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Tangerine Jan 10 - Feb 2, 2020 **Opening: Friday, Jan 10, 2020**

Color is back for January! "Tangerine" is a saturated, bold orange hue that describes the exterior of the delicious fruit. Like most other orange hues, tangerine is associated with energy, youth, and happiness.

It is said to promote general wellness and emotional energy. *Tangerine* was open to all area artists and was juried by Jane Hartman, a glass artist with a science background. Exhibit opening is January 10 from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Image: "*Broken*" by Betsy Mead



President's Letter

Welcome 2020 DRA Board of Directors! I want to thank the 2019 DRA board for all your dedication, working together as a team and successfully supporting DRA's mission. I also want to thank all of our volunteers, especially our über volunteers. Your support makes DRA one of the most creative community art organizations in the area. Together I think we did some very good things this past year. As our membership grows, I welcome you to contact me directly, attend any board meeting, ask questions or present your ideas. It is your organization and community, so get involved by volunteering.

Special thanks to our outgoing Newsletter Editor, Kathy Stoner, and welcome our new Newsletter Editor, Nancy Ramsey. There were also some office changes at the end of 2019. Carol Strachan has left the Office Assistant position. Thank you to Carol, and welcome to the new assistant Gabriel Perez.

Every day is a journey. I hope each day of this year is a new adventure filled with lots of laughs, artistic achievements, and great outcomes. I look forward to working with the new board, old members and new members. Let's make 2020 another year DRA can be proud of.

Happy New Year to all!
Drew Carioso
President, Del Ray Artisans

Welcome New Members

- Patty Figliola
- Bart Hutchinson
- Roberta Abel

WETA Arts

The next episode of WETA Arts, will show the artwork, "Broken" and feature the Del Ray Artisans January show, *Tangerine*.

The episode will air on Sunday, January 5 at 10pm on WETA, and will start streaming on Monday, January 6. It will air 12 times in January.

For more information, visit WETA

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GWV Call for Entry

Looking Up

Jan 27, 2020 - May 31, 2020

Digital entry deadline:

Friday, January 17, 2020



"Birds of a Feather"
by Monica Hokeilen

Artwork in *Looking Up* will feature objects in the sky, such as sunsets, clouds, and starry nights, and/or provide an inspiring message. Call for entry at DelRayArtisans.org/2019/11/looking-up-cfe

Creature Comforts Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Runs through Sunday, January 26

Creature Comforts showcases DRA members' artwork depicting animals that lift and fill our hearts.

The exhibit is through our Gallery Without Walls program at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria VA). View the art Monday–Friday 8am–8pm, Saturday 8am–3pm. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/creature-comforts/

Hold a 2020 Workshop!

Members are invited to submit ideas for programs, workshops, clubs or meetings you would like to lead or see at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. In 2019, we increased programs and offerings, and we strive to do more.

Submit to "Propose a Workshop" at DelRayArtisans.org/programs, or email Programs Director Stacy Rausch at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.

Current Calls for Entry

Kondo vs. Chaos February 7 - March 1, 2020

Digital entry deadline: Monday, January 6

Kondo vs. Chaos examines two versions of "stuff": 1) the Marie Kondo minimizing theory where you only keep the things that bring you joy, and where everything is precisely ordered and 2) the chaos reality in which there is no order. Followers of chaos may be people who "think outside the box" or don't see "the box". Artists may integrate one or both aspects.



"Chaos: the Failure of Gravity" by Marcia L. Toepfer

Call for entry can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/2019/11/kondo-chaos-cfe/

Tell Me a Story March 6 - 29, 2020

Digital entry deadline:

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Have you ever looked at a piece of art and your imagination immediately starts to wander? Narrative art tells a story, either as a moment in an ongoing story or as a sequence of events unfolding over time.



