



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

September 2018

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Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

**Opening Reception Friday, September 7, 7–9 pm
September 7–30, 2018**

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry celebrates the way that food and drink bring joy to our lives.

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry is a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic show (with juror Lisa York) focused on vessels for the dining table and food with a regional non-ceramic two- and three-dimensional show that echoes these themes. Join us at the

opening reception on Friday, September 7 from 7-9pm. *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry* runs from September 7-30 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 curator Stephen Lally (slallypottery@gmail.com).



Special Ceramics Workshop

September 8

Bowls and Plates with Nice Curves

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



Welcome, New Members

- Holly Cole
- Melissa Dovey
- Fetun Getachew
- Mary Lagnaoui
- Lori Lankford
- Jenna Neckritz
- Rosa Park
- Sohaila Rubin

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.

Evening meetings are on select Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Upcoming dates: September 25, October 23, and November 20.

Symmetry

**Opening Reception Friday, October 5, 7–9 pm
October 5-28, 2018**

Symmetry, a photography exhibition sponsored by Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio, will feature 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.

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, October 5, from 7-9pm. *Symmetry* runs from October 5-28 at Del Ray Artisans gallery. For more information, please contact curator David Heckman (dheckman@cox.net)



President's Message

Later on this month is the first official day of fall, and fall means it's once again time to elect a new board of directors. If you've ever thought you'd like to participate in DRA by being a board member, we could use your enthusiasm this year. Everyone brings a unique set of abilities and opinions to an organization like ours, and it's important for us to have diverse viewpoints and fresh ideas on the board. I encourage you to think about running for an office on the DRA board. If you have any questions about the positions, feel free to contact any current board member. A list of email addresses is on the back of this newsletter.

– Drew Cariaso, DRA President

Del Ray Artisans Members at the Torpedo Factory



Off the Grid, which started July 12 and ran through August 31, was an exhibition featuring pencil drawings created by Northern Virginia inmates under the volunteer instruction of Kelli Schollard Sincock of Inspiration Matterz. The exhibit, sponsored by DRA, was shown at the Site 2 Community Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria.



Our own Guy Jones was July solo artist in The Art League gallery at the Torpedo Factory. His exhibit *Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness* featured pieces that defy the mold and structure of typical two-dimensional art and instead inhabit hollowed-out turtle shells, holiday-ornament shaped bulbs, and bones.

Congratulations to both Kelli and Guy!

Holiday Market 2018 Application deadline: Sunday, September 9, 2018 by midnight



Applications for exhibitors in Del Ray Artisans' 23rd Holiday Market to be held each weekend from November 30-December 16, 2018 are now open. Different artists from a variety of media categories will be selected for each weekend. Artists who apply by the September 9 deadline will be notified of acceptance by September 23. Del Ray Artisans members and non-members are eligible, so apply now! Members receive priority and a discount. All work sold at the Holiday Market must be handmade by the artist selling the work and originals need to have been made within the last three years. Reproductions are acceptable as long as the original was made by the artist within the last three years.

Call for entry: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/08/holiday-market-2018-cfe/

Call for Entry: DRA 2019 Wall Calendar Entries due: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Members: Submit your best work to the 6th annual Del Ray Artisans' calendar! All entries are to be received digitally, and no physical pieces of art will be collected. There is no entry fee, no theme, and work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans is acceptable. Your Del Ray Artisans membership must be up-to-date. Open to DRA members only.

The Calendar Selection Committee will choose approximately 40 pieces of art from Del Ray Artisans members to be included in the 2019 Wall Calendar. This calendar is a fundraiser to benefit Del Ray Artisans, but also a fun way to show your support for our arts organization and share your talent.

Call for entry: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/07/calendar-cfe

Gallery Without Walls Call for Entry *Bringing Words to Life* at VCA Alexandria September 30, 2018 – January 27, 2019 Entries due: Sunday, September 23, 2018

The current GWW show, *Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat*, has been well received at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. The show ends September 30. Our next show at the animal hospital is called *Bringing Words to Life*.

