



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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The Well-Crafted Word

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New Beginnings February 1–24, 2019 Opening Reception Friday, February 1, 7–9pm

Reduce, reuse, recycle! The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable. We only recycle about 30% of it. Stop by Del Ray Artisans gallery to see the *New Beginnings* exhibit featuring artwork created by reuse. These creations incorporate at least half of their materials from either found objects, recycled materials, or older works of art. The opening reception is on Friday, February 1 from 7–9pm.

New Beginnings runs from February 1–24 at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. 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 Tracy Wilkerson (RecycledWorks@yahoo.com).



Detail of
"Flower Gears"
by Tracy Wilkerson

Welcome, New Members

- M'Liss McCloughry
- Jerry DeSantis
- Elise Reeder

February Board Meeting Location

The Tuesday, February 12 Del Ray Artisans Board of Directors meeting will be held at an offsite location. Please contact Secretary@DelRayArtisans.org by Sunday, February 10 for location if you wish to attend.

Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap Sunday, February 17, 2019, 4–6pm



If you haven't already, check your studios, basements, closets, attics – wherever you have stashed those old art supplies that you really thought you would use but haven't, and bite the bullet. If you haven't used them yet, give someone else a chance. Maybe you will find a new project waiting for you.

Our winter All Member Meeting is DRA's traditional opportunity for members to swap unused art supplies for "new to you" supplies from fellow members. Please bring your old supplies with you to the meeting. We will collect and display them. Light refreshments will be served as we learn about the latest DRA news, and view the supplies. We will pull names from a hat to take turns choosing "new" supplies.

More information can be found at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-swap-2019



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Faces Acknowledgements

Thanks to all who made *Faces*, the January 2019 exhibit, such a success. We had an outpouring of submissions from a variety of artists in all media. The exhibit included 112 pieces, both two- and three-dimensional, plus the Art-to-Go marketplace items.

Congratulations to Best in Show winner "Fun in the Sun" by Jerry DeSantis and Curators' Choice Award winners "Me & Chaplin" by Iraj Baghaei, "Up against the wall" by Emily Ruf, "Smile!" by Michael Zhang, and "Linh" by Tara Barr.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make such an exhibit possible and to all the artists who submitted their fine artwork.

—Rita Schooley and Kathy Turner, curators

DRA's Got Sunshine!



Even on a cloudy day, the Sunshine Committee can offer some "shine" with a handmade art card. DRA members are encouraged to contact the Sunshine Committee for members who might enjoy one of our handmade art cards for a wide variety of occasions: get well, congratulations, sympathy, birthdays, thank you, or - just because.

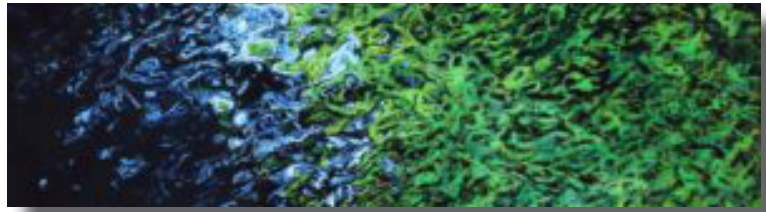
The Sunshine Committee was created in 2016 by two past DRA presidents, Kim Joy and Linda Elliff. Linda says, "Card Party participants love making Sunshine Cards. Making cards for the Sunshine Committee benefits many more people than just the card recipient." The committee is currently headed by Gale Goldfarb.

Members can contact Gale to request some "art shine" be sent out for any occasion. To add a little sunshine to someone's day, email: Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org

For the Artist Call for Entry

March 1–31, 2019

Digital entries due: Saturday, February 16, 2019



Detail of "Blue Green" by Jeff Lodge

The March show *For the Artist* will feature works that the artist has always wanted to create. Make the piece that has been on your New Year's resolution list several years running. Although this is an open show, we challenge participants to reach into that wish list and create the special piece they've dreamed of. Two- and three-dimensional works and photography will be accepted.

Call for entry and other details can be found at:

DelRayArtisans.org/2019/01/for-the-artist-cfe/

Upcoming Workshops

Wire-Wrapped Gemstone and Crystal Rings

Thursday, February 7, 6pm–8pm

Instructor Kate Gibney helps you learn to use wire cutters, chain nose, and round nose pliers in combination with wire and semi-precious stones to make a one-of-a-kind wire-wrapped ring. Previous experience in wire wrapping helps but is not necessary. All materials are included. What you make in class is yours to take home! Sign up at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/wire-rings/

Making Cards Workshop, Sunday, February 10, 6–8pm

Interested in making hand-made greeting cards but not sure where to start? Tracy Wilkerson will walk you through her process of making one-of-a-kind greeting cards using various materials (many of them from unlikely sources). The supply fee covers all the materials used in this workshop for up to 4 cards (and envelopes) to take home with you.

Sign up at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/making-cards-workshop/

Found It - Make It - Wear It, Tuesday, February 12, 7–9pm

Learn the basics of making jewelry while assembling a necklace out of your own "found" materials. Search through your old jewelry and find some items to turn into a new piece for you or someone else. Instructor Tamara Wilkerson will teach you the basics while helping you assemble your necklace.

