



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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Gallery and Take Away Art Exhibit Open June 18

The gallery will reopen on June 18 with health and safety precautions in place. The staff are taking the ALX Promise training prior to reopening and sanitizing regularly; face masks are required in the gallery; and everyone must grant others 6' or more of personal space.

Restaurants have been offering take out for the last few weeks. Now come to the gallery for some creative take out! The *Take Away Art* exhibit will be on display from June 18 through July 31. All artwork purchased from this exhibit may go home with you immediately.

We are excited to be able to share artwork with the community again and look forward to seeing you peek over your face mask. For this exhibit, gallery hours will be on **Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-6pm, and Saturdays 12-4pm**. No evening and Sunday hours in the near term.

This exhibit features the work of Del Ray Artisans members, as well as some additional fundraising artworks which benefit our nonprofit directly, plus a special section from Spring Art Market artists! More information at DelRayArtisans.org/event/take-away-art



"Story: The Wizard of Oz"
by Jeff Lodge

Upcoming Workshops

In person, please wear a mask and give fellow participants 6' of personal space. You must register in advance. Registration at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

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. Instruction fee: \$40 member / \$50 non-member; plus \$10 supply fee.

Summer Sketchcrawl

Sunday, June 28, 1-3pm (Register by June 25) - Learn how to pick the right art supplies; sketch while sight-seeing; do loose, on-the-spot sketches; draw street scenes; break down complex subjects to create detailed, in-depth drawings; and more. Instructor Joan Bickelhaupt will suggest different compositional approaches to sketching in ink, pencil, or watercolor. Participants will then spend their time putting those suggestions into practice. Instruction fee: \$15 member / \$20 non-member; plus \$20 supply fee or bring your own supplies.

ONLINE: How to Publish Your Work in Literary Journals Workshop

Monday, June 29 from 7-9pm (Register by June 26) - Are you interested in publishing your short fiction and poetry in literary journals and magazines, but don't know where to start? Author and instructor T.J. Butler will teach you the basics: knowing when your work is ready to submit; finding and researching journals; crafting your author's bio; navigating Submittable; vocabulary to represent yourself as a pro; "Literary Twitter," and much more. Fee: \$25 member / \$35 for non-member. This workshop will be online using the Zoom platform.

Program Cancellations & Updates

Spring Art Market and Art Camp have been cancelled. Registered participants have been notified and refunded.

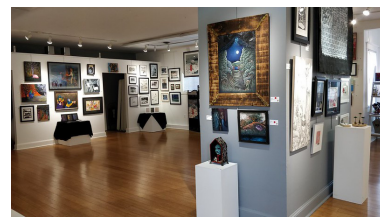
Life Drawing sessions have been cancelled until further notice; however, some of our local models are posing for online drawing sessions. You may view their events on the DC Art Model Collective Facebook page: [DCArtModelCollective](#)

In-person Partners in Art meetings have been cancelled until further notice; however, the program is offering monthly sharing & feedback via email. The first group is already full. For information in joining the second email group, contact Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com.

Creative Summer Programs 2020 has definitely been impacted. We are hosting a few outdoor and low-attendance workshops, but not nearly the number of offerings as last year. Due to this reduced number, we will not be advertising under the umbrella of Creative Summer Programs this year. We are treating each event with careful consideration and safety measures. If you have already scheduled a program, Programs Director, Stacy Rausch, will be in contact to discuss how to handle your individual needs and concerns or to reschedule for a later date.

Last Chapter: Tell Me a Story Online Exhibit

The *Tell Me a Story* exhibit ends on June 10. We have loved hosting this exhibit in the gallery and online. Artwork pick up is by appointment only. Non-members must contact the curator to sign up for a pick up shift; DRA members may leave their work on display to be rearranged in the *Take Away Art* exhibit. To purchase artwork, email Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org with the artwork title, artist's name or description by June 10. Read the story of this exhibit and select the "View the Artwork" button at DelRayArtisans.org/tell-me-a-story



Art by Mail Online Exhibit runs through July 31

Would you like to receive small, hand-crafted artwork in your mailbox? View the *Art by Mail* exhibit and select some one-of-a-kind art today! The exhibit features small format artwork from Del Ray Artisans members—original paintings in watercolor, oil, and acrylic; mixed media art and artful cards; plus, small 3D works. Artwork will be mailed directly from the artist within 10 days of purchase. View now at DelRayArtisans.org/artbymail Questions? Contact the curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org), Dale Spivey (vp@delrayartisans.org), and Mathew Heggem (matheggem@gmail.com).



