



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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The Well-Crafted Word

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Ancestry

**Opening Reception Friday, August 3, 7–9pm
August 3 – September 2, 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 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. *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.



"Family"
by Karen Laurie Thomas

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, August 3 from 7-9pm. *Ancestry* runs from August 3 - September 2, 2018 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6pm (First Thursdays 12-9pm), Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm, Sundays 12-6pm. For details, contact curators Karen Laurie Thomas (karenlauriethomas@gmail.com) or Donna Gallo (autumn.rhythm@yahoo.com).

Membership Meeting, Indoor Picnic, and Pie Contest, August 19, 5-7pm

Join fellow artists and friends on Sunday, August 19 from 5-7pm for the Del Ray Artisans summer membership meeting, indoor picnic, and pie contest. Prepare a savory or sweet entry for the pie contest or sign up to be a judge and get first sample of the delicacies. There will be prizes for both sweet and savory pies.

In addition to the Annual Pie Contest, we'll have an indoor picnic. After the pie contest judging, we'll enjoy pies for dessert. Before the picnic we'll have a short meeting with information on upcoming events and the fall exhibit schedule.

Please RSVP to help the organizers plan food and beverage quantities. For questions or to RSVP, contact Sophia Suarez at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org.



Pie contest entries

Welcome, New Members

- Kasse Andrews-Weller
- Karen Flann
- Melissa Kerley
- Rebecca Towns

Partners in Art Evening Meetings

Meet to exchange ideas about the local art scene, exhibit opportunities, artistic goals, techniques, and creative process. 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: August 21, September 25, October 23, and November 20.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION UNTIL AUGUST 19

Thanks to a generous DRA member, all contributions up to \$2,500 from now until August 19, 2018 will be matched. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans today and have your donation matched. It's a perfect time to join as a Patron member. During this campaign, all Patron membership tax-deductible amounts will be matched. For more information on making a donation or applying as a Patron member, visit DelRayArtisans.org/donate-2/

President's Message

Do not miss this month's membership meeting on August 19. As in past years, we'll be having an indoor picnic and pie contest that afternoon. It's always a lot of fun to sample everyone's culinary handiwork. Who doesn't love a good pie? Get your cookbooks and aprons out and whip something up!

Ancestry show starts this month; opening reception on August 3. Entry deadlines coming up include August 5 for ceramic entries for September's *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry*, August 19 for non-ceramic entries, and August 26 for *Symmetry*.

– Drew Cariaso, DRA President

Photos from GUAC

Made in Grown-Ups Art Camp classes, top to bottom: journal from Nature Journaling, felted penguin from Needle Felted Creatures, rings from Wire Wrapped Gemstone Rings, leather wallet from Intermediate Leatherworking



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

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry celebrates the way that food and drink bring 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/

Special Ceramics Workshop September 8

In conjunction with this show, we are sponsoring a ceramics workshop, "Bowls and Plates with Nice Curves," with instructor and show juror Lisa York. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 from 10am-4pm and is hosted by The Clay Queen Pottery. The workshop celebrates how well a plate or bowl functions in the home and at the dinner table. Workshop fee: \$65 members / \$75 non-members. Details and registration information:

DelRayArtisans.org/event/bowls-and-plates

Symmetry Call for Entry

October 5-28, 2018

Digital 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 material to make an individual expression.



Open to all artists, with discounted entry fee for Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio members, and no entry fee for full-time students. Call for entry details are found at: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/06/symmetry-cfe/.