"Look Up"
by Lesley Hall

As the author of your collection, engage the viewer in a tale that tells a clear story. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but in this show we're asking for your art to tell an entire story. If your art isn't visual, original poems and short stories are welcome. Call for entry can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/2019/12/story-cfe/

Partners in Art

Enjoy the collegiality and support of your fellow artists. We discuss the local art scene, exhibit opportunities, share goals, techniques, media and creative processes. Participants may bring in 1-3 artworks to discuss goals and ask for advice. The next meetings are: Monday, January 13, 2-4pm and Tuesday, January 21, 7-9pm.

During this month's Partners in Art Evening (Tuesday, January 21, 7-9pm), we are excited to "kick it up a notch" with a focus topic: the 2020 DRA Exhibition Calendar! We'll start with the March exhibit ("Tell Me A Story") and April exhibit ("19th Amendment, The War of the Roses").

Host Michele Reday Cook will facilitate additional discussions for artists who bring 1-3 artworks for feedback. Artist Karen Schmitz will add a few "A New Year Start to Artting" tips. Members and non-members invited from all skill levels & media. Donation appreciated.

Sign Up for January Workshops and Programs

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

Introduction to Bookmaking Workshop

Saturday, January 11, 11am-2pm

Learn to create a hand bound journal with instructor Stacy Rausch. \$60 member/\$70 non-member + \$20 supplies fee. Register by January 8.



Freaky Batiky Fused Glass Bowls Workshop

Saturday, January 18, 10am-1pm

Friday, January 24, 6:30-7:30pm

Learn how to make glass bowls reminiscent of batik silk fabric with instructor Betsy Mead. Registration is closed. The workshop is full.



Exploring Digital Art Painting Meetup

Sunday, January 19, 2-5pm FREE!

A social get-together with instructor Gale Goldfarb to share digital formats and learn about drawing apps available for cell phone or tablet. Register by January 16.



Hand Carving Rubber Stamps Workshop

Saturday, January 25, 11am-3pm

With instructor Stacy Rausch, learn the basics of print-making and how to create hand-carved stamps out of rubber erasers and linoleum blocks. \$80 member/\$90 non-member + \$35 supplies fee. Register by January 16.



Creative Spark Book Club

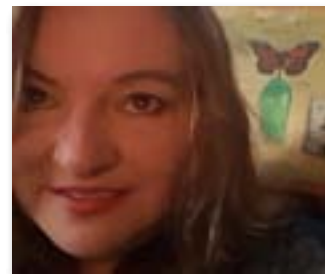
Saturday, January 25, 3-5pm FREE!

Looking for a way to spark and maintain your artistic practice? Want to connect with a variety of artists and creatives to share ideas? Come discuss this month's book, "Trust the Process: An Artist's Guide to Letting Go" by Shaun McNiff, with facilitator Sharon Burton.



Meet DRA's Board & Staff

We are excited to introduce a new feature, Meet DRA's Board & Staff !



We start with Karen Schmitz, Director of Grants & Sponsorship.

I'm a dairy farmer's daughter from Camillus, New York, and an artist of monotypes, mixed collage, abstracts and those infamous card making parties. I previously served on the Board for 8 years as the Gallery Curator and have curated over 30+ shows. Now, 10 years later, I have the challenge of being the Grants and Sponsorship Director. I'm looking for 2-3 members to be on my "Team Grants" and help with writing and researching grants and funding. Contact Karen at Grants@DelRayArtisans.org

Fun facts: I love black cats, growing heirloom tomatoes and milkweed, and raising monarch butterflies in my living room.

In Memoriam: Jane DeWeerd



Mary "Jane" DeWeerd has begun a new journey on December 3 when she passed at age 92 at the Goodwin House. Alexandria and the Del Ray neighborhood had been her home for many years, and she will be remembered as a giver to the community with decades of volunteerism to causes she strongly believed in and cherished. Jane was awarded Alexandria's "Citizen of the Year" in the early 2000s. She was an active artist and a long time member of Del Ray Artisans. When Jane entered a room, she lit it up. Service to be held at a later date. Her obituary is at legacy.com.

