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March 2019

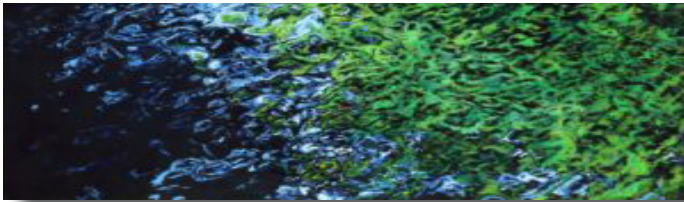
The Well-Crafted Word

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For The Artist March 1–31, 2019

Opening Reception Friday, March 1, 7–9pm



Detail of "Blue Green" by Jeff Lodge

For The Artist features works that the artists have always wanted to create. It includes two- and three-dimensional works and photography. Meet the artists at the opening reception on Friday, March 1 from 7–9pm.

For The Artist runs from March 1–31 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 curators Jeff Lodge (JeffreyLodge@yahoo.com) and Jenny Nicholson (8JLNicholson@gmail.com)

(No) Comfort Zone Call for Entry

April 5–28, 2019

Digital entries due Sunday, March 17, 2019

This exhibit will feature artwork of people, places, and things that are in or out of the artist's comfort zone.

When creating in your comfort zone, things feel familiar and you are at ease and in control of your environment. This is where a steady level of performance is possible.

We will also feature artwork by artists who have left their comfort zones for the fun and excitement of the new. Savoring the unknown, they have gone to the edge and entered a new zone.



"Scribble Scrabble" by Kelli Sincok

This exhibit is open only to DRA members and local area high school students. High school students may enter for free. Digital entries due Sunday, March 17, 2019. Call for entry and other details at: DelRayArtisans.org/2019/02/no-comfort-zone-cfe/

**Welcome,
New Members**

- Jan Barrett
- Ann Brunk
- Chrissy Charboneau
- Gail Frances
- Deborah Lacy
- Geoffrey Lynch
- Kelly MacConomy
- Meagan Meacham
- Tom Nyerges
- Kathy Ohlhaber
- Brittani Patterson



- **For the Artist Opens March 1**
- **Call for Entry: (No) Comfort Zone**
- **Upcoming Workshops**
- **Volunteer Opportunities: Spirit Nights at McDonald's**
- **Portraits of Progress at Principle Gallery**
- **Sacred Feminine May 3 - June 2**
- **Membership Drive**

Sacred Feminine May 3–June 2, 2019



Sacred Feminine will feature artwork that explores what it means to be female. What is your experience positioned firmly at the juxtaposition of what society constantly tells you to be and the reality of what you are? What does the sacred feminine mean to you? Look for details for *Sacred Feminine* in the April newsletter, and watch the DRA website for the call for entry.

Portraits of Progress at Principle Gallery Old Town



On Tuesday, April 2 from 6–8pm at Principle Gallery, 208 King Street in Alexandria, join the Friends of Guest House for *Portraits of Progress*, an exhibition of artwork by formerly incarcerated women. Free admission. This organization is supported by DRA member Kelli Sincock and her Inspiration Matterz program, which teaches art to inmates at Alexandria and Fairfax Detention Centers as well as at the Guest House. DRA supports Inspiration Matterz.

Friends of Guest House helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. Since 1974, Guest House has helped more than 3,000 women break the vicious cycle of incarceration, reunite with their families, and reintegrate into their communities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Spirit Nights at McDonald's

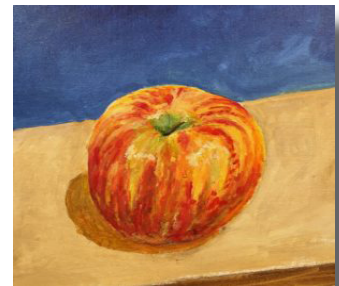
The Mateos family owns several McDonald's restaurants and has invited Del Ray Artisans to be one of their Community Partners, which means we will have the opportunity to conduct a "Spirit Night" once a month. For a three-hour period we can display our members' art inside the McDonald's at 1000 North Henry St. Members will interface with the customers and talk about the art on display, DRA, and our gallery. We need at least four volunteers to greet customers and hand out food. The McDonald's staff will prepare the food, take orders and money. McDonald's Spirit Nights will take place from 4–7pm on Thursday, April 25; Thursday, May 16; Thursday, June 20; Thursday, September 19; and Thursday, October 3. For more information and to participate, contact Mila Mateu (Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org).