"Corona Cup" by Stephen Lally Pottery, \$30 each (\$10 is donated to INOVA Emergency Preparedness Fund for each cup sold)

Card Swap: We're All In This Together

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) Sign up at DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-swap



Calls for Entry

The opportunities below can be found at

DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

Call for Entry: Refresh *Art by Mail* Online Exhibit

Refresh entries due: Wednesday, June 10 by midnight

Exhibit Dates: May 24–July 31, 2020

Submit small, mailable art. Entries may be one piece or a small collection mailed together. When art sells, you mail it to the purchaser as regular U.S. mail that does not require a trip to the post office. Open theme. No entry fee. Open to all Del Ray Artisans artist members.

Call for Entry: Hello, *Bright Eyes Art* Exhibit

Digital entry deadline: Friday, July 10 by midnight

Exhibit Dates: August 7–30, 2020 *Hello, Bright Eyes* highlights healthy vision, eyes, eyesight, or all the wonders the eyes provide. Marketplace items need to fit the theme. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington® has graciously offered artists old glasses components 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), Tracy Wilkerson (RecycledWorks@yahoo.com)

Call for Proposals: 2021 Art Exhibits

Proposals due Friday, July 10 by midnight

Seeking exhibit proposals for 2021. Del Ray Artisans strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. Proposals with new, fresh ideas will be favored. Questions? Email the Exhibit Selection Committee Chairs: Liz Martinez (catniphaze@gmail.com) and Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com).

Meet DRA's Board & Staff

Anna Sherlock-Office Manager

I started as the office manager of Del Ray Artisans in 2017. During the pandemic, I work from home, and go into the office weekly. Recently I've worked on our *Art By Mail* exhibit. I miss interacting with members & visitors! Artistically, I dabble in a variety of media from oil painting to yarncraft to filmmaking. I'm trying to master digital illustration and watercolor. I'm a volunteer "insect ambassador" and naturalist, and enjoy long walks and ridiculous sci-fi.



Gabriel Perez-Office Assistant

An Aztec country native, Gabriel Perez has lived in Alexandria for 18 years and considers it his second home. Gabriel earned a bachelor's in Business Administration in his country of origin and a master's in Executive Development for Public Service at Ball State. He has worked in business administration for public and private sectors. Gabriel is a self-taught artist but art came to him naturally. As a child, he watched his professional artist father in his studio. Gabriel creates wood sculptures and has displayed them at DRA gallery.



Sketchbooking Outdoors, Sunday, June 14, 1-3pm

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/sketch

Drop in with your supplies and join organizer Joan Bickelhaupt to produce drawings completed from direct observation. We will meet outdoors in front of Del Ray Artisans gallery and walk to a nearby park. The session will be cancelled if the chance of rain is greater than 50%, and the organizer will only accept up to 9 participants. Please wear a mask and give fellow participants 6' of personal space. Normally this program has a fee, but the June 14th date is FREE!

Call for Entry: 2021 Wall Calendar Fundraiser

Digital entry deadline: Monday, August 10 by midnight
Members: [Submit your best work](#) to the 8th annual Del Ray Artisans' calendar! All entries are to be received digitally, and no physical pieces of art will be collected. There is no entry fee, no theme, and work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans is acceptable. This calendar is a fundraiser to benefit Del Ray Artisans, but also a fun way to show your support for our arts organization and share your talent.



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12-6pm
Friday 12-6pm
Saturday 12-4pm

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/

June 2020

- 8 Partners in Art, Via Email
- 9 Board Meeting, Online 7-9pm
- 10 *Tell Me a Story* exhibit ends
- 10 *Art by Mail* refresh entries due
- 11-12 *Tell Me a Story* artwork pick up by appointment
- 14 Urban Sketchbooking, Outdoor 1-3pm
- 15 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 18-July 31 **EXHIBIT: *Take Away Art***
curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto & Dale Spivey
- 23 Partners in Art, Via Email
- 29 Publish Your Work in Literary Journals Workshop, Online 7-9pm

July 2020

- 10 *Hello, Bright Eyes* entry deadline
- 10 2021 Art Exhibit Proposal deadline
- 14 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 31 *Take Away Art* exhibit ends
- 31 *Art by Mail* exhibit ends
- 31 **GWW Exhibit: *Looking Up*** at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital ends (tentative closing date)

August 2020

- 2-3 *Hello, Bright Eyes* artwork drop off
- 6 First Thursday (open until 9pm)
- 7-30 **EXHIBIT: *Hello, Bright Eyes***
curators: Stephanie Chan & Tracy Wilkerson
- 7 Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Knitting with Wire (Jewelry Making) Workshop, 11am-3pm
- 10 2021 Wall Calendar entry deadline
- 10 Partners in Art, Via Email
- 11 Healthy Aging & Your Vision Workshop, 1-2:30pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 15 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am-12pm
- 16 Member Meeting, Picnic & Pie Contest, 5-7pm
- 17 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 18 Partners in Art, Via Email
- 22 Sculpture Workshop Using Found Natural Materials, 10am-1pm
- 29 Patching & Beyond Workshop (For Parents of Children with Amblyopia & Strabismus), 1-2:30pm

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