



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

July 2019

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## Sign Up Now for Creative Summer Programs! Through August 31, 2019



**Register now:** If you want to learn a new skill, there are a lot of great classes already on the calendar. We will be scheduling new classes throughout the summer. Go to [DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/) for an up-to-date listing. Some of the classes currently scheduled for July and August include:

- **Zines for Tweens**, Monday, July 1, 7–8:30pm
- **Thinking in 3D**, Saturday, July 6, 10am–1pm
- **Make Photographic Art**, Saturday, July 13, 10am–12pm
- **Creative Realities**, Saturday, July 13, 2–3:30pm
- **Nature Journaling in Del Ray Artisans Garden**, Saturday, August 17, 10am–12pm
- **Creative Identity: The Art of Affirming Your Inner Creative**, Thursday, August 22, 6:30–8:30pm

**Want to teach?** There's still time to submit a proposal to teach a workshop or class in July or August. You could lead a talk, host a club or more during our summer series, formerly known as Grown Ups Art Camp. Email Stacy Rausch at [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org) with questions or go to [DelRayArtisans.org/programs/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/) and click "online proposal form" to submit ideas.

## Welcome, New Members

- Ada Athorp
- Victoria Barnes
- Gretchen Damore
- Thomas Johnson
- Karen Van Allen

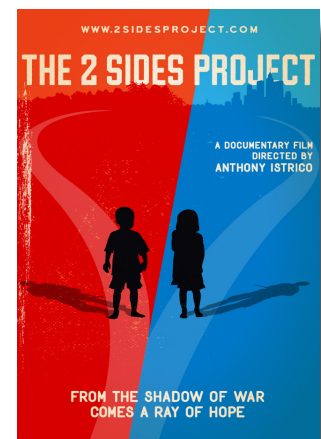
## Youth Art Camp Begins Monday, July 15

Del Ray Artisans invites young campers (ages 8-14) to spend a week creating art with professional artist instruction. All artist supplies are provided. Register for either Week One (July 15–19) or Week Two (July 22–26). Camp is from 9am–3pm daily, with an exhibit of artwork on the Saturday after camp from 1–3pm. Cost is \$325/child. For more information: [DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2019](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2019)

**All are welcome:** Come see the Art Camp Show on the Saturday after each camp from 1–3pm!

## The 2 Sides Project, Special Edition: Exhibit and Film at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, July 11–14, 2019 Reception: Friday, July 12, 7–9pm

The *2 Sides Project* documents the connection of sons and daughters whose fathers were killed on opposite sides of the Vietnam War, through photographs and film. A dozen Gold Star Americans have now met face-to-face with more than 60 Vietnamese sons and daughters, and the story of their first meeting has been featured in an award-winning documentary film. Anthony Istrico and his team are exhibiting still photos and stories from their Vietnam experiences in Del Ray Artisans' gallery from July 11 - July 14, 2019, along with two showings of the documentary film. **Showings, followed by Q & A, are: PBS version (56 minutes) on Saturday, July 13 from 7–8:30pm; Feature-length film (101 minutes) on Sunday, July 14 from 2–4pm.** The events are free, but space is limited. Register in advance to reserve your seat. For details and registration, go to [DelRayArtisans.org/event/2-sides-project/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/2-sides-project/)



## Have a Burger and Support the Arts



Next time you're looking for a bite to eat, stop by Holy Cow at 2312 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Holy Cow contributes 25¢ of every burger sold to ACT for Alexandria non-profits. When you purchase your burger, you decide which organization receives the contribution from your order. Please designate Del Ray Artisans (#88) as your non-profit if you eat at Holy Cow, and thanks for your support.

## Summer Sketchcrawling July 28 and August 25, 2–5pm



Summer Sketchcrawling is one of the classes in Creative Summer Programs. Improve your skills in visual storytelling! The facilitator will suggest different compositional approaches to sketching in ink, pencil, or watercolor. Participants will then spend their time putting those suggestions into practice by making casual figure, portrait, cafe, or street drawings.