The Creative Revival Feb 6–April 9, Thursdays from 6:30–8:30pm

The Creative Revival is a course facilitated by Sharon Burton that will meet once a week for 10 weeks and go through *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. The program is focused on supporting relationships in removing artistic blocks and fostering confidence. We will discuss each chapter of the book, daily journaling practice, and other exercises.

Register by February 2 at DelRayArtisans.org/event/creative-revival



DEL RAY ARTISANS

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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

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- 3 Gallery Painting, 9am & 1:30pm
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- 5 *Tangerine* artwork drop o
- 6 *Kondo vs. Chaos* call for entry deadline
- 10 Jan-2 Feb **SHOW: *Tangerine***
Curator: Betsy Mead
- 10 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 11 Introduction to Bookmaking Workshop,
11am-2pm
- 13 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 15 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 17 *Looking Up* GWW call for entry deadline
- 18 Freaky Batiky Fused Glass Bowls Workshop,
10am-1pm
- 19 Exploring Digital Art Painting Meetup, 2-5pm
- 21 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 24 Freaky Batiky Fused Glass Bowls Workshop
Pickup and Discussion, 6:30pm
- 25 Hand Carving Rubber Stamps Workshop,
11am-2pm
- 25 Creative Spark Book Club, 3-5pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

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- 26 **GWW SHOW: *Creature Comforts*** ends
- 29 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm

February 2020

- 1 *Tell Me a Story* call for entry deadline
- 2 *Tangerine* artwork pick up
- 2-3 *Kondo vs. Chaos* artwork drop o
- 6 e Creative Revival: A Course on e Artist's
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- 7 Feb-1 Mar **SHOW: *Kondo vs. Chaos***
Curator: Marcia Lynn Toepfer
- 7 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
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- 12 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
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Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2020



Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Both nude and clothed models are featured. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint from our live models. We don't supply easels but you are welcome to bring your own if you want to use one. *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 and \$10 for non-members.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Rand at 703.836.1468 or LifeDrawing@DelRayArtisans.org.

Session Types

Gesture Sessions (*two hours*)

Come to the gesture sessions to loosen up and participate in a fun, fast-paced drawing experience. These two-hour sessions are composed primarily of dynamic 1 to 5 minute poses. Occasionally different drawing exercises are employed to keep things interesting.

Short/Long Pose Sessions (*three hours*)

The three-hour short/long pose sessions start with some short 1 to 5 minute warm-up poses and progressively move into longer poses lasting 10 to 45 minutes. These sessions provide a great opportunity to refine your drawing and observation skills.

Long Pose Sessions (*three hours*)

If you want to spend an extended amount of time on a pose, come to our long pose sessions. These sessions are generally composed of two long poses with perhaps a few warm-ups at the start.



Drawings by Katherine Rand

- Please see calendar on reverse. -

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Open Life Drawing Sessions – 2020

(Sessions feature nude models unless otherwise noted.)

Wed Jan 15	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Sun Aug 9	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Wed Jan 29	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Aug 12	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed Feb 12	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Aug 26	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed Feb 26	6:30-9:30pm	Long	Wed Sep 9	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Sun Mar 8	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Sun Sep 13	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Wed Mar 11	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long	Wed Sep 23	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed Mar 25	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long	Sun Oct 4	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)
Sun Apr 5	9:30-11:30am	Gesture	Wed Oct 7	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed Apr 8	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long	Wed Oct 21	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed Apr 22	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long	Sun Nov 8	9:30-11:30am	Gesture
Sun May 3	9:30-11:30am	Gesture (clothed)	Wed Nov 11	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long
Wed May 6	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long	Wed Dec 9	1:00-2:00pm 2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Holiday Party Short/Long Long
Wed May 20	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long			
Sun Jun 7	9:30-11:30am	Gesture			
Wed Jun 10	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long			
Wed Jun 24	2:00-5:00pm 6:30-9:30pm	Short/Long Long			

If the weather is questionable, please check the online calendar for cancellation information:

www.DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing

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