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High Note September 6–29, 2019

Opening Reception Friday, September 6, 7–9pm

Del Ray Artisans presents *High Note*, an art exhibit exploring the connection between music and the mind. The juror is visual soundscape artist Britt Conley, and the curators are Nicole Mahoney and Dawn Wyse Hurto.



Detail of "Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48" by Britt Conley

Join us at the opening reception on September 6, 7–9pm to enjoy live music by guitarist Bill Cabrera, meet the artists, and congratulate the award winners. The first drawings in the raffle are during the reception: bowls from glass artist Betsy Mead and a floral arrangement by Helen Olivia Flowers. Buy tickets from Sept 5–29 to benefit Del Ray Artisans. The grand prizes (which will be drawn on Sept 29) are tickets to a Signature Theatre performance and music lessons from Rock Of Ages Music (ROAM). Thank you to all the raffle prize donors. See page 3 for info on special workshops and a concert benefiting the nonprofit Friends of ROAM. The *High Note* art exhibit runs Sept 6–29, but get a sneak peek on First Thursday, Sept 5, 6–9pm. More details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/high-note

Holiday Market Applications Due September 3

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

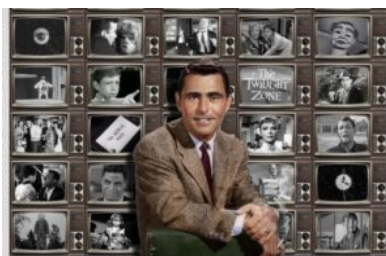


Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone October 4–27, 2019

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/



"Wondrous Journey"
by Gordon Thomas Frank

Welcome, New Members

- Ashlee Ceder
- Amy Flynn
- Alexandra Hohensee
- Sallie Hunter
- Nan Lopata
- Molly Rydzynski
- Mystic Worthington

2020 Wall Calendar Call For Entry Entries due Sept 14



Members: Submit your best work to the seventh annual Del Ray Artisans calendar! All entries are to be received digitally, and no physical pieces of art will be collected. There is no entry fee, no theme, and work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans is acceptable. Your Del Ray Artisans membership must be up-to-date.

The Calendar Selection Committee will choose approximately 40 pieces of art from Del Ray Artisans members to be included in the 2020 Wall Calendar. This calendar is a fundraiser to benefit Del Ray Artisans.

Call for entry:

DelRayArtisans.org/2019/07/2020-calendar-cfe/

Pie Contest Results

Over forty DRA members enjoyed fabulous food from Pork Barrel BBQ (and pie) at the picnic and pie contest on Sunday, August 18. Nine tremendous pies were submitted. Contest judges were Sophia Suarez, Amy Kitchin Hower, Stacy Rausch, and Kathryn Brown. Congratulations to the winners:

First place - Lemon, Pecan, Graham, Ginger, Cracker, Shortbread, Cinnamon Concoction Pie by Kasse Andrews-Weller

Second place - Tarty Party Lemon Meringue by Karen Schmitz

Third place - Mushroom Quiche by Kathy Turner

GWW Calls for Entry



"Boxer Blues"
by Monica Hokeilen

Upcoming Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls (GWW) exhibits at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital will include:

Sept 30 - Jan 26 Creature Comforts

Pet-themed artwork will fill VCA Alexandria's walls. Call for entry (due Sept 24) at: DelRayArtisans.org/2019/08/creature-comforts-cfe/

Nov 2019 - Nov 2020

Local Artisan Showcase

Open call for artwork that will hang in the exam rooms for up to a year. Watch the website for call for entry details.

Jan 27, 2020 - May 31, 2020

Looking Up

Artwork in *Looking Up* will feature objects in the sky, such as sunsets, clouds, and starry nights, and/or provide an optimistic, inspiring message. Watch the website for call for entry details.

Grants and Community Support Acknowledgments



DRA Director of Fundraising Events Joe Franklin (L) and President Drew Cariso (R) accept a donation from Kiwanis Alexandria President Stephen Blood

Recently, we gratefully received a generous donation to DRA's Youth Programs from Kiwanis Alexandria. We receive many different kinds of support from state and local organizations each year. Other organizations that gave donations or awarded grants to Del Ray Artisans in the last year are:

- Virginia Commission for the Arts
- Alexandria Commission for the Arts
- City of Alexandria
- MCD Mateos McDonald's
- Pork Barrel BBQ
- Holy Cow
- Oriental Trading
- 2019 calendar sponsors: Bobi Bomar and Ellen Patrick (Homes of Alexandria), Cooley LLP, MCD Mateos McDonald's, WiSC Enterprises
- Amazon Smile
- Blick Art Materials
- Numerous individual show sponsors

Many thanks to all our sponsors, and to Director of Fundraising Events Joe Franklin, Director of Grants & Sponsorship Karen Schmitz, the DRA Board of Directors, staff, and our large group of devoted volunteers. Your hard work and dedication are the reasons these organizations support Del Ray Artisans' mission with their donations.

\$100 & Under Call for Entry

November 1–December 1, 2019

Digital entries due: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Del Ray Artisans is bringing back our popular exhibit from 2015 and 2017, inviting members to submit their best work priced at \$100 and under. All media and all themes are welcome. Art that has previously been shown IS welcome in this exhibit. Art will be sold on a to-go basis, with buyers taking art home when purchased. Artists may submit up to five artworks in this show. Call for entry:

DelRayArtisans.org/2019/08/3rd-100-under-cfe/



Upcoming Workshops and Other Programs

To register or for details of any workshop, go to DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

WORKSHOP: Introduction to Brazilian Zouk (Walk-ins welcome)

Thursday, Sept 5, 7-8:30pm - Learn zouk, a flowy, circular partner dance. Instructors Dixie Pond and Niranjana Dinesh. Free.

