



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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Take Away Art exhibit runs through July 31

The gallery is open! Come for some creative take out! The staff have been ALX Promise certified and are sanitizing regularly; face masks are required in the gallery; and everyone must grant others 6' or more of personal space. We've received many compliments on the exhibit already and are thrilled to share your art with the public once again.

This exhibit features the work of Del Ray Artisans members, as well as "on sale" fundraising artworks which benefit our nonprofit directly; plus a special section from Spring Art Market artists! All artwork purchased from this exhibit may go home with you immediately. Come see the exhibit now through July 31 during the new gallery hours: Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-6pm, and Saturdays 12-4pm. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/take-away-art



Featuring "Story: The Wizard of Oz" by Jeff Lodge

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. Coordinator: Theresa Kulstad (tkulstad1@gmail.com). Sign up at DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-swap



Stacy Rausch receives a card

Art by Mail

Online Exhibit runs through July 31

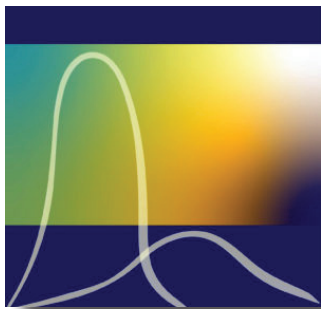
Receive small, handcrafted artwork in your mailbox! View the *Art by Mail* exhibit and select some one-of-a-kind art today! The exhibit features small format artwork from Del Ray Artisans members—original paintings in watercolor, oil, and acrylic; mixed media art and artful cards; plus, small 3D works. Artwork will be mailed directly from the artist within 10 days of purchase. View now at: DelRayArtisans.org/artbymail



"Bee Safe" by Kathy A. Turner

Quarantine Creations exhibit at VCA Alexandria

Quarantine Creations is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. The exhibit runs July 6 through October 24, 2020 at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Because VCA Alexandria is not at complete opening status, during the month of July, artwork will be viewable by appointment (Mon-Sat 8am-4pm). Contact Stephanie Frederick at VCAGWW2020@gmail.com to schedule a viewing appointment.



"Flatten the Curve" by Kelly Postula

Calls for Entry

All of the opportunities below can be found at

DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

Call for Entry: Hello, Bright Eyes

Digital entry deadline: Friday, July 10 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 offered artists old glasses, lenses and glasses 'arms' to use in your artwork. Pick up frames at the gallery. Curators: Stephanie Chan (vangoat.studios@gmail.com) and Tracy Wilkerson (RecycledWorks@yahoo.com).



"ICU" by Tracy Wilkerson

Call for Proposals: 2021 Art Exhibits

Proposals deadline extended to Monday, August 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 may be emailed to the Exhibit Selection Committee Chairs:

Liz Martinez (catniphaze@gmail.com) and

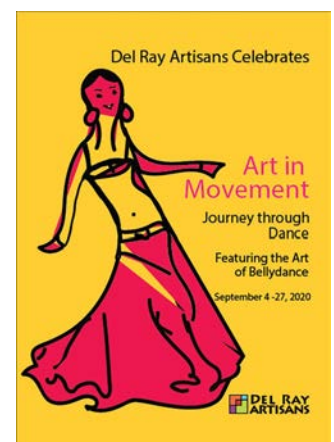
Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com).

Call for Entry: Art in Movement, Journey through Dance

Digital entry deadline: Monday, August 10 by midnight

Exhibit Dates: September 4–27, 2020

This art exhibit celebrates the joys of movement through dance and features the art of Belly Dance. Belly Dance is expressed in many styles that communicate different cultures, languages, dress, and music—while taking you on a journey around the world. Immerse yourself in one of these dance styles and illustrate your unique interpretation. Art-to-Go Marketplace entries are also due August 10. Curator: Kelly Postula (tralee33_98@yahoo.com).



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 with the community. Questions? Contact the coordinator: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org).

