

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

October 2018

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## 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, features fine art photography that showcases artists' visions of symmetry. Join us at the opening reception on Friday, October 5 from 7-9pm. *Symmetry* runs from October 5-28 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Gallery hours are Thursdays 2-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm, and Sundays 12-6pm. For more information, contact curator David Heckman ([dheckman@cox.net](mailto:dheckman@cox.net)).



## Welcome, New Members

- Stephanie Chan
- Nora Donovan
- Matthew Henry
- Julie Jakopic
- Jeff Snyder
- Marie-B Cilia De Amicis

## DRA Wants YOU!

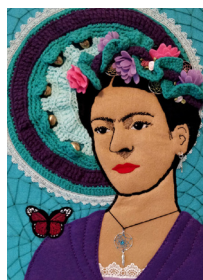


## Connecting Threads Runs November 2–25, 2018 Digital entries due: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Fiber art communicates some sort of message, emotion, or meaning. This art exhibit focuses on fiber art, but is open to all media. 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.

Call for entry found at:

[DelRayArtisans.org/2018/07/connecting-threads-cfe/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2018/07/connecting-threads-cfe/)



*"Dream Weaver Frida"*  
by Dawn Wyse Hurto  
and Liz Martinez

We're looking for a few good folks to serve on the Board, especially in the positions of Grants & Sponsorship, Outreach, Volunteers, Youth Programs, and Assistant Treasurer. Longtime member Karen Schmitz spent nine years on the Board and is currently the chair of the nominating committee. If you're interested in any position or have questions about serving on the DRA Board of Directors, contact Karen at 703-232-4526 or [Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org).

## Annual Member Meeting & Elections, Thursday, October 25, 7-9pm

We have a full agenda planned for you during the Annual Member Meeting. This will be your opportunity to hear about all the shows planned for 2019, and a light supper will be served. The Annual Meeting also includes elections for the 2019 Board of Directors. (Watch the DRA website for a full slate of candidates at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/annual-member-meeting-2018](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/annual-member-meeting-2018))

All members are invited to attend, and "Members in Good Standing" will be able to vote—an excellent chance to renew your membership if you haven't already. If you cannot attend, we urge you to make a proxy vote. Please do this by emailing your vote (you can vote yea or nay for the entire slate or individual candidates) to [Secretary@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Secretary@DelRayArtisans.org) by Sunday, October 21 at 6pm, or by calling the gallery at 703-838-4827 on Thursday (10/18) or Friday (10/19) between noon and 6pm. All proxies must be received by Sunday, October 21 at 6pm to be counted. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Suarez, Director of Membership, at [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org).

## President's Message

At the annual meeting on October 25, it will once again be time to elect a new board of directors. See the articles on the front page of this newsletter for all the details. There are still a few positions that need good candidates. And if you can't make it to the meeting, please do vote by proxy.

If you haven't completed your annual volunteer hours, there are many fine opportunities to do so outlined in detail on Page 3. Volunteering is a great way to meet and connect with other DRA members.

– Drew Cariaso, DRA President

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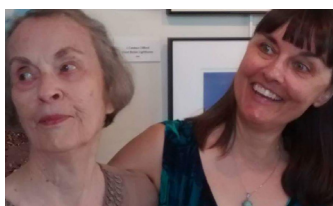
## In Memoriam

DRA members lost two dear friends in August, John Elliff and Candy Clifford.



*Linda and John*

Long time DRA member, supporter, patron and volunteer John Elliff passed away suddenly August 15, from a heart attack. His wife Linda Elliff is a former DRA President and Membership Director. John was an active member and attended most gallery functions, always lending a helping hand.



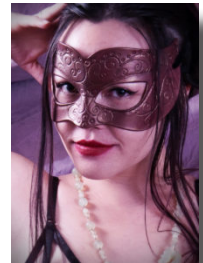
*Mary Louise and Candace*

Former DRA Board member Candace "Candy" Clifford passed away August 15, from a brief battle with glioblastoma. Candace and her mother Mary Louise wrote several books about historic lighthouses. She was the historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society.

