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Grown-Ups Art Camp June 30 - July 13

Have you dreamed of going off to summer camp like you once did as a child, or as your own child does now? If so, then join us at Del Ray Artisans gallery in Alexandria for Grown-Ups Art Camp (GUAC). See class listings and dates as shown below. Remember, registration closes one week prior to class date. For more details and to enroll, visit: DelRayArtisans.org/event/guac-2018/



- 6/30 Introduction to Polymer Clay - Ken & Sue Reed (registration now closed)
- 6/30 Garden Flowerpot Mosaic - Nancy Kline (registration now closed)
- 7/1 Nature Journaling - Margaret Wohler (registration now closed)
- 7/4 SmartPhone Photography MeetUp - Lisa McBride (one spot left)
- 7/5 Intro to Block Printing Using Rubber Blocks - Ellen Rosenthal
- 7/5 Beginning Leatherworking - Lynn Fernandez
- 7/6 Wire Wrapped Gemstone and Crystal Rings - Kate Gibney
- 7/6 Intermediate Leatherworking - Lynn Fernandez
- 7/7 Urban Sketchbooker - Joan Bickelhaupt
- 7/7 Finding Your Artistic Voice - Seth Yavit
- 7/8 Needle Felted Creatures - Brittany Gabel
- 7/8 Using Art to Create Intention - Dimple Dhabalia
- 7/11 Explore Monoprinting with the GelliArts Plate - Susan Ganz
- 7/11 Image Transfer Techniques - Jen Athanas
- 7/11 Go with the FLOW! Acrylic Paint Pouring - Jackie Tury
- 7/12 Secrets of the Paper Garden - Peony - Debbie Mezzetta
- 7/12 Bookbinding: Create your own Sketchbook! - Stephanie Morse
- 7/13 Create Metal Filigree Focal Pieces with Polymer Inlay - Myra Nicholas
- 7/13 Making Fab and Fun Sculptures with Recycled Stuff - Rusty Lynn

Welcome, New Members

Janna Marks
Pamela Day

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Thanks to a generous DRA member all contributions up to \$2,500 from now until August 19, 2018 will be matched. Now your donation will go twice as far. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans today and have your donation amount matched. For more information, visit DelRayArtisans.org/donate-2/



Youth Art Camp

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 \$325/child. Scholarship support may be available. For details and to enroll, visit: DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2018



President's Message

It's July! Try not to think about the humidity. Instead, think high summer, blue skies, Independence Day, pool time, and burgers on the grill. Also, the coming of July means that it's finally time for both DRA's Youth Art Camp and Grown-Ups Art Camp; we have a lot of great classes planned for both kids and adults.

Entry deadlines coming up include July 23 for the August show *Ancestry*, August 5 for ceramic entries for September's *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry*, August 19 for non-ceramic entries, and August 26 for *Symmetry*. Stay cool and get all of your entries in soon.

– Drew Cariaso, DRA President

Wanted: Director of Curating Candidate

Kathy Turner, Director of Curating, is seeking a volunteer to train to take the Director of Curating position for the next term in 2019. This is a volunteer position on Del Ray Artisans' Board of Directors with a two-year commitment, and includes monthly board meetings. It involves supervising the ten monthly exhibits held at the gallery and assisting the individual show curators to make sure the exhibits run smoothly.

This position would be a great resume booster for anyone looking to launch or further their career in the arts. Please contact Kathy Turner at Curating@DelRayArtisans.org



Ancestry Call for Entry August 3 – September 2, 2018 Entries due: Monday, July 23, 2018

The twenty-first century has brought us the ability to look into our ancestry, race, ethnicity, and heritage in ways we've never been able to before. The people in our family who have passed on, the places they came from, and where we grew up, lived and loved are still important to who we are today.



"Family"
by Karen Laurie Thomas

Ancestry is a members-only exhibit to showcase the cultural diversity of the Del Ray Artisans community. Artists are asked to show what their ancestry means to them and how it has affected their lives through art.

Call for entry details are found at: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/05/ancestry-cfe/

Call for Entry for *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* September 7–30, 2018 Ceramic entries due: Sunday, August 5, 2018 Non-ceramic entries: Sunday, August 19, 2018

In Ecclesiastes it is written that "there is nothing good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry." This exhibit celebrates the way that food and drink brings people together and joy to our lives. Artwork should be inspired by food, real or metaphorical that nourishes the viewer. Artists may also highlight the rituals and places that celebrate the social gathering around sustenance. *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* is a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic show (open to all U.S. artists) focused on vessels for the dining table and food with a regional non-ceramic two- and three-dimensional show (open to all area artists) that echoes these themes.

