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August 2019

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Fresh Meat Aug 2–Sept 1, 2019

Opening Reception Friday, August 2, 7–9pm

Join us at Del Ray Artisans gallery for a special art exhibit called *Fresh Meat*. The exhibit highlights new faces and techniques—showcasing artwork by Del Ray Artisans' newest member artists.

Come to the opening reception on Friday, August 2 from 7-9pm to meet the curators and artists. The exhibit runs August 2 through September 1, 2019.

Join us for a special workshop taught by an award winning Del Ray Artisans and The Art League member, Jeff Lodge: Acrylics, Mixing Color for Realism on Saturday, August 10 from 11am-2pm. (See details on Page 3.)

The art exhibit and painting workshop are at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: First Thursdays (April-September) 12-9pm, Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-9pm, and Sundays 12-6pm.

The gallery is free, open to the public, and accessible. For more information, contact curators Kurt Peterson (kfpeterson@gmail.com) and Brittany Gabel (brittany@bgmixedmedia.com).



"Feel Good Lost"
by Melissa Groth

Welcome, New Members

- Paula Mayes Coupe
- Shannon Flynn
- Kelly Postula
- Carol Siegel
- Isabella Valenzuela
- Ghada Zaytoun

Chris Martinez Celebration of Life

The life of longtime member Chris Martinez, who passed away in June, will be celebrated at the gallery on Sunday, August 11 from 6-8:30pm. Come support his wife Liz and reminisce about Chris with fellow friends and family.

Member Meeting, Picnic, and Pie Baking Contest Sunday, August 18, 5–7pm

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 (many thanks to Pork Barrel BBQ) and enjoy pie for dessert, with a short member meeting to discuss upcoming events and the fall exhibit schedule.



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Del Ray First Thursday: August 1



Del Ray's First Thursday this month is on Thursday, August 1, with the theme "Aloha Thursday." 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. At Pat Miller Neighborhood Square, enjoy live music from the Janna Audey Band, plus themed activities.

Holiday Market Applications Due September 3, 2019

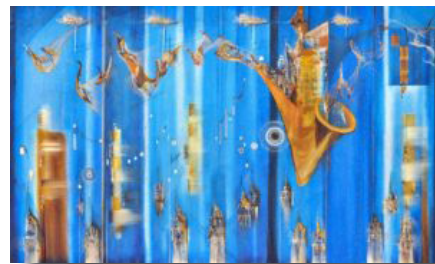


Applications for exhibitors in Del Ray Artisans' 24th Holiday Market to be held each weekend from December 6-22, 2019 are now open. Different artists from a variety of categories will be selected for each weekend. Artists who apply by September 3 will be notified of acceptance by September 15. Del Ray Artisans members and non-members are eligible, so apply now! Members receive priority and a discount. Apply at: DelRayArtisans.org/2019/07/holiday-market-2019-cfe/

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/

Creative Summer Programs Runs Through August 31, 2019

Register now: August is the final month of the 2019 Creative Summer Programs. Go to DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/ for more details and to register. Classes currently scheduled for August include:

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Are you interested in teaching? Submit a proposal to teach a workshop at Del Ray Artisans. You could lead a workshop, give a talk, host a series, or more. Email Stacy Rausch at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org with questions or go to DelRayArtisans.org/programs and click "online proposal form" to submit ideas.

Other Upcoming Workshops

Check out these special workshops! Details and registration at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

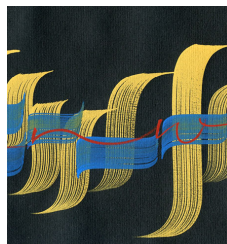
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Art Inspired by *The Twilight Zone* October 4-27, 2019 (Entries due Sunday, September 22)

The eerie drama of *The Twilight Zone* has had a pervasive influence on modern art and pop culture. Created by Rod Serling, the show explored humanity's hopes, despairs, prejudices, and more. This exhibit will bring the timeless television show to life through art and photography. Call for entry:

DelRayArtisans.org/2019/07/twilight-zone-cfe/



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 Wednesdays, 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.



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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

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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
- 10 Acrylics: Mixing Color for Realism Workshop,
11am–2pm
- 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
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- 22 Creative Identity: The Art of Affirming Your
Inner Creative Workshop, 6:30–8:30pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

August 2019 (continued)

- 25 Summer Sketchcrawling Workshop, 2–5pm

September 2019

- 1 *Fresh Meat* artwork pick up
- 1–2 *High Note* artwork drop off
- 3 Holiday Market application deadline
- 5 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 6–29 **SHOW: High Note**
Curators: Nicole Mahoney &
Dawn Wyse Hurto
- 6 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Life Drawing, Gesture, 9:30–11:30am
- 8 Rhythmic Strokes Workshop, 1–4pm
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- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
- 11 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm
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- 14 Del Ray Artisans' 2020 Wall Calendar entry
deadline
- 14 Fun With Musical Glass Decals Workshop
(Part 1), 12–3pm
- 19 Fun With Musical Glass Decals Workshop
(Part 2), 7–9pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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Introduction to Brazilian Zouk – Free Dance Class!

Thursday, August 15 from 7-8:30pm. Instructor: Dixie Pond. Students can expect to learn the basic foundation steps of Brazilian zouk — a partner dance from Brazil characterized by flowy, circular movements — as well as timing and connection. Wear comfortable clothing and comfortable shoes you can pivot in. This workshop is FREE; donations appreciated. (Register by August 14)

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"Stained Glass" Window Paintings

Saturday, August 24 from 10am-1pm. Instructor: Jonathan Ottke. Students will paint clear and translucent papers to mount on windows, creating a stained glass effect. Students will learn about painting, design, and luminosity. No experience necessary. Family-friendly workshop suitable for children under 12. (Register by August 20)

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Transform a Childhood Board Game into a Book

Saturday, August 31 from 5-9pm. Instructor: Stacy Rausch. Learn how to recycle any cardboard board game into a one-of-a-kind, hand-bound, art book using traditional book binding methods and materials. (Register by August 28)

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Music-themed Paper Collage

Sunday, September 15 from 1-3:30pm. Instructor: Susan Farrer. Create a rhythmic collage that blends colorful papers with sheet music and other musical imagery. Learn about collage materials, techniques and design concepts. Explore the texture and layering possibilities of this fun art medium. Participants will take home an 8" x 10" music-themed collage, matted and ready to frame. (Register by Sept 12)

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Book Discussion Group: The Creative Spark Book Club – Free!

Saturday, September 28 from 10:30am-12pm (BOOK: "Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear" by Elizabeth Gilbert). Instructor: Sharon Burton. Come join a new book club to help you stay inspired and motivated for your creative practice and connect you with like-minded creative people. This club is free (donations are appreciated), but participants must provide their own copy of each book. The club will meet every other month (with 2020 dates to be determined). The second date is Saturday, November 9 from 10:30am-12pm with book to be voted on by the September participants. (Register by Sept 25)

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Recurring Programs

Del Ray Artisans offers **Life Drawing** sessions and **Partners in Art** discussions year-round!

For details, visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing and www.DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art



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