



*Celebrating the Art of Making . . .*

*April 2020*

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## A Letter from DRA President, Drew Caraiso

Members:

As the world adapts to these unusual circumstances, please note that Del Ray Artisans is following city, state, and federal guidelines as they are published in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Board of Directors is doing our best to ensure members and visitors remain safe and up to date.

The gallery is closed until further notice. In compliance with the Governor's order and City of Alexandria guidance, the gallery will be closed at least until June 10. We will continue to monitor and reassess future plans on an ongoing basis.

At the time of this printing, all programs and workshops through June 10 have been cancelled. The April Board of Directors meeting is canceled, and our Member Meeting and Benefit Program slated for May 14 will be postponed until later this year. We will continue to keep you informed with our Weekly eNews email, and we ask that you follow us on social media via Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

The health and safety of our members, visitors, and employees, is a top priority for Del Ray Artisans. We thank you for your understanding as we move through these rapidly changing times. It is with much hope and anticipation that we will open our doors again soon. In the meantime, please stay safe, healthy and, of course, creative.

—Drew Caraiso, President, Del Ray Artisans Board of Directors

### View Tell Me a Story Show Online!

You can view our current show online at [bit.ly/view-story](http://bit.ly/view-story)

To make arrangements to purchase art, please email [Technology@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Technology@DelRayArtisans.org)

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## Spring2ACTion 2020: April 3-15

Each April our community comes together to support the amazing work of Alexandria nonprofits through Spring2ACTion, hosted by ACT for Alexandria. Please give your support to Del Ray Artisans to continue activities which help members of our community grow as individuals and as artists. Donations are tax-deductible and may also be designated to our Art Camp to support local youth.

If every member gives \$15 we'll exceed our goal of \$4,000! You can help even more by officially becoming a "free agent fundraiser" for Del Ray Artisans. Free Agent Fundraisers are a champion for the cause and typically ask 2-10 of their friends/acquaintances for support. Go to our Spring2ACTion page (link below) and click on the "Fundraise" button. If every member can recruit 10 donors, we'll be able to make a big impact in the second half of the year! From April 3-15, donate at [spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans](http://spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans).



## Spring Art Market Application due April 17

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 June 27, 2020 from 10am to 4pm.  
[DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/spring-art-market-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/spring-art-market-cfe)



## Gallery Without Walls

Thank you so much to Monica Hokeilen for her time, passion, and talent these past few years as Gallery Without Walls Curator! Best wishes to Monica on her move and new adventure. Thank you to Kelly Postula for taking over the position. There are two exhibits currently on display at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital: *Looking Up* in the lobby and hallway and *Local Artisan Showcase* in the exam rooms. At this time VCA Alexandria is open only for essential services. Please do not visit for the artwork. Visit their website for schedule updates in the coming weeks:  
[vcahospitals.com/alexandria](http://vcahospitals.com/alexandria)

## Creative Summer Programs Proposal Deadline

### First deadline for proposals extended to April 17

Seeking proposals for creative classes & workshops at the gallery in August. Details at  
[DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/summer-programs-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/summer-programs-cfe)

## The Art of Nature

This exhibit has been rescheduled to May 2021. Artists who have already entered have been contacted and refunded. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate the city, state, and federal recommendations for events during this period.

## Hello, Bright Eyes

### This exhibit is being rescheduled. New dates are TBD

Hello, Bright Eyes highlights healthy vision. Focus your artwork on the eyes, eyesight, or all the wonders the eyes provide. Marketplace items also need to fit the theme. Curators: Stephanie Chan & Tracy Wilkerson.

## 19th Amendment, The War of the Roses

### Digital entries due: Saturday, October 10, 2020

The exhibit has been moved to November. 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. Curators: Drew Cariaso and Amy Kitchin Hower. Details at: [DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/19th-amendment-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/02/19th-amendment-cfe)

## Kudos Garden Committee!

Thank you to our Garden Committee volunteers for all the hard work in early March! Spring is going to be beautiful!

Thank you to Brooke Johnson, Jeff Lodge, Jenny Nicholson, Kurt Peterson, Kevin Sherlock, and Pamela Underhill (Chairperson).



## In Quarantine? Social Distancing? Engage Online!

Talk to fellow local artists by joining our Facebook Group called "Del Ray Artisans' Artists Forum" that can be found at [facebook.com/groups/delrayartisans](https://facebook.com/groups/delrayartisans) — All group members are allowed to post art-related ideas and activities. Post about a piece you're working on and ask for feedback; post about a technique you want to try; or post about art documentaries, books, and other creativity-enhancing ways to self improve while stuck at home. Comment on other people's posts - engage!