## Upcoming Workshops

### Leather Mask Making, Tuesday, October 16, 6-10pm

In this workshop, students will learn basic and intermediate leather working skills while creating a custom fitted mask with instructor Lynn Fernandez. We'll cover everything from pattern tracing and leather cutting to embossing designs using traditional tools. Students will have access to a variety of design stamps to personalize their project. \$55 member/\$65 non-member, plus \$20 supply fee. Register by October 14 at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/leather-mask-making-2](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/leather-mask-making-2)



### Leather Working Open Studio, Thursday, October 18, 6-10pm

Prerequisite: Must have taken a previous leather working workshop. This is an open studio night with Lynn Fernandez. You get access to all the leather working tools you need to complete a project, with the added bonus of being able to ask for help when needed. \$30 member/\$40 non-member, plus \$5 supply fee for use of tools and dyes (bring cased leather or purchase during event).

Register by October 16 at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/leather-open-studio-2](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/leather-open-studio-2)



### Manifest Your Creative Goals, Saturday, October 27, 10am-12pm

Realize your creative goals with instructor Sharon Burton. As artists, it can be hard to set goals for making your creative dreams a reality. This workshop will explore how to help you, the artist, get started on reaching your creative goals. \$35 member/\$50 non-member. Register by October 22 at

[DelRayArtisans.org/event/manifest-your-creative-goals](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/manifest-your-creative-goals)



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

Needle felt jewelry with instructor Brittany Gabel. Participants will learn how to create 3-D needle felted jewelry, as well as basic jewelry techniques. We will also explore using other materials such as beads, charms, and thread to embellish. \$80 member/\$90 non-member, plus \$15 supply fee. Register by November 13 at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/needle-felted-jewelry](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/needle-felted-jewelry)



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### Sit & Stitch Gathering, Monday, November 5, 6-8pm

Join us for an evening of stitching. Bring your hand stitching project – crochet, knitting, embroidery, mending – and spend a few hours in the company of other stitchers. Don't stitch? Join us anyway!



We will share our thoughts on the joy of stitching, and we might just get you interested in learning something new. FREE; walk in and have fun.

Questions? Contact organizers Dawn Wyse Hurto ([dawn@dawnds.com](mailto:dawn@dawnds.com)) and Chris Vinh ([cvinh7475@gmail.com](mailto:cvinh7475@gmail.com)).

## Little Theatre of Alexandria, December 11 - Save the Date!

Del Ray Artisans is hosting a reception for a performance of "A Christmas Carol" on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. Details in November newsletter or at: [DelRayArtisans.org/event/christmas-carol](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/christmas-carol)

## Winter Events Volunteer Opportunities

### Art on the Avenue

**Saturday, October 6 from 10am-6pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery**

DRA will put a tent up in front of the gallery for promotions and sales. On the day of the event, DRA volunteers will help set up or take down the tent and take shifts at the DRA table. About 12 volunteers will be needed, including people to help with planning during the days leading up to the event.

### Fundraiser/McDonald's Partnership

**Thursday, October 11, 4-7pm, 1000 N Henry St, Alexandria, VA**

Ten volunteers will be at McDonald's to greet customers and hand out food at the take-out window and behind the counter. DRA will share information about our organization and display a banner. The restaurant will donate 15% of its total sales to DRA for the three hours we are there.

### Fundraiser at Little Theatre of Alexandria

**Tuesday, December 11, 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA**

DRA once again partners with LTA. DRA will host an opening reception for "A Christmas Carol". All ticket proceeds go directly to supporting Del Ray Artisans programs. DRA volunteers needed now to plan a menu and organize event. 10 volunteers are needed before, during, and after the reception.

### Holiday Market 2018 (Nov 30-Dec 2, Dec 7-9, Dec 14-16)

The market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists during three weekends (Friday through Sunday) in December. Volunteers will work three hour shifts as greeters/cashiers at the DRA table.

