



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

March 2020

# The Well-Crafted Word

a monthly publication of Del Ray Artisans . . . since 1992

[www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)

**Tell Me a Story March 6 - 29, 2020**

**Opening Reception: Friday, March 6 from 7-9pm**

Join us at Del Ray Artisans gallery for a variety of stories told from local area artists. 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. A picture is worth a thousand words; *Tell Me a Story* will take you on an imaginative journey. Meet the curator and artists at the opening reception on Friday, March 6 from 7-9pm.



"Look Up" by Lesley Hall

The *Tell Me a Story* exhibit runs March 6–29, 2020. For more information, please visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits) or contact the curator Lesley Hall ([lesley.ruthless@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.ruthless@gmail.com)) or Director of Curating Brittany Gabel ([Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org)).

**Welcome, New Members**

Monica Davis Altona  
William K. Appiah  
Eric Fingerhut  
Mathew Heggem  
William Hendricks  
Hillary Hoffman  
Laska Hurley  
Iona Lantos  
Jill C Mendelson  
Fanny Perez  
Christina Rossomado  
Tom Ruby  
Stephen Schiff  
Stephen Tomsu  
Jim F Weber  
Seth B. Yavit  
Laurie Young

## Creative Summer Programs Proposal Deadline

Instructors may submit their proposals via the online form by Friday, March 27, 2020 to be included in the first round of program selection and marketing for Del Ray Artisans' 2020 Creative Summer Programs. For details and proposal form:

[DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/summer-programs-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/summer-programs-cfe)

## Spring Art Market Application due March 27

Join Del Ray Artisans in its tradition of outdoor art markets! The Spring Art Market gives artists an opportunity to sell their original handmade artwork to the local community. This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery, on May 9, 2020 from 10am to 4pm. For more information:

[DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/spring-art-market-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/spring-art-market-cfe)



## Volunteer in the Garden

Springtime is coming to DRA. The Garden Committee needs volunteers to help get ready for the Del Ray House and Garden Tour on May 9th. Projects include installing a fence, watering system, lighting system. And there is always yard work. Here are the dates to volunteer:

Saturday March 14, 9-11:30am

Saturday April 4, 9-11:30am

Saturday May 2, 9-11:30am

Please contact Kurt at [facilities@delrayartisans.org](mailto:facilities@delrayartisans.org)  
See you there!

## **Del Ray Artisans' Spirit Night at McDonald's March 11, 2020, 4-7pm**

MCD Mateos, McDonald's (1000 N Henry Street, Alexandria VA 22314) is generously donating a percentage of sales to our nonprofit. During this event, you'll also have the opportunity to see and purchase artwork from Del Ray Artisans. Info: [DelRayArtisans.org/event/mcdonalds-spirit-night/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/mcdonalds-spirit-night/)

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## **Seeking Artists for La Bella Strada Street Painting Festival Saturday, May 9, 2020**

The 5th annual street painting festival La Bella Strada will take place along Mount Vernon Avenue on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am to 2pm. The festival brings artists, energetic volunteers, and local businesses together to enliven the neighborhood with vibrant colors, crowd-drawing masterpieces, and an one-of-a-kind experience of witnessing the creation of large-scale chalk paintings directly on the sidewalks. The organizers are looking for artists to commit to creating sidewalk chalk art at designated spaces. Deadline to apply is April 18, 2020. Stipend of \$125 for painting a 10 x 10 foot square and \$75 for painting a 5 x 5 foot square. Artists are commissioned to paint one square at the event. Prang Freart Drawing Chalk supplied free. To apply, visit: [labellastradadelray.com/artistsignup](https://labellastradadelray.com/artistsignup) or email a headshot, short bio, and examples of your work to: [leslie.duss@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.duss@gmail.com).

## **19th Amendment, The War of the Roses Digital entries due: Tuesday, March 17, 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. Questions? Contact curators Drew Cariaso ([druamaart@comcast.net](mailto:druamaart@comcast.net)) and Amy Kitchin Hower ([alkitchin.dc@gmail.com](mailto:alkitchin.dc@gmail.com)). Details here: [DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/19th-amendment-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/19th-amendment-cfe)

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## **The Art of Nature Digital entries due: Friday, April 10, 2020**

Nature has served as a creative muse for centuries for many artists. The beauty of the ocean, a mountain landscape, an ocean seashore, or wildlife has moved many artists and art lovers to a sense of calm and wonder for the environment. This exhibition will celebrate the beauty of art in nature, whether animals, plein air or other natural scenes. The juror for this exhibition is Mary Welch Higgins. Opening Reception: Friday, May 1 from 7-9pm. Contact curators Sharon J. Burton ([sjbcreativeventures@gmail.com](mailto:sjbcreativeventures@gmail.com)) and Cynthia Schoeppel ([schoeppc@hotmail.com](mailto:schoeppc@hotmail.com)). Details here: [DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/nature-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/nature-cfe)

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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 March 8 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/)

### Calligraphy Storytelling

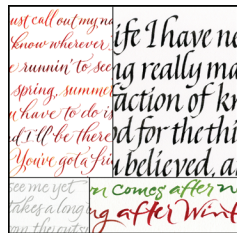
\$50 for members/\$60 non-members;  
plus \$10 supply fee

Sunday, March 15 from 1–4pm

Instructor: Jenny Nicholson

(Register by March 12)

Explore calligraphy through experimenting with various writing tools and letterforms. This is an opportunity to practice hand lettering as a way to visually share a story, poetry, or travel journaling. The workshop will offer beginner instruction, as well as a refresher for returning students. Using calligraphy styles along with our own handwriting, we will create page layouts as it relates to storytelling. By experimenting with a variety of tools, inks, paper, and lettering styles, students will gain an understanding of what their preferences are for writing their own words. Some students may prefer the pointed pen while others may prefer the pointed brush or a chisel-edged tool. Please bring a short story or quotes to work with. This workshop is suited for adults and students that are 10 years or older.