WORKSHOP: Rhythmic Strokes (Register by September 6)

Sunday, Sept 8, 1-4pm - Use tools to create rhythmic strokes and marks, capturing musical elements with instructor Jenny Nicholson.

WORKSHOP: Fun with Musical Glass Decals (Register by September 10)

Saturday, Sept 14, 12-3pm and Thursday, Sept 19, 7-9pm - Make a small glass bowl/plate with decals of musical instruments and notes. Create pieces on 9/14; instructor Betsy Mead will fire in her studio. On 9/19, she returns fired pieces for discussion.

WORKSHOP: Music Themed Paper Collage (Register by September 12)

Sunday, Sept 15, 1-3:30pm - Create a rhythmic collage that blends colorful papers with sheet music and other musical imagery with instructor Susan Farrer.

BENEFIT CONCERT For Friends of ROAM

Saturday, Sept 20, 8-9:30pm - Join us for an evening of local music featuring Jones Point with Modern Relics and The Derds to benefit Friends of ROAM, a nonprofit that helps community youth access music lessons. Free; suggested donation \$10. More info: DelRayArtisans.org/event/friends-of-roam-concert/

WORKSHOP: Sound Meditation with Dante (Register by September 18)

Saturday, Sept 21, 10-11:30am - Dante Baker leads a meditation to restore harmony.

BOOK DISCUSSION: The Creative Spark Book Club

Saturday, Sept 28, 10:30am-12pm - Join us to discuss "Big Magic" by Elizabeth Gilbert. Free. More info: DelRayArtisans.org/event/book-club/

Del Ray Artisans: In Search Of

Garden Committee Meet-Up: Come join our garden leaders, Pamela Underhill, Jenny Nicholson, and Jeff Lodge on Saturday, September 14 from 9-11:30am. We will work in the garden learning tips on weeding, trimming, etc. Wear appropriate clothing and bring bug spray. If you want to bring your own tools, you may. We'll meet in the DRA garden once a month. Come join us to create a blooming success.

Lighting Committee Needs Bright Ideas: We are looking for a lighting designer or electrician or someone with knowledge of same. Indoors, we need to get more spotlights that fit our track system and find the proper bulbs. Outdoors, we'd like to install lights for the front of the building and in the side yard.

Part-Time Gallery Cleaning Job: We need a responsible person who can work on their own cleaning the gallery. Position is for Wednesday (Thursday or Friday also possible; we're flexible) before opening of monthly show and second Wednesday after the monthly opening, 7-10 pm. Duties: clean floors, kitchen sinks and counters/shelves, toilets/sinks, windows, take out trash. Pay is \$60 for each cleaning.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact Director of Facilities Kurt Peterson at Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org.

DRA Board Positions Becoming Available

Become a member of DRA's Board! Learn about the "behind the scenes" workings of DRA and gain insight and a true appreciation of what makes DRA run. We need volunteers to fill Board and Directorship positions for 2020. Vacant officer positions are: President, Vice President, and Assistant Treasurer. Directorship positions include the following: Archives, Communications, Community (Business Liaison), Fundraising Events, Grants, Membership, and Youth Programs.

To learn about the responsibilities of each position, go to DelRayArtisans.org/about/board/.

This October 24, 2019, at the Annual Membership meeting, members will vote for the candidates. We hope that you will be one of them. For more information on available positions contact the Nominations Committee at Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org

Fresh Meat Thank-Yous



Thanks to all the volunteers and participating members for making *Fresh Meat* a success. *Fresh Meat* had over 120 pieces on display from over 50 of the 121 qualifying artists who joined Del Ray Artisans between January 2018 and May 2019, or recruited new members during the membership drive. The 2019 membership drive brought in 41 new members (2 supporters, 27 individuals and 12 seniors). We sincerely thank you for helping us bring our vision to life and continuing to make Del Ray Artisans a thriving organization.

-Brittany Gabel & Kurt Peterson, curators



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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

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)
- 5 FREE Intro to Brazilian Zouk class, 7-8:30pm
- 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
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 11 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 11 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 14 Del Ray Artisans' 2020 Wall Calendar entry
deadline
- 14 Fun With Musical Glass Decals Workshop
(Part 1), 12-3pm
- 15 Music-Themed Paper Collage Workshop,
1-3:30pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

September 2019 (continued)

- 19 Fun With Musical Glass Decals Workshop
(Part 2), 7-9pm
- 20 Concert for Friends of ROAM, 8-9:30pm
- 21 Sound Meditation With Dante Workshop,
10-11:30am
- 22 *Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone* entry deadline
- 24 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 24 GWW: *Creature Comforts* entry deadline
- 25 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 25 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 28 The Creative Spark book club, 10:30-12pm
- 29 **GWW SHOW: *Uncommon Alexandria*** at
VCA Alexandria ends
- 29 *High Note* artwork pick up
- 29-30 *Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone* artwork
drop off

October 2019

- 4-27 **SHOW: *Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone***
Curator: Gordon Frank
- 4 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 COMMUNITY: Art on the Avenue, 10am-
6pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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