To volunteer for any event, email Judy Lynn at [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org).

## Tales From the Craft Closet

On a recent Monday morning, Kurt Peterson, Kitty Russell, and Nancy Ramsey re-organized and added more shelves to the craft closet. All supplies are now neatly stowed, and everything that belongs in the closet has a home. Many thanks to Kurt, Kitty, and Nancy. They found two main categories of items that *don't* belong in the closet: 1) donations and 2) artwork unclaimed from past shows.

**For donations:** If you have donations, please contact the office manager to see if we will take them and when. If we can't use them at DRA, Upcycle Creative Reuse Center at the Durant Center in Alexandria is an amazing organization which is happy to take donations of many different kinds of art supplies. Their website includes lists of items they currently accept: [upcyclecrrc.org](http://upcyclecrrc.org).

**Artwork pick-up:** Please make every effort to pick up your unsold artwork as soon as each show is over. If you can't get it on pick-up night, retrieve it from the closet as soon as possible. After 30 days any unclaimed work belongs to DRA.

## Thank you to...

★Retiring Gallery Without Walls curator Eileen O'Brien for growing this program into a great member opportunity, and training successor Monica Hokeilen.

★All current Web Posting Committee volunteers: Jana Bertucci, Sunny Chen, Chris Feddersen, Kate Gibney (Committee Chairperson), Cheryl Lavoie, Betsy Mead, Ashley Sowell, Oriana Villar, and Christine Vinh.

★Vero Barker-Barzel Kelly, Susan Pennington, Angelika Schafer, and Kathleen Stoner for their past service on the Web Posting Committee.

★The eNews editors: Melanie Bikowski for three years of service and Jana Bertucci for eleven months and counting.

★Kurt Peterson, Kitty Russell, and Nancy Ramsey for cleaning the closet.

Thank you to all who donate their time and energy to DRA.

## Gallery Without Walls Bringing Words to Life at VCA Alexandria September 30, 2018 – January 27, 2019



*"I Hope You Dance"*  
by Monica Hokeilen

Our current show at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital began on September 30. *Bringing Words to Life* seeks to bring words to life by pairing a line from an artist's favorite song, poem, book, speech, with the artist's visual interpretation of that quote. This show continues until January 27. The animal hospital is located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.





Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
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.

## 2018 Board of Directors

- **Drew Carias, President**  
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## Calendar

### 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
- 11 McDonald's Spirit Night, 1000 N. Henry Street,  
Alexandria, VA, 4-7pm
- 13 *Connecting Threads* entry deadline
- 16 Leather Mask Making workshop, 6-10pm
- 18 Leather Working Open Studio, 6-10pm
- 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
- 27 Manifest Your Creative Goals workshop, 10am-  
12pm
- 28 *Symmetry* artwork pick up

More information at: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/)

### October 2018 (continued)

- 28-29 *Connecting Threads* accepted artwork drop off

### November 2018

#### 2-25 **SHOW: *Connecting Threads***

- curators: Liz Martinez & Dawn Wyse Hurto
- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
  - 4 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30am, Gesture
  - 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
  - 5 Sit & Stitch Gathering, 6-8pm
  - 7 Life Drawing, 2-5pm, Short/Long (clothed)
  - 7 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
  - 12 Card Making Party, 6-9pm
  - 13 Board Meeting, 7pm
  - 15 Hand Stitch Third Thursday at Artistic Artifacts,  
4750 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA,  
6:30-8:30pm
  - 17 Needle Felted Jewelry Workshop, 1-4pm
  - 20 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
  - 22 THANKSGIVING: The gallery will be closed  
Thursday, but open Friday-Sunday
  - 25 *Connecting Threads* artwork pick up
  - 30-Dec 2 Holiday Market 1

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

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

## Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**  
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- **Monica Hokeilen, GWW Curator**  
GWW@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kathy Stoner, Newsletter Editor**  
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- **Dawn Wyse Hurto, Web Curator**  
WebCurator@DelRayArtisans.org

Visit [ArtsEventsAlexandria.com](http://ArtsEventsAlexandria.com) for performing and visual arts happenings in Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans is a member of Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association and Alexandria Arts Forum, who make possible this website. **Special thanks** to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of DelRay Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.