Each session will have a different focus:  
July 28: People and Motion  
August 25: Color Media – On the Go

Register in advance. Registration ends at 6pm the Friday before each session. Participants may bring their own supplies, or purchase from instructor during session. Register at: [DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/)

## Fresh Meat Aug 2–Sept 1, 2019 Opening Reception Friday, August 2, 7–9pm



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

*Fresh Meat* opens August 2; see next month's newsletter for details. For more information, contact curators Kurt Peterson ([kfpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:kfpeterson@gmail.com)) and Brittany Gabel ([brittany@bgmixedmedia.com](mailto:brittany@bgmixedmedia.com)).

## High Note Call for Entry September 6–29, 2019 Entries due Sunday, August 11, 2019

*High Note* will explore the connections between music and the mind. Music has a profound influence on us, shaping the way we feel and think. Familiar melodies can unleash powerful memories, transporting us in space and time. What does your mind see when you hear music that is meaningful to you? *High Note* is open to all area artists and juried by Britt Conley, a visual soundscape artist who paints and draws music, its physics, sound shapes, and concepts from her studio at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.



*"Into the Blue"*  
by Britt Conley

Call for entry at: [DelRayArtisans.org/2019/05/high-note-cfe/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2019/05/high-note-cfe/)

## In Memoriam: Chris Martinez



*Liz and Chris*

Twenty-one year member Chris Martinez passed away in June. He was a true creative soul—a musician, jeweler, and painter. He helped with the gallery for years, often keeping it in a fresh coat of paint. His wife Liz is a past Curating Coordinator and current chair of the Social Media Committee. Join us for a celebration of his life at the gallery on Sunday, August 11 from 6–8:30pm.



## Uncommon Alexandria at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

*Uncommon Alexandria* runs through September 29. This one is for the locals! Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and Veterinary Clinics of America Alexandria Animal Hospital (VCA Alexandria) present *Uncommon Alexandria*, an exhibit that features 2D artwork inspired by our daily lives in Alexandria.

This uncommon approach to showcasing scenes in and around Alexandria skips the touristy sights to better reflect our neighborhoods, towns, and communities.

The exhibit is a part of DRA's Gallery Without Walls program in partnership with VCA Alexandria, and features artwork by DRA members. The show can be viewed Monday–Friday 8am–8pm and Saturday 8am–3pm at the animal hospital (2660 Duke Street). Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/uncommon-alexandria/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/uncommon-alexandria/)



*"Potomac River from  
Old Town in Winter"*  
by Monica Hokeilen

## Save the Date: Sunday, August 18, 5–7pm Member Meeting, Picnic, and Pie Baking Contest

Save the date for the annual summer member meeting on Sunday, August 18 from 5–7pm. Prepare a savory or sweet entry for the pie contest or volunteer to be a judge. There will be prizes for both sweet and savory pies.

We'll also have an indoor picnic and enjoy pie for dessert, with a short member meeting to discuss upcoming events and the fall exhibit schedule.

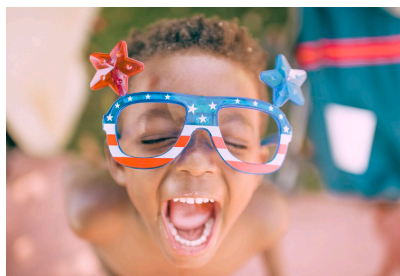


For more information:

[DelRayArtisans.org/event/member-meeting-pie-contest-2019](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/member-meeting-pie-contest-2019)

## Del Ray First Thursday: July 11

Del Ray's First Thursday this month is on Thursday, July 11, with the theme "Red, White, and Blue." The monthly street festival takes place from 6pm–dusk along Mount Vernon Avenue. Free and open to all. Del Ray Artisans will be open until 9pm; come by the gallery to see the special *2 Sides Project* exhibit. At Pat Miller Neighborhood Square, enjoy live music from the Janna Audey Band, plus themed activities.



## Life Drawing



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 so no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us to draw or paint from our live models. 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 and \$10 for non-members. Next sessions are Sunday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 7 and August 21 (see Page 4).

