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February 2020

# The Well-Crafted Word

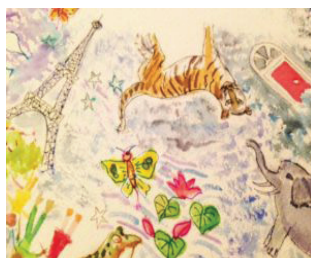
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**Kondo vs. Chaos February 7 - March 1, 2020**

**Opening Reception: Friday, February 7 from 7-9pm**

Marie Kondo's technique has brought simplicity and order to millions of devotees. Her principles have struck a chord with those overwhelmed by "stuff." Some artists thrive on, or at least live with, chaos. They eschew the orderly static world and value dynamism. Some painters, like the Dutch still life artists, depicted "organized chaos." They painted carefully chaotic scenes of overcrowded tables that overflowed with platters of flowers, fowls and fruits. Picasso used chaos in his electrifying Guernica painting to show the horrors, terrors and the randomness of war. Simplicity and chaos co-exist in the minds of many and in the world at large. This exhibit enables artists to externalize these concepts. The *Kondo vs. Chaos* exhibit is at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. For more information, please visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits) or contact the curators Marcia Toepfer ([marcia.toepfer1@cox.net](mailto:marcia.toepfer1@cox.net)) and Taly Walsh ([taly.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:taly.walsh@gmail.com)).



*Chaos: The Failure of Gravity*  
by Marcia L. Toepfer

**New Year, New Card Display, Card Making Party!**  
**Monday, February 17, 2020, 4-7pm**

Come to the gallery for our card making party on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17 from 4-7pm. All are welcome to this free, drop-in, 3-hour card making creative social party and giving event to benefit Del Ray Artisans. The All Occasion handmade cards will be used to stock the NEW card display made by Kurt Peterson and for the Sunshine Committee to send to members and friends who could use a little "shine" to brighten their day. For makers who'd like to keep their cards, please give a donation for the supplies and organizers' time. Hostesses Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz welcome all levels of "cardie" enthusiasts to drop-in (no registration required) and will provide plenty of art making materials, cards, and envelopes. Shared materials and snacks are always appreciated.



**Welcome, New Members**

- Douglas Schulte
- Alejandra Soto
- Erica Hughes
- Stephen Tomsu

**Members Meeting & Art Supply Swap**  
**Sunday, February 9 from 4-6pm**

Join us at our All Members Meeting: Del Ray Artisans' annual Art Supplies Swap! Check studios, basements, closets and attics for art supplies that you really thought you would use, and... give someone else a chance! Refreshments will be served as we learn about the latest DRA news. We will then pull names and take turns choosing "new" supplies!

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## Looking Up Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Jan 27, 2020 - May 31, 2020



*Birds of a Feather*  
by Monica Hokeilen

*Looking Up* is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit at Veterinary Clinics of America Alexandria Animal Hospital (VCA Alexandria). The

exhibit features artwork of objects seen above our horizon (e.g. sunsets, clouds, birds, trees, starry nights, and more) and artwork that creates an uplifting response, conveys an inspiring message, or represents an aspirational goal.

Patrons may view the artwork at VCA Alexandria during regular business hours and at the discretion of hospital staff. Regular hours are Monday through Friday 8am–8pm, Saturday 8am–3pm, and closed Sunday.

For more information, please visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww)

### Seeking GWW Curator

DRA is seeking a new Gallery Without Walls (GWW) Curating Coordinator! The coordinator works with the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital in coming up with exhibit themes, managing artwork receiving, hanging artwork, etc. This is a great opportunity to coordinate exhibits, work with artists and continue our relationship with the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. For more information, please contact Monica Hokeilen at [GWW@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:GWW@DelRayArtisans.org) or Brittany Gabel at [curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:curating@DelRayArtisans.org).

## 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. 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/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2019/12/story-cfe/)



*"Look Up"* by Lesley Hall

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### 19th Amendment, The War of the Roses April 3–26, 2020

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, by one vote. The *19th Amendment, The War of the Roses* focuses on the struggle for women's rights and the passing of the amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote and moving millions of women closer to equality. Consider our world without the Amendment and how its passing affects us [all] today. Local high school students participate for free. Call for Entry coming soon. For info, contact curators Drew Cariaso ([druamaart@comcast.net](mailto:druamaart@comcast.net)) and Amy Kitchin Hower ([alkitchin.dc@gmail.com](mailto:alkitchin.dc@gmail.com)).

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### Hello, Bright Eyes Exhibit in June

Whatcha doing in June? Participating in *Hello, Bright Eyes!* This exhibit highlights healthy vision. Artwork will focus on eyes, eyesight, or all the wonders the eyes provide. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington offers old glass frames to use in your artwork. You don't have to use eyeglass parts, but you may swing by DRA to grab some supplies in the back hallway. Marketplace items for this exhibit also need to fit this show's theme. Call for Entry coming soon from Stephanie Chan & Tracy Wilkerson, Curators.