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

Summer Sketchcrawl

Sundays: July 12, 1-3pm & July 26, 1-3pm

- Improve your skills in visual storytelling by creating images from direct observation that convey a sense of space and a moment in time. Learn how to sketch while sightseeing, draw street scenes, create in-depth drawings, and more. Instructor: Joan Bickelhaupt. Register for each date independently by the Friday before the session. Instruction fee: \$15 member / \$20 non-member; plus \$20 supply fee or bring your own supplies.

Knitting with Wire (Jewelry Making) Workshop

Saturday, August 8 from 11am-3pm

(Register by Aug 4) - Great for beginners, this workshop will cover several methods of knitting with wire. You'll create a simple bracelet and then use creativity to make your jewelry unique. All supplies are included, though students may bring their own small beads if desired. Instructor: Nan Lopata. Instruction fee: \$80 member / \$90 non-member; plus \$15 supply fee.

Playing with Resin Workshop

Monday, August 17 from 6-9pm (Register by Aug 14) - 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.

Sculpture Workshop Using Found Natural Materials

Saturday, August 22 from 10am-1pm

(Register by Aug 18) - Create art from materials found in the natural world! Great art can be made from materials such as twigs, stones, shells, feathers, and more. Objects from the man-made world such as plastics and mirrors can be used to contrast or enhance. Instructor: Jonathan Ottke. Instruction fee: \$55 member / \$65 non-member; plus \$5 supply fee.

Meet DRA's Board & Staff

Beth Richardson-Treasurer

Beth Richardson is the current Treasurer of Del Ray Artisans. Beth spent most of her career with the Federal Government, the last 23 years as an attorney with NASA. Since retiring, Beth has been able to spend more time pursuing her creative interests, mostly making art quilts. She served two years as President of the Arlington Chapter of Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia. Beth enjoys travel and reading. During the current lockdown, she has also explored history and current events by watching online presentations and listening to podcasts. Beth has lived in the West End of Alexandria since the 1980s. She is married with one daughter.



The Creative Spark Book Club

Saturday, August 15 from 10:30am-12pm

(RSVP by August 12)

Book Club resumes! We meet 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 all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other like-minded creative people. This month's book is *The Creative Habit: Learn It and Use It for Life* by Twyla Tharp. Facilitator: Sharon Burton. This meeting will be online through the Zoom platform. RSVP at DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub

Support DRA through your purchases!

Did you know you can support Del Ray Artisans through the AmazonSmile program? The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. Please choose to support Del Ray Artisans at: bit.ly/dra-smile

Del Ray Artisans also belongs to Blick Art Materials Affiliates Program. Through this program Blick will give up to 10% of sales to Del Ray Artisans if you shop through this link within 24 hours of clicking it: bit.ly/dra-blick

Thank you for your support of Del Ray Artisans!
Details at DelRayArtisans.org/other-support



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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/

July 2020

- 6 **GWV Exhibit: *Quarantine Creations*** at VCA
Alexandria Animal Hospital begins
- 10 *Hello, Bright Eyes* entry deadline
- 12 Summer Sketchcrawl, 1-3pm
- 14 Online Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 26 Summer Sketchcrawl, 1-3pm
- 31 *Take Away Art* exhibit ends
- 31 *Take Away Art* pick up by appointment
- 31 *Art by Mail* online exhibit ends

August 2020

- 1 *Take Away Art* pick up by appointment
- 2-3 *Hello, Bright Eyes* artwork drop off
- 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 *Art in Movement* entry deadline
- 10 2021 Art Exhibit Proposal deadline
- 10 2021 Wall Calendar entry deadline
- 10 Partners in Art, Via Email
- 11 Healthy Aging & Your Vision Workshop,
1-2:30pm

August 2020 continued

- 11 Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 15 Creative Spark Book Club Online,
10:30am-12pm
- 16 Member Meeting, Online, 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
- 30 *Hello, Bright Eyes* artwork pick up, 7-9pm
- 30-31 *Art in Movement* artwork drop off, 7-9pm

September 2020

- 4-27 **EXHIBIT: *Art in Movement, Journey
Through Dance***
curator: Kelly Marie Postula

Stay tuned for details on Art by Mail II
— online September 1–November 1!

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

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

Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online