## Partners in Art

All local artists, from beginners to professionals, are invited. We discuss the local art scene, exhibit opportunities, share artistic goals, techniques, media, and creative processes.

Enjoy the collegiality and support of your fellow artists. Participants may bring in 1–3 artworks, in any medium, in any stage, to discuss goals, process, and ask for advice.

We use the positive and successful format developed in our afternoon sessions for our feedback procedure. The next meetings are Monday, August 5 from 2–4pm and Tuesday, August 20 from 7–9pm (see Page 4).



Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 [DelRayArtisans.org](http://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](mailto:Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org)

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## Calendar

### July 2019

- 1 2020 Exhibit proposal deadline
- 1 Zines for Tweens Workshop, 7-8:30pm
- 6 Thinking in 3D Workshop, 10am-1pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 11 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 11-14 **SHOW: *The 2 Sides Project, Special Edition***  
Curators: Anthony Istrico & Nora Kubach
- 12 *2 Sides Project* Reception, 7-9pm
- 13 *2 Sides Project* Film Showing, 7-8:30pm
- 13 Make Photographic Art Workshop, 10am-12pm
- 13 Creative Realities Workshop, 2-3:30pm
- 14 *2 Sides Project* Film Showing, 2-4pm
- 15-19 Youth Art Camp (Week 1)
- 20 Youth Art Camp Show (Week 1)
- 21 Gallery closed
- 22-26 Youth Art Camp (Week 2)
- 27 Youth Art Camp Show (Week 2)
- 28 Gallery closed
- 28 Summer Sketchcrawling Workshop, 2-5pm
- 28-29 *Fresh Meat* artwork drop off

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

### August 2019

- 1 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 2 Aug - 1 Sep **SHOW: *Fresh Meat***  
Curators: Brittany Gabel & Kurt Peterson
- 2 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Life Drawing, Gesture (clothed), 9:30-11:30am
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 7 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 11 *High Note* entry deadline
- 11 Celebration of Life: Chris Martinez, 6-8:30pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 17 Nature Journaling in DRA Garden, 10am-12pm
- 18 Membership Meeting, Indoor Picnic & Pie Baking Contest, 5-7pm
- 20 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 21 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 21 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 22 Creative Identity: The Art of Affirming Your Inner Creative Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm
- 25 Summer Sketchcrawling Workshop, 2-5pm

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

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

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## CREATIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 2019

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Join Del Ray Artisans during our Creative Summer Programs, and schedule your own "stay-cation" this summer with artful workshops! Please register at the gallery or online at least 3 days in advance of the workshop.

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### PAINTING FLOWERS WITH CUT-PAPER

June 1, June 8, and June 15 from 2-5pm (3-weekend class). Instructor: Tina McCoy

\$85 Del Ray Artisans member / \$95 non-member

Learn how to create a beautiful flower painting using commercial and hand-painted papers.

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### PHOTOS IN THE GARDEN

June 7 from 9am-1pm. Instructor: Lori Lankford

LOCATION: Meet at River Farm Gardens at 9am, 7931 E Boulevard Dr, Alexandria, VA 22308

\$65 Del Ray Artisans member / \$75 non-member

In this class we will take a photowalk looking for patterns, textures, reflections, shadows, architectural details, plants, insects and more. Students must bring their own camera.

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### NATURE JOURNALING IN DEL RAY ARTISANS' GARDEN

June 9 from 1-3pm or August 17 from 10am-12noon. Instructor: Margaret Wohler

\$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 non-member; Supply fee: \$20 for field art kit or bring own supplies

You will learn about and observe the plant structures and pollinators as we draw. You will also learn how to set up a field sketch page and methods to learn about natural subjects through drawing.

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### SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

June 16 from 10am-12pm. Instructor: Lisa McBride

\$15 Del Ray Artisans member / \$25 non-member

Learn to use the camera that's always with you and go beyond taking a simple snapshot to creating a photograph that is an artistic expression unique to your vision.