Upcoming Workshops Introduction to Acrylic Painting Workshop Saturday, March 9, 1–4pm

Introduction to Acrylic Painting will cover the basic principles for working with acrylic paints. Topics include:

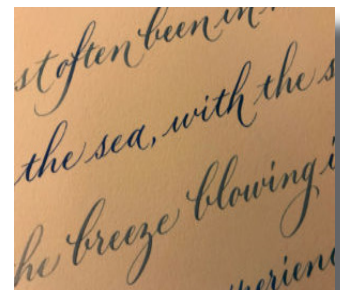
- Paint selection, palettes, brushes, mediums, painting surfaces, tools
- Unique acrylic properties
- Surface preparation
- Mixing colors
- Using mediums
- Acrylics vs oils
- Acrylic palette and brushes



Participants will perform some basic color, shade, and tint mixing. Instructor Jeff Lodge will demonstrate mixing, application techniques as well as some special tips and tricks with this medium. \$45 members / \$55 non-members; \$15 materials fee. Register at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/acrylic-painting

Calligraphy and the Creative Stroke Workshop Saturday, March 16, 1–4pm

Instructor Jenny Nicholson will teach you the basic strokes of script calligraphy using a pointed pen and ink, as well as a brush marker. Bring a short saying or quote to work with. Supply fee covers pen holder and nib, brush pen, paper, and handouts for you to take home. Ink, pencil and ruler will be available for use during class. \$45 members / \$55 non-members; \$15 supply fee. Register at: DelRayArtisans.org/event/calligraphy



2019 Membership Drive: Building a Vibrant Art Community



We are building a vibrant art community, and we need your help. As a Del Ray Artisans member, you know just how unique and awesome our organization is. Maybe you have a friend or two who is as passionate about art as you are? If so, invite them to join Del Ray Artisans. DRA's latest membership drive runs from February through May of 2019.

There are three membership categories: Artist, Patron, and Supporter. All members can participate in members-only events and have reduced fees for workshops and programs (such as life drawing).

In addition, Artist and Patron members have exhibition privileges in members-only exhibits, including Gallery Without Walls exhibits. Gold Patron members may enter members-only exhibits for free, and Platinum Patron members may enter all exhibits for free. For a full list of benefits, visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/benefits

What's more, any new members who joined between January 2018 and May 2019 are invited to exhibit in our invitation-only show, titled *Fresh Meat* in August 2019. A bonus benefit! Stay tuned for more details on *Fresh Meat*.

Joining is easy. Use the membership form included in this newsletter, join in person by visiting the gallery, or join online at DelRayArtisans.org/membership.

If you have any questions, please email Sophia Suarez at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Urban Sketchbooking, Sunday, March 10, 2–4pm

The Urban Sketchbooking meetup operates on a drop-in basis during afternoons of the second Sunday of each month, so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the cafe to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. Participants will put their skills into practice, then reconvene for a review of finished works. The fee for each 2-hour session is \$8 for members/\$10 for non-members. The March 10 meetup is at Nectar Del Ray (106 Hume Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301). For more information: DelRayArtisans.org/event/urban-sketchbooking-5



Life Drawing Program



Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions. Both nude and clothed models are featured. (Models will be nude unless otherwise noted.) Sessions operate on a drop-in basis. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you may bring your own. Please, no acrylics or oils; pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. All skill levels are welcome. The fee for each three-hour session is \$10 for DRA members and \$12 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$8 for members; \$10 for non-members. Upcoming sessions are March 3 from 9:30–11:30am (Gesture - clothed model), March 6 & 20 from 2–4pm (Short/long poses), and March 6 & 20 from 6:30–8:30pm (Long poses).

For more upcoming sessions and details, visit DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing

Partners in Art

We discuss the local art scene, exhibit opportunities, share artistic goals, techniques, media, and creative processes. Participants may also bring in 1-3 artworks, in any medium, in any stage, to discuss goals, process, and ask for advice. Donations (\$1–3) greatly appreciated.

Partners in Art day session this month is Monday, March 4, 2–4pm; evening session is Tuesday, March 26, 7–9pm.

For more information: DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art



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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

March 2019

- 1-30 **SHOW: For The Artist**
curators: Jeff Lodge and Jenny 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
 - 9 Intro to Acrylic Painting Workshop, 1-4pm
 - 10 Urban Sketchbooking at Nectar Cafe, 2-4pm
 - 12 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
 - 16 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 16 Calligraphy and the Creative Stroke Workshop, 1-4pm
 - 17 *(No) Comfort Zone* entry deadline
 - 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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

March 2019 (continued)

- 31 *(No) Comfort Zone* artwork drop off

April 2019

- 1 *(No) Comfort Zone* artwork drop off
- 4 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 5-28 **SHOW: (No) Comfort Zone**
curators: Joe Franklin & Kelli Sincock
- 5 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
 - 6 Creative Revival Workshop, 10am-12noon
 - 7 Life Drawing, Gesture, 9:30-11:30am
 - 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
 - 9 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
 - 10 Spring2ACTion
 - 10 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses (clothed, FREE SESSION), 2-5pm
 - 10 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
 - 14 Urban Sketchbooking, 2-4pm
 - 23 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
 - 24 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
 - 24 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
 - 28 *(No) Comfort Zone* artwork pick up
 - 28-29 *Sacred Feminine* artwork drop off

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

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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) _____

Referred by (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

		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 Categories	Cost		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