You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel at [bit.ly/dra-youtube](https://bit.ly/dra-youtube) and watch a video of the current exhibit, Tell Me a Story, at [bit.ly/dra-story](https://bit.ly/dra-story) to get a taste of the exhibit from home.

Become a top supporter online! Like, share, and comment on our pages and posts:

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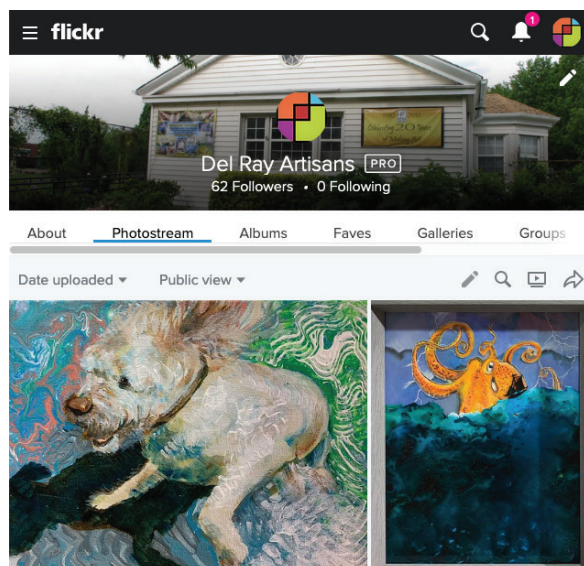
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Flickr - [flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans](https://flickr.com/photos/delrayartisans)

Pro tip: Follow us on Eventbrite - [delrayartisans.eventbrite.com](https://delrayartisans.eventbrite.com) - for early notifications when workshop registrations are set up.

Looking forward to hearing from you online!



## Meet DRA's Board & Staff

### Youth Programs: Sharon Holland

Sharon Holland is new to Del Ray Artisans but not to working with youth. She is still learning names/faces and hopes/dreams of fellow members and the board. Her piece, "Stay Off" is in the show *Tell Me A Story*. She currently teaches K-6 Visual Art for the Fairfax County Public Schools at Lorton Station Elementary School.

Sharon can be reached at: [Youth@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Youth@DelRayArtisans.org)



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### Outreach: Kelly MacConomy

Kelly MacConomy received her first camera from Santa, a Kodak Instamatic. The next camera she tried was a pin-hole she made for the science fair. Hooked on photography she moved to a Nikkormat 35mm. Moving into the 21st century she enjoys capturing the urban and urbane with whatever viewfinder she has in hand.

This is Kelly's second year on the Board as Outreach Director and as a DRA member although she has been one of our biggest fans for as long as she can remember. In her spare time she is also the Arts Editor and photographer/columnist for the Zebra, creating On Exhibit, At Z Movies, In Z Hood, and Z~Oenology for the all-the good-news that's-fit-to- ead-in-Alexandria magazine.

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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

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

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### April 2020

- 30 Mar–10 June **ONLINE EXHIBIT:**  
*Tell Me a Story* curator: Lesley Hall  
3-15 Spring2ACtion  
17 Spring Art Market application deadline  
17 Creative Summer Programs proposal deadline

### May 2020

- 31 **GW EXHIBIT: Looking Up** at VCA  
Alexandria Animal Hospital ends  
(This exhibit may be extended.)

### June 2020

- 1 Creative Summer Programs Begins  
11-12 *Tell Me a Story* artwork pick up by  
appointment  
18-28 **EXHIBIT: Take Away Art**  
curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto & Dale Spivey  
23 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm  
24 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm  
27 **Spring Art Market**, 10am–4pm

### July 2020

- 2 First Thursday (open until 9pm)  
14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm  
19 (Gallery Closed)  
20–24 Art Camp (Week 1)  
25 **EXHIBIT: Art Camp Show** (Week 1)  
26 (Gallery Closed)  
27–31 Art Camp (Week 2)

### August 2020

- 1 **EXHIBIT: Art Camp Show** (Week 2)  
2 (Gallery Closed)  
6 First Thursday (open until 9pm)  
5–28 **EXHIBIT: Hello, Bright Eyes**  
curators: Stephanie Chan & Tracy Wilkerson  
Opening Reception, 7–9pm  
9 Life Drawing, Gesture (clothed), 9:30–11:30am  
10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm  
11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm  
12 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm  
12 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm  
16 Member Meeting, Picnic & Pie Contest, 5–7pm  
18 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm  
26 Life Drawing, Short/Long Poses, 2–5pm  
26 Life Drawing, Long Poses, 6:30–9:30pm

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

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

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