Sign up at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/found-make-wear/

Playing With Resin, Tuesday, February 19, 6–9pm

Come play with resin in a safe environment – learn the ins and outs of mixing resin and using it in your artwork with instructor Tracy Wilkerson. You can use resin as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. There's lots of creative time during this 3-hour workshop ... no need to rush, one of the first lessons in using resin! Leave your finished masterpiece(s) to set at the gallery at workshop's end, then pick them up during gallery hours later in the week.

Sign up at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/playing-with-resin/

Grown-Ups Art Camp Expands to Become Summer Intensive Program

There are changes on the horizon for Grown-Ups Art Camp (GUAC). After reviewing feedback from previous years' participants, instructors, volunteers and staff, the Board has decided to make some big, positive changes to the program. Instead of GUAC occurring only during the first two weeks of July, we will offer more workshops, programs, and talks during the summer months of June, July, and August under the umbrella of this program.

We are expanding the program for the following reasons:

- By spreading out the workshops over the summer students can potentially take MORE workshops, because it will be easier to plan work schedules and budget. (Plus you can take that Independence Day trip and still have workshops to choose from!)
- Some of the two-week period that formerly was GUAC will be used for a "to be determined" project focusing on our mission and benefiting the community. Ideally during part of this time frame, we should still be able to use the gallery for "messy" classes not possible when the gallery has artwork on the walls.
- Instructors won't have to compete with each other for limited time slots.
- Instructors could potentially teach the same workshop more than once during the summer – for classes that fill up fast, have a small registration cap, or are popular, it would be great to have this as an option.
- Classes can start being booked now, and I will work with curators of the June and August exhibits to incorporate as many classes as we can to coincide with the theme of that month's show.
- The expanded time frame will also allow for ongoing programs like Life Drawing to be included in the advertising.

We are changing the name "GUAC" – though it is catchy, it is confusing to people outside our organization. Since one of our goals is to reach a broader audience, we need to target non-members with a concise, clear message about the program.



**Suggest a new name for this "Summer Intensive Program".
Send your suggestions to Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.
Deadline for all suggestions is
>>>>> February 28. <<<<<<**

Please email Programs@DelRayArtisans.org if you are interested in offering a workshop, instructional class, or talk during this summer session, or any time this year, OR if you're interested in being part of our "summer intensive" committee for planning programs and recruiting instructors and speakers. We are finalizing a new (and hopefully easier) way to submit programs online. It should be operational soon. Here's to an "event-full" 2019.

—Stacy Rausch, Director of Programs

DRA's "Fresh Meat" Membership Drive



*Detail of "Fresh Popped Cherry"
by Kurt Peterson*

DRA's latest membership drive will take place from February through May of 2019. As our way of giving appreciation to our newest members who joined DRA between January 2018 and May 2019, we will be hosting a special show in August 2019, titled *Fresh Meat*. Each new member is allowed to enter three pieces of artwork for FREE. During the membership drive, any current member who recruits a new member gets to enter one piece of artwork in this show for FREE.

Fresh Meat does not have a theme and is the perfect opportunity to showcase any and all styles of art. For more information, contact curators Kurt Peterson (kfpeterson@gmail.com) or Brittany Gabel (brittany@bgmixedmedia.com).

Re-Connecting Threads Begins

The Gallery Without Walls program revisits and expands on the *Connecting Threads* exhibit from November 2018. *Re-Connecting Threads* features Del Ray Artisans members' artwork at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital from January 28 to June 2, 2019.

Details and information at:
DelRayArtisans.org/event/re-connecting-threads



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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/

February 2019

- 1-24 **SHOW: *New Beginnings***
curator: Tracy Wilkerson
- 1 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
 - 2 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
 - 6 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
 - 7 Wire-Wrapped Gemstone and Crystal Rings Workshop, 6-8pm
 - 9 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 10 Urban Sketchbooking Meetup, 2-4pm
 - 10 Making Cards Workshop, 6-8pm
 - 12 Board Meeting, 7-9pm (offsite)
 - 12 Found It - Make It - Wear It Workshop, 7-9pm
 - 16 *For the Artist* entry deadline
 - 16 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 17 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 4-6pm
 - 19 Playing With Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
 - 20 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30pm, Long
 - 23 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 24 *New Beginnings* artwork pick up
 - 24-25 *For The Artist* accepted artwork drop off

March 2019

- 1-30 **SHOW: *For The Artist***
curators: Jeff Lodge and Jen Nicholson
- 1 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
 - 2 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 3 Life Drawing, Gesture (clothed), 9:30-11:30am
 - 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
 - 6 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
 - 6 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
 - 9 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 2-4pm
 - 12 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
 - 16 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 20 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
 - 20 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
 - 23 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 26 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
 - 30 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 31 *For the Artist* artwork pick up
 - 31 (*No*) *Comfort Zone* artwork drop off

April 2019

- 1 (*No*) *Comfort Zone* 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/membership/

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	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