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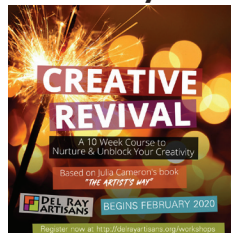
### Urban Sketchbooking

Join Joan Bickelhaupt on February 9 from 1-3pm for an afternoon of sketching a still life, figures or architecture subjects. The sessions are \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members on a drop in basis, second Sundays of the month. Meet at Nectar Del Ray (106 Hume Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301). Contact the organizer, Joan Bickelhaupt ([joanbickelhaupt@gmail.com](mailto:joanbickelhaupt@gmail.com)), with any questions.

## Upcoming Workshops and Programs

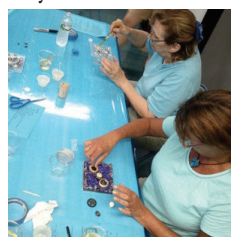
To register or for details of any workshop, go to [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops/)

**Workshop: The Creative Revival: A Course on The Artist's Way**  
(\$120 for members/\$135 non-members)  
February 6-April 9, Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm  
Instructor: Sharon Burton  
(Register by February 2)



The Creative Revival: A Course on *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron, a facilitated course by Sharon Burton that will meet once a week for 10 weeks as we go through *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. The program is focused on supporting relationships in removing artistic blocks and fostering confidence. Every week we will meet to discuss each chapter of the book, our daily journaling practice (via "The Morning Pages"), weekly Artist's Dates and other exercises that will foster creativity and unblocking creativity.

**Workshop: Playing with Resin**  
(\$50 for members/\$60 non-members)  
Sunday, February 16 from 6-9pm  
Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson  
(Register by February 13)



Come play with resin in a safe environment – learn the ins and outs of mixing resin and using it in your artwork as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. There's lots of creative time during this 3-hour workshop...no need to rush, which is one of the first lessons in using resin! You'll leave your finished masterpiece(s) to set at the gallery at the end of the workshop, and pick them up during gallery hours later in the week. Only a few spots remaining!

## Creative Spark Book Club

Join the club every other month on a Saturday from 10:30am-12pm, to discuss readings by a variety of authors to help you stay inspired and motivated for your creative practice. The club is free and open to members and non-members. The next meeting is March 22, 2020.

## In Memoriam: John W. Hiller

John Hiller began a new journey on January 14 when he passed away at age 84. John was a long-time Del Ray Artisans member, past Historian / Archives Director, and accomplished cinematographer. He won several Emmys and an Oscar for his professional work with the Smithsonian. We were fortunate that he shared his time and talent with our community and grateful to have known him on a personal level. A memorial service will be held in a few months. Our sincere condolences to his wife Alyssa and family.



## Meet DRA's Board & Staff

Directors of Volunteers:  
Amy Kitchin & Suzan Ok

### Amy Kitchin:



I have been member of Del Ray Artisans since 2018 and joined the Board in 2019. I am a collage artist and printmaker and have recently discovered the awesomeness of wood-burning. When not making art, I work with adult artists with disabilities. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in 2020. Contact Amy at [volunteers@delrayartisans.org](mailto:volunteers@delrayartisans.org) or [alkitchin.dc@gmail.com](mailto:alkitchin.dc@gmail.com)

### Suzan Ok:



Suzan is an artist and science/math teacher in McLean, Virginia. She is the former DRA Youth Director and recently transitioned to the role of Volunteer Director. She is also a belly dancer, dog lover, and gecko mom.

DRA members volunteer a minimum of 12 hours per year. Find fun opportunities and log-in your hours at: [DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer/)

In August, DRA will host a special exhibit called *Together*, which will feature artwork by the outstanding members who have generously served the most volunteer hours. We hope that you'll be a part of that show!





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2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
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](mailto:Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org)

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## Calendar

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

### February 2020

- 1 *Tell Me a Story* entry deadline
- 2 *Tangerine* artwork pick up
- 2-3 *Kondo vs. Chaos* artwork drop off
- 6 Feb – 9 Apr WORKSHOP: The Creative Revival,  
6:30–8:30pm each Thursday for 10 weeks
- 7 Feb – 1 Mar EXHIBIT: *Kondo vs. Chaos*  
curators: Marcia Toepfer and Taly Walsh
- 7 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 9 Urban Sketchbooking at Nectar Cafe, 1-3pm
- 9 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 4–6pm
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
- 12 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm
- 18 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 26 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm

### March 2020

- 1 *Kondo vs. Chaos* artwork pick up
- 1-2 *Tell Me a Story* artwork drop off
- 6–29 EXHIBIT: *Tell Me a Story*  
curator: Lesley Hall
- 6 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Life Drawing, Gesture (clothed), 9:30–11:30am
- 8 Urban Sketchbooking at Nectar Cafe, 1-3pm

### March 2020 (continued)

- 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
- 11 DRA Spirit Night at McD Mateos McDonald's  
(1000 N Henry St), 4–7pm
- 21 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm
- 22 WORKSHOP: Calligraphy Storytelling, 1–4pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 25 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm
- 25 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm
- 29 *Tell Me a Story* artwork pick up
- 29-30 *19th Amendment* artwork drop off

### April 2020

- 2 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 3–28 EXHIBIT: *19th Amendment, The War of the Roses*  
curators: Drew Carias & Amy Kitchin Hower
- 3 Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 Life Drawing, Gesture, 9:30–11:30am
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 8 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm
- 8 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm

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

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