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### MAGIC OF MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY

June 16 from 1-4pm. Instructor: Lori Lankford

\$75 Del Ray Artisans member / \$85 non-member

It doesn't take magic to get a great macro photograph. In this workshop students gain an introduction into the world of macro photography. Participants will need to bring a fully charged camera. All cameras are welcome, however some techniques are only applicable with a digital camera.

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### MAKE CRYSTAL AND GEMSTONE EARRINGS

June 23 from 5-7:30pm. Instructor: Kate Gibney

\$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 non-member; Supply fee: \$10

Learn how to make earrings for yourself or as a gift, using a wide variety of semi precious gemstones and crystals with your choice of metal base (all hypoallergenic).

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### WIRE-WRAPPED RINGS

June 27 from 6:30-9pm. Instructor: Kate Gibney

\$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 non-member; Supply fee: \$10

Learn to use wire cutters, chain nose and round nose pliers in combination with wire and semi-precious loose stones to make a one-of-a-kind wire wrapped ring. All materials are included. What you make in the class is yours to take home!

## CALLING ALL INSTRUCTORS

If you are interested in teaching a class or workshop, give a talk or even start an art-related club, email Stacy Rausch at [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org).

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### MIXED MEDIA MANDALAS

June 28 from 7-9pm. Instructor: Jackie Tury

\$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 non-member; Supply fee: \$15

Take a moment to relax, center yourself and create a beautiful mixed media mandala. You will be led in a brief guided meditation and short discussion before creating your own mandala.

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### SKETCHCRAWLING IN THE SUMMER

June 30, July 28, **and/or** August 25 from 2-5pm. Instructor: Joan Bickelhaupt

\$12 per session Del Ray Artisans member / \$15 non-member

Sign up for one, two, or three sessions to practice quick interior or exterior drawings done in one sitting. The facilitator will suggest different compositional approaches to sketching in ink, pencil, or watercolor. Each session has a different focus:

June 30 is Documentary Drawing; July 28 is People and Motion; and August 25 is Color Media.

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### ZINES FOR TWEENS

July 1 from 7-8:30pm. Instructor: Stephanie Morse

\$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 non-member; Supply fee: \$5

This workshop is perfect for the young adult wanting to tell their story! We'll learn how to make a fast and easy zine and spend time on how to effectively use that layout to tell short stories or, even better, jokes. For ages 9-15.

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### THINKING IN 3D (SCULPTURE)

July 6 from 10am-1pm. Instructor: Jonathan Ottke

\$55 Del Ray Artisans member / \$65 non-member; Supply fee: \$15 for Plaster or Vermiculite or \$35 for Soapstone

Learn basic sculpting techniques carving in soapstone or plaster and vermiculite. You will sketch an idea to picture what it will look like; then sculpt (using tools such as knives, rasps and saws), sand and finish the artwork.

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### MAKE PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

July 13 from 10am-12noon. Instructor: Lori Lankford

\$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 non-member

Students will learn both shooting and editing techniques to really make your summer photos pop. Experience using an art lens, freelensing, the effects of water, adding texture and much more. The class will include instruction, in studio shooting experience and a wrap up editing session. Students must bring a digital camera.

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### CREATIVE REALITIES

July 13 from 2-3:30pm. Instructor: Seth Yavit

\$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 non-member; Supply fee: \$5

Instructor will share philosophies pertaining to creativity, art, and self-expression that were developed from interactions with people who are dealing with thought disorders. These creative, expressive, and art-related philosophies will offer new ways to look at creativity.

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### CREATIVE IDENTITY: THE ART OF AFFIRMING YOUR INNER CREATIVE

August 22 from 6:30-8:30pm. Instructor: Sharon Burton

\$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 non-member

Do you ever question if you are "really" a talented artist or creative? Do you feel that you have an inner artist or creative inside but need help coaxing it out? During this interactive workshop, we will explore our core beliefs about being creative, address our negative self-talk as creatives, learn the benefits of affirmations, and how to create our own affirmations.

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