Ceramic CFE: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/04/eat-drink-merry-national-cfe/
Non-ceramic CFE: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/04/eat-drink-merry-local-cfe/



GWW News and Notes

The Gallery Without Walls *Reinvention* show at the VCA Animal Hospital (located at 2660 Duke St.) was very successful, with 15 pieces sold. The show ended June 10, and we hung another show immediately afterwards with selections from the *Atomic Dog* show. We added a number of cat-themed artworks, and retitled the show *Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat*. This show is turning out to be similarly successful; eight pieces have already sold. Stop by during regular hours to see this new show, which is on display until September 30.

In other news, we're happy to announce that we have a new GWW director; Monica Hokeilen will take over the position. She and outgoing director Eileen O'Brien will work together for the next few months so Monica can learn the ropes. Contact Monica at GWW@DelRayArtisans.org.

Shown below is a selection of works from *Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat*. Left to right: "Shakti Moon Cake" by Karen Schmitz, "Feed Me" by Kathy Stoner, "Comrades" by Liza Uddin.



Symmetry Call for Entry

October 5-28, 2018

Entries due: Sunday, August 26, 2018

Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio are seeking fine art photography that showcases artists' visions of symmetry. Symmetry implies a sense of aesthetically pleasing proportionality. Balanced composition can be symmetrical, asymmetrical, or radical where the various elements that make up the image – shapes, colors, texture, and space – are arranged with care to create a harmonious result. Art pieces will demonstrate careful staging, composition and lighting of the subject, as well as thoughtful post-processing techniques (if desired) and selection of production material to make an individual expression.

Call for entry details are found at: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/06/symmetry-cfe/

GUAC Volunteers Needed

Grown-Ups Art Camp runs from June 30-July 13 and we need your help. If you are free during any of those days (even if you have just one or two hours to spare), please consider signing up to become a volunteer.

We need your help with assisting instructors, set-up and clean-up, and putting down/taking up floor coverings at the start and close of camp.

Contact Judy at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org to volunteer.

Partners in Art Evening Meetings

Meet to exchange ideas about local art scene, exhibit opportunities, artistic goals, techniques, and creative process. You may bring in one or two artworks, any medium, for feedback. Enjoy the company and support your fellow artists at Del Ray Artisans. Meetings are on select Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Upcoming dates are: August 21, September 25, October 23, and November 20.

Online Support: Every Little Bit Helps

Del Ray Artisans is a volunteer organization that depends on its members to fulfill its mission. The Board, curators, program organizers, and many more roles are volunteer filled. The Social Media Committee volunteers are very active, but need the support of all members to be most effective.

Please periodically visit Del Ray Artisans' social media sites to like and share posts. Thank you for helping get the word out about Del Ray Artisans.

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Mark "Interested" or "Attend" on events:
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- 1 www.DelRayArtisans.org
 - 2 Support Us menu
 - 3 Volunteer submenu
 - 4 Enter Volunteer Hours Now
- Due: 5th of every month*



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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 30–July 13 Grown-Ups Art Camp

Schedule at DelRayArtisans.org/event/guac-2018

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 *Ancestry* entry deadline
- 23–27 Art Camp (Week 2)
- 28 **Art Camp (Week 2) Show**
- 29–30 *Ancestry* accepted artwork drop off

August 2018

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 3–Sep 2 **SHOW: *Ancestry***
curator: Karen Laurie Thomas
- 3 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 *Eat, Drink and Be Merry* ceramic entry deadline
- 5 Life Drawing, 9:30–11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Board Meeting, 7pm

August 2018 (continued)

- 8 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
- 8 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long
- 19 *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* non-ceramic entry deadline
- 19 Member Meeting/Indoor Picnic & Pie Contest, 5–7pm
- 21 Partners in Art, 7–9pm
- 22 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long
- 22 Life Drawing, 6:30–9:30pm, Long

September 2018

- 2 *Ancestry* artwork pick up
- 2–3 *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* accepted artwork drop off
- 6 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 7–30 **SHOW: *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry***
curator: Stephen Lally
- 7 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 9:30–11:30am, Gesture
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 2–5pm, Short/Long

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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