# 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/membership/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/)

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)

## Membership Categories and Benefits

Membership Categories	Cost	12-hour Volunteer requirement	Member-only programs and events	Reduced workshop, classes and program fees	Monthly online “The Well-Crafted Word” newsletter	Inclusion in 2 member shows annually	Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls	No charge for entry into Members-only shows	No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets)	Recognition in the Gallery	Appreciation Gift and 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 family membership)											
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online



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## Art on the Avenue 2018

Directly in front of Del Ray Artisans gallery (booth **W193**),  
you'll find Artist Demonstrations! Come see the artists at work!

Del Ray Artisans is also selling merchandise—upcycled tote bags and zippered pouches made from recycled art exhibit banners, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts, cookbooks, pre-orders for 2019 calendars, and more. 100% of the proceeds support Del Ray Artisans nonprofit arts organization.

Inside the gallery, you'll find the *Symmetry* fine art photography exhibition featuring work by local artists. This exhibit runs October 5-28, 2018. The gallery is open until 9pm on Saturdays.

Support the artists in your community! Visit these Del Ray Artisans members during Art on the Avenue on **Saturday, October 6 from 10am-6pm**:

MEMBER	BUSINESS	BOOTH	MEDIA
Jen Athanas	Jen-A-Fusion Fashion Accessories	W 52	Fiber
Rita Cohen	Rita Cohen: Weaver	W 139	Fiber, weaving
Kajal Dhabalia	Wholesome Soul	W 83	Painting, mixed media
Chris Fedderson	MacroFine Photography	E 136	Photography
Lynn Fernandez	Now Brace Yourself	W 28	Leather
Marcelle Fozard	American Roadtrip Pillows	W 199	Fiber
Brittany Gabel	BG Mixed Media	E 162	Mixed media
Kate Gibney	Lucid Arts Jewelry	W 133	Jewelry
Monica Hokeilen	Hokeilen Art	W 220	Painting
Stephen Lally	Stephen Lally Pottery	E 58	Ceramics
Christine Lederman	Bead Therapy	E 208	Jewelry
Diana Manchak	Designs in Clay	W 46	Ceramics
Pat McDuffie	Perfectly Bazaar	W 120	Glass
Diana Papazian	Papazian Jewelry Designs	W 45	Jewelry
Meg Talley	Meg by Hand	E 187	Jewelry
Ron Tickerhoff	Wolf Mountain Glass	W 190	Glass
Joyce Wagner	Reinvented Elegance	W 119	Jewelry, mosaics
Tamara Wilkerson	WiRealm by Tamara	W 7	Jewelry

**Del Ray Artisans gallery  
at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center**

2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301-1124

Phone: 703-838-4827


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

Thursday: Noon to 6 pm  
First Thursday (Apr-Sep): Noon to 9 pm  
Friday: Noon to 9 pm  
Saturday: Noon to 9 pm  
Sunday: Noon to 6 pm

**Free admission, Open to the public**

*Stop in to see  
the art exhibit!*

# KEY

 = Approx location of  
Del Ray Artisans  
Member Booth

## Art on the Avenue

A REGIONAL MULTICULTURAL ARTS &  
MUSIC FESTIVAL

Along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray on **Saturday, October 6 from 10am-6pm**, you'll find: **Art on the Avenue**, a multicultural arts festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts in Alexandria, Virginia. There will be entertainment for all ages, art activities, food and over 300 artists displaying and selling their work all along Mount Vernon Avenue. Art on the Avenue is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association.

For more information, visit:  
[www.artontheavenue.org](http://www.artontheavenue.org)

