



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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The Well-Crafted Word

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A Letter from DRA President, Drew Caraiso

Members,

While the gallery remains temporarily closed in May, Del Ray Artisans has been busy planning activities which follow social distancing guidelines and has recently launched three new initiatives:

1. **We're All In This Together Card Swap**
2. **Art by Mail Online Art Exhibit**
3. **Buy Local Art Page**

All three initiatives were created for members, and you may also invite non-members to the card swap. None of these opportunities have entry fees. More details are in this newsletter and on the Call for Entry page: DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe/

The May Membership Meeting has been canceled, and the Board will attempt to hold the May Board Meeting virtually. We anticipate programs and in-person activities to resume starting June 11 and look forward to the Spring Art Market on Saturday, June 27. We will continue to keep you informed with our Weekly eNews email and on social media.

Thank you for your donations and for spreading the word during Spring2ACTion. Together we raised \$5,113 to support the organization during this difficult time. Special thanks to all of our DRA volunteers who worked to make this happen; Director of Fundraising, Joe Franklin, for leading this fundraising event; and Dawn Wyse Hurto, Director of Technology, who makes the seams seamless.

Please stay safe, healthy and, of course, creative.

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

Tell Me a Story Online Exhibit runs through June 10

The *Tell Me a Story* exhibit is packed with visual and literary artwork. There are 189 pieces in the exhibit, plus 134 pieces of art-to-go. Thank you to the 95 artists who submitted photos of their work and to the volunteers who processed and posted them online. Together we were able to capture the essence of the exhibit through pictures, so you can still take this imaginative journey with us. Read the story of this exhibit and select the “View the Artwork” button at DelRayArtisans.org/tell-me-a-story

To purchase artwork, email Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org with the artwork title, artist's name or description by June 10, 2020. The art will be available for pick up once the gallery reopens.



Something's Brewing by Lesley Hall.

Want to be featured on the Buy Local Art Page?

Deadline:
Sunday,
May 10 by
Midnight



Chris Fedderson,
MacroFine Photography

Do you already have a website where you sell your artwork? Opt-in to be a part of the upcoming "Buy Local Art" page on Del Ray Artisans' website that will advertise the artwork sales websites of our members. There is no fee to participate, but your Del Ray Artisans membership must be current.

Coordinator: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org). Details and the opt-in form at DelRayArtisans.org/2020/04/buy-local-page-cfe

Gallery Without Walls at VCA Alexandria

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. View their website for service updates:

vcahospitals.com/alexandria

Artists featured in the *Looking Up* exhibit should not pick up their work this month. The exhibit will be extended until it is safe to pick up artwork, and you will receive an email from the GWW curator when the pick up dates are coordinated with the animal hospital.

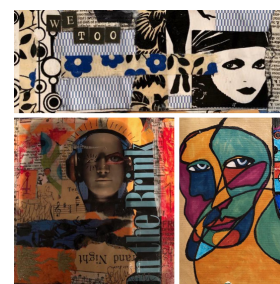
Calls for Entry

All of the opportunities below can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

We're All In This Together Card Swap

Rolling deadlines; Last day to sign up TBD

Art in The Age Of Social Distance: This is a handcrafted, artful card swap between artists and an opportunity to creatively express yourself and share with others during this historic, uncertain time. A swap group is formed each time 4 artists apply, then swapping begins immediately for that group. Open to all artists with a U.S. domestic mailing address or an equivalent military address that accepts a standard First-Class stamp. Swap Coordinator: Theresa Kulstad (tkulstad1@gmail.com)



Artful Cards by Theresa Kulstad

Art by Mail Online Art Exhibit (Members Only)

Digital entry deadline: Sunday, May 10, 2020 by midnight

Online Exhibit Dates: May 24 – July 31, 2020

Submit up to five entries of small (card-sized), mailable art. Open theme. Each entry may be one piece or a small collection (e.g. a short photo series) that is mailed together. When art sells, you will mail it directly to the purchaser. The art should be deliverable as regular U.S. mail and not require a trip to the post office. To support our members in this uncertain time, Del Ray Artisans is not charging an entry fee and is requesting a smaller donation (15%) when artwork sells to cover credit card processing fees and administrative time. Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org) and Dale Spivey (vp@delrayartisans.org)