### Create a New Story: Altered Book Workshop

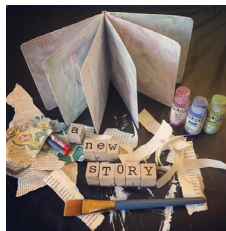
\$50 Del Ray Artisans member /  
\$60 Non-member; plus \$15 supply fee

Date: Saturday, March 28 from 1–4pm

Instructor: Jackie Tury

(Register by March 22)

Come “Create a New Story” with artist Jackie Tury. This workshop will teach you to transform a board book into a beautiful, inspiring new story using paints, papers, pages from old books and plenty of mixed media techniques. All instructions and supplies are provided. If desired, students may bring extra papers or book pages to use or share.



### Art Opportunities in Italy

Presenter: Pietro Maddalena

Date: Saturday, March 28 from 6–7pm (RSVP by March 25)

Meet Pietro Maddalena, founder of La Meridiana International School of Ceramics in Tuscany and Art Travel Italy located outside of the medieval town of Certaldo, Italy, and come to this FREE presentation on opportunities for both teaching and taking classes in the various disciplines in Italy. Details [DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-in-italy/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-in-italy/)

## Meet DRA's Board & Staff

Newsletter Editor: Nancy Ramsey

Del Ray Artisans

was one of the first places I showed art when I joined 3 years ago. After a lifetime of taking art classes in my spare time, I retired from teaching and now have more time and energy to create. I love that we have such a welcoming arts space in our community! Stop in to say hi at my Torpedo Factory Studio, #329, and contact me if you have an interesting article for the newsletter at:  
[newsletter@delrayartisans.org](mailto:newsletter@delrayartisans.org) or  
[nancyaramsey@gmail.com](mailto:nancyaramsey@gmail.com).



We hope you enjoy meeting DRA's Board and Staff. We hope to include all of them in the coming months!

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### Card Making- Party Success!

The February 17 Card Making Party brought over 20 enthusiastic card makers with nearly half of the attendees being first timers. The gallery is now stocked with new "all-occasion" cards ready to purchase for your mailing pleasure for \$3-7!

A BIG thanks to: Kathryn Brown, Angela Calos, Jocelyne Corderot, Sue Furick, Jeanne Groupmann, Faith Halter, Kat Henderson, Hillary Hoffman, Theresa Kulstad, Deb Lacy, Susanne Langdorf, Marie Lenker, Char Mason, Cathy Messina, Jenny Nicholson, Karen Schmitz.



# DEL RAY ARTISANS

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
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)

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

## 2020 Board of Directors

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## Calendar

### 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
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 10 *19th Amendment* Entry Deadline
- 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
- 15 WORKSHOP: Calligraphy Storytelling, 1-4pm
- 21 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am-12pm
- 22 WORKSHOP: Creative Movement Storytelling,  
10am-12pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 25 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 25 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 27 Creative Summer Programs Proposal Deadline
- 27 Spring Art Market Application Deadline

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

### March 2020 (continued)

- 28 WORKSHOP: Create a New Story: Altered Book, 1-4pm
- 28 Art Opportunities in Italy Presentation, 6-7pm
- 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 Cariasio & 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
- 10 *The Art of Nature* Entry Deadline
- 12 Urban Sketchbooking at Nectar Cafe, 1-3pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 22 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2-5pm
- 22 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30-9:30pm
- 26 *19th Amendment* artwork pick up
- 26-27 *The Art of Nature* artwork drop off

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

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

## Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**  
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- **Dawn Wyse Hurto, Web Curator**  
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# Membership Form

☐ Renewal    ☐ New Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

List artist media (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Patron

- ☐ \$ 250 Silver  
☐ \$ 500 Gold  
☐ \$ 1,000 Platinum

## Artist

- ☐ \$ 60 Individual  
☐ \$ 90 Dual  
☐ \$ 110 Family  
☐ \$ 45 Senior  
☐ \$ 30 Student

## Supporter

- ☐ \$ 40

## Add a Donation

- ☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

- |   |                                     |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants     | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial      | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising    | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity  |  |

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans

Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Or join online: [www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/)

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)

## Membership Categories and Benefits

Membership Categories	Cost	12-hour Volunteer requirement	Member-only programs and events	Reduced workshop, classes and program fees	Monthly online “The Well-Crafted Word” newsletter	Inclusion in 2 member shows annually	Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls	No charge for entry into Members-only shows	No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets)	Recognition in the Gallery	Appreciation Gift and Event
Membership Benefits											
Artist											
Individual	\$ 60	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Dual (2 adults, same address)	\$ 90	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Family (2 adults, 4 children, same address)	\$ 110	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Senior (Age 62 and over)	\$ 45	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Student (Full-time status)	\$ 30	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Supporter											
Supporter	\$ 40		•	•	•						
Patron (Includes family membership)											
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online