Bringing Words to Life seeks to bring words to life by pairing a line from an artist's favorite song, poem, book, speech, etc, with the artist's visual interpretation of that quote. Words can be powerful forms of art. Whether written, spoken, or sung, words often invoke emotion and meaning that stay with us long after they are finished. The artwork will be displayed with the quoted line on the wall tag. DRA members only. No entry fee.

Call for entry: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/08/words-to-life-cfe/

Needle Felting Workshops

Del Ray Artisans is sponsoring two needle felting workshops in the next few months with instructor Brittany Gabel.

Needle Felted 2D Abstract Landscapes Workshop Friday, September 14, 6-9pm

During this workshop, participants will learn the basics of how to create 2D needle felted abstract landscapes using wool, fabric, and felt materials. We will also work with a variety of other supplies and techniques such as stencils, stamps, sketching, etc. as a guide to creating our abstract landscapes. Registration deadline September 10. \$80 members / \$90 non-members, plus \$15 supply fee. Details and registration at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/needle-felted-landscapes



Needle Felted Jewelry Workshop Saturday, November 17, 1-4pm

During this workshop, participants will learn the basics of how to create 3D needle felted jewelry, as well as basic jewelry techniques. We will also explore using other materials such as beads, charms, and thread to add to our needle felted jewelry pieces. Registration deadline November 13. \$80 members / \$90 non-members, plus \$15 supply fee. Details and registration at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/needle-felted-jewelry

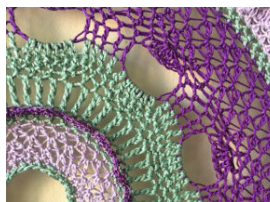


September 6 First Thursday: Show Your Spirit

Del Ray Artisans celebrates First Thursday on September 6 from 6-9pm. First Thursday is a Del Ray community event that takes place along Mount Vernon Avenue from April through September. This month's theme is "Show Your Spirit." Come to Del Ray Artisans gallery to get a sneak peek of the upcoming art exhibit, *Eat, Drink, and Be Merry*.

Connecting Threads November 2–25, 2018 Call for Entry Digital entries due: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Fiber art communicates some sort of message, emotion, or meaning and goes beyond the literal definition of the materials. This art exhibit focuses on fiber art, but is open to all mediums. The curators are seeking artwork that features fiber and textiles as a major component in construction and/or as a part of the subject matter. This exhibit celebrates fiber and how it is used to connect us to the stories of our lives. Open to all area artists.



Detail of *Violet Mystique Mandala* by Liz Martinez

Call for entry found at: DelRayArtisans.org/2018/07/connecting-threads-cfe/

Ted Eichers Scholarship

The winner of DRA's Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for 2018 is T.C. Williams student Emma Goeas. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is attending college to continue his or her art education.

Pictured: Scholarship winner Emma Goeas with DRA president Drew Cariaso.



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



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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/

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
- 8 Ceramics Workshop: *Bowls and Plates With Nice Curves*, Clay Queen Pottery, 10am-4pm
- 9 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
- 9 Holiday Market entry deadline
- 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
- 14 *Needle Felted Landscapes* workshop, 6-9pm
- 22 DRA 2019 Wall Calendar entry deadline
- 23 GWW *Bringing Words to Life* 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

September 2018 (continued)

- 30 *Symmetry* accepted artwork drop off
- 30 GWW *Atomic Dog/Consequential Cat* show at VCA ends

October 2018

- 1 *Symmetry* accepted artwork drop off
- 5-28 **SHOW: *Symmetry*** Photography Exhibition
curator: David Heckman
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Art on the Avenue, 10-6pm
- 7 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture (clothed)
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 10 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 13 *Connecting Threads* entry deadline
- 23 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 24 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long
- 24 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
- 25 Annual Member Meeting & Elections, 7-9pm
- 28 *Symmetry* artwork pick up
- 28-29 *Connecting Threads* accepted artwork drop off

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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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