Hello, Bright Eyes Art Exhibit

Digital entry deadline: Friday, July 10, 2020 by midnight

Exhibit Dates: August 7–30, 2020

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. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington® has graciously offered artists old glasses, lenses and glasses 'arms' to use in your artwork. Pick up frames at the gallery after the Stay-at-Home order is lifted. Curators: Stephanie Chan (vangoat.studios@gmail.com) and Tracy Wilkerson (RecycledWorks@yahoo.com)



ICU by Tracy Wilkerson

Upcoming Workshops & Programs

All programs and workshops through June 11 have been cancelled. Please save the date for the events below, and visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/calendar for all schedule updates.

Urban Sketchbooking

Sunday, June 14 from 1-3pm (Drop-in program, check calendar in advance)
\$8 Del Ray Artisans member / \$10 non-member
Organizer: Joan Bickelhaupt
Drop in with your supplies and join us to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. We will meet at Del Ray Artisans gallery and walk to a nearby park. The session will be cancelled if the chance of rain is greater than 50%.

Playing with Resin Workshop

Monday, June 15 from 6-9pm (Register by June 12)
Instructor Tracy Wilkerson will teach you the ins and outs of mixing resin and using it in your artwork as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. You'll leave your finished masterpieces to set at the gallery at the end of the workshop, and pick them up later in the week. NOTE: The workshop will be held if the stay-at-home order is lifted. If the workshop is cancelled, you will be contacted to see if you would prefer a refund or to have your registration moved to the alternate date: August 17.

Creative Spark Book Club (FREE)

Saturday, Aug 15 from 10:30am-12pm (RSVP by Aug 12)
Book: "The Creative Habit: Learn It and Use It for Life" by Twyla Tharp
Facilitator: Sharon Burton
Looking for a way to spark and maintain your artistic practice? Want to connect with a variety of artists and creatives to share ideas? Join the Creative Spark Book Club! We meet and discuss readings by a variety of authors to help you stay inspired and motivated for your creative practice.

Meet DRA's Board & Other Volunteers

Technology: Dawn Wyse Hurto

Dawn joined Del Ray Artisans in 2007. She has served as Del Ray Artisans Web Curator for several years and is the current Director of Technology. Earlier this year Dawn was interviewed by Kaitlin Bell for a video project which highlighted Del Ray Artisans. You can watch that video here: bit.ly/dra-overview
Professionally she designs and tests websites and online applications as an independent contractor. In her personal time, she paints and draws—typically people and cats. She lives in Del Ray with a live model of each type.



Liz Martinez and Dawn Wyse Hurto at the February 2020 Member Meeting

Social Media Chairperson: Liz Martinez

Liz joined Del Ray Artisans in the summer of 1997. During her time with DRA, Liz has served on the board twice, helped develop Art Camp, ran and helped grow the Holiday Market for several years, and was the editor of the Weekly eNews for 6 years. She is currently the Social Media Chairperson and posts to Twitter and Instagram. Liz is a HIV advocate and an artist.

Artist Bio Assistance

Member Johnny Hunt has offered his assistance in writing your artist bio! Johnny can help you polish your existing bio or interview you to create a tactful literary 'portrait' of the artist. Interested? Contact him at johnny.hunt9@gmail.com.



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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/

The gallery is closed until further notice.

May 2020

- 30 Mar–10 Jun **ONLINE EXHIBIT: *Tell Me a Story*** curator: Lesley Hall
10 Deadline to opt-in to the Buy Local Art page
10 *Art by Mail* entry deadline
24 May–31 Jul **ONLINE EXHIBIT: *Art by Mail***
curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto & Dale Spivey

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
28 **GWG Exhibit: *Looking Up*** at VCA Alexandria
Animal Hospital ends (tentative closing date)

July 2020

- 2 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
10 *Hello, Bright Eyes* entry deadline

July 2020 (continued)

- 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
5 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/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**
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Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

Address _____

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/

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online