Take Advantage of Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know that you can sign up for a volunteer opportunity with friends? And volunteering is a great way to get to know other DRA members. To volunteer your time, email Judy Lynn at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org. Some examples of volunteer opportunities are listed below:

- Local events by business or community associations, where volunteers set up booths or tents, host, and educate people about DRA. Examples: Art on the Avenue, First Thursdays
- Curate or co-curate a show. Shows also need extra help such as gallery hosting, receiving and pickup, hanging art, managing Art-to-Go
- Post DRA events and opportunities to social media (Facebook, Twitter) and well as local arts websites, communicate with local publications about DRA activities
- Coordinate and support ongoing programs like Partners in Art
- Office assistance tasks, Gardening tasks, Adopt-a-Park
- Work for DRA annual programs like Spring Market, Holiday Market, GUAC, Youth Art Camps
- Del Ray Business Association First Thursday events need people to coordinate, work, cleanup, and host extended gallery hours.
- Kitchen Crew: cleaning up and organizing the kitchen on a monthly basis
- Craft Closet: planning and organizing the craft closet, especially before and after camps
- Volunteer Team: generate ideas and support and recruit new volunteers

Grown-Ups Art Camp - Another Successful Year

This year, nearly 90 participants signed up for 15 classes/workshops held over 10 days from June 30-July 13. More than 35 students enrolled this year were non-members. Planning for a program as big as Grown-Ups Art Camp starts in January and continues until after camp is over. In the next few months we will be reviewing both student and instructor survey responses to help us better understand and shape our summer program offerings. Thanks to all who attended classes and shared your thoughts with us by filling out evaluation forms.

Thanks to our instructors: Joan Bickelhaupt, Lynn Fernandez, Brittany Gabel, Kate Gibney, Nancy Kline, Rusty Lynn, Lisa McBride, Stephanie Morse, Myra Nicholas, Ken and Sue Reed, Ellen Rosenthal, Jackie Tury, Margaret Wohler, and Seth Yavit. Our instructors taught workshops in polymer clay, block printing, and sketching, as well as leatherworking and nature journaling. A new Smartphone photography meetup held on July 4 sold out, and the on-trend acrylic paint pouring class had the record number of sign-ups this year with 15 students. *(See Page 2 of this newsletter for photos of creations that came out of some of the workshops.)*

Thanks to our office staff Anna Sherlock and Carol Strachan, Director of Volunteers Judy Lynn, Director of Technology Dale Spivey, and Web Curator Dawn Wyse Hurto for all their work behind the scenes. My thanks go out to Donna Gallo and her husband Bill Schultheis, Lynn Chadwick, Victoria Walchak, Rita Schooley and her husband John, and Joe Franklin - who helped set up the gallery before camp, and cleaned up afterward. We appreciate all your support.

- Stacy Rausch, Director of Programs

August Aloha Thursday



August First Thursday is August 2 from 6-9pm. The theme for August is "Aloha Thursday." Del Ray Artisans celebrates First Thursday, a Del Ray community event from 6-9pm along Mount Vernon Avenue from April through September. Come to Del Ray Artisans gallery to get a sneak peek of the upcoming art exhibit, *Ancestry*.

Submit Volunteer Hours Online

1 www.DelRayArtisans.org

2 Support Us menu

Due: 5th of every month

3 Volunteer submenu

4 Enter Volunteer Hours Now

DRA Programs: What's Ahead?

When I joined the board this year as Director of Programs, my goal was to have the gallery offer multiple workshops, classes and programs each month. I'd still like to make my vision of holding more programs at the gallery a reality, and I need your help.

If you have suggestions for improving our programs, if you have ideas for classes or workshops, or if you would like to volunteer to run a workshop or program, please email me at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org. You can also download a form online at <http://bit.ly/draprograms> to submit with your email. I'm open to all input, so if you have ideas, send them along!

- Stacy Rausch, Director of Programs



Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
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.

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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

August 2018

- 2 First Thursday, open until 9pm
- 3-Sep 2 **SHOW: Ancestry**
curators: Karen Laurie Thomas and Donna Gallo
- 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
- 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
- 26 *Symmetry* entry deadline

September 2018

- 2 *Ancestry* artwork pick up

September 2018 (continued)

- 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
- 8 Ceramics Workshop: *Bowls and Plates With Nice Curves*, Clay Queen Pottery, 10am-4pm
- 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
- 12 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 22 DRA 2019 Wall Calendar entry deadline
- 25 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 26 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 26 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 30 *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* artwork pick up
- 30 *Symmetry* accepted artwork drop off

October 2018

- 1 *Symmetry* accepted artwork drop off

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