pm.

Each month has a different theme with activities for children, live music, and a festive atmosphere.

The next First Thursday is Thursday, May 3 from 6-9pm. Del Ray Artisans typically celebrates First Thursday by staying open late - until 9pm - and featuring a preview of the month's upcoming art exhibit.

The theme for May's First Thursday is "Dog Days in Del Ray." Drop into Del Ray Artisans gallery that evening to get a sneak peek at *Atomic Dog*.



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2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

#### 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/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/)

#### May 2018

- 3 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 4-27 **SHOW: Atomic Dog**  
curator: Sarah Chittenden
- 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
- 15 Youth Art Camp Volunteer Instructors form deadline
- 17 *Wanderlust* entry deadline
- 22 Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 7-9pm
- 23 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 23 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 27 *Atomic Dog* artwork pick up
- 27-28 *Wanderlust* accepted artwork drop off

#### June 2018

- 1-24 **SHOW: Wanderlust**  
curators: Dimple and Kajal Dhabalia

#### June 2018 (continued)

- 1 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 3 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 6 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 6 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 7 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 10 Gallery Without Walls *Reinvention* art exhibit at VCA Alexandria ends
- 12 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 20 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 24 *Wanderlust* artwork pick up
- 30-July 13 Grown-Ups Art Camp

#### July 2018

- 1 2019 Art Exhibit proposal deadline
- 5 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 16-20 Art Camp (Week 1)
- 21 Art Camp (Week 1) Show
- 23-27 Art Camp (Week 2)
- 28 Art Camp (Week 2) Show

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**

Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/membership/) for details.

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