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Hello, Bright Eyes Exhibit Runs August 7-29



The *Hello, Bright Eyes* art exhibit raises the visibility of healthy vision. This exhibit features artwork focusing on eyes, eyesight, or all the wonders the eyes provide us throughout our years. Some of the artwork in this exhibit reuses old glasses, lenses and eyeglass "arms" donated by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington®.

Join us in August to see what artists created for this exhibit and save the date for special events on vision care. For event details, visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/hello-bright-eyes

The *Hello, Bright Eyes* exhibit runs August 7–29 at Del Ray Artisans gallery. All artwork purchased from this exhibit may go home with you immediately.

Gallery hours are: Thursday & Friday 12-6pm, Saturday 12-4pm. Please wear a face mask and maintain six feet of personal space. For more information, contact curators Stephanie Chan (vangoat.studios@gmail.com) and Tracy Wilkerson (recycledworks@yahoo.com).

Welcome, New Members

- Leah M. Boynton
- Brad Brooks
- Claudia Casey
- Amy Castine
- Tina L. Cook
- Allison Coyle
- Tenley Davis
- Lisa Faustlin
- Doug Fuller
- Mia Grenier
- Nicole Hampton
- Maria I. Hart
- Renee L. Hartley
- Christine M. Jenkins
- Sharon Schaefer
- Juan Vindel
- Mary Westphal & Armand Fogels

Sunday, August 16 Online Member Meeting, 4-5pm

The membership meeting on Sunday, August 16 from 4-5pm will be an online Zoom meeting. RSVP before August 15 at noon at DelRayArtisans.org/event/summer-member-meeting. Registered members will be sent login information via email the day before the meeting. You may attend on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Current members who RSVP in advance and attend will receive a **\$10 gift certificate to Pork Barrel BBQ**. Since we can't picnic together during the pandemic let's individually patronize Del Ray Artisans' frequent sponsor Pork Barrel BBQ by ordering take-out.

Office Manager Anna Sherlock will give an overview of the ALX Promise program during the meeting. The City of Alexandria Health Department and Visit Alexandria created the program for businesses and organizations to commit to higher safety standards for employees and customers. Del Ray Artisans' staff have been ALX Promise certified since early June. We started training curators and workshop instructors in July, and are encouraging interested members to be trained. Please contact Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org if you are interested in becoming ALX Promise certified for Del Ray Artisans.

2021 Art Exhibit Proposals Due August 10

Our exhibit selection committee wants to see your fresh ideas for 2021! Think serious or carefree, colorful or dark, current or historical events, in a variety of art forms & media. What have we not seen at Del Ray Artisans before? Surprise us and our viewers! Proposals are due Monday, August 10 by midnight. Questions? Email the Exhibit Selection Committee Chairs: Liz Martinez (catniphaze@gmail.com) and Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com). Form at DelRayArtisans.org/2020/04/proposals-2021

Meet DRA's Board and Staff



Kelly Postula-GWW Curator

In March, Kelly became the new Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls curator in partnership with the Veterinary Clinics of America Alexandria Animal Hospital. Kelly has been with the Federal Government for the last eleven years as a geospatial scientist and cartographer. In 2019, Kelly completed a professional certificate in Graphic Design. Kelly studied belly dance for seven years and performed throughout the U.S. and Italy. Kelly is an avid dog lover and recently adopted her third dog, a hound-dalmation mix.

Program Cancellations & Updates

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.

We are treating each workshop and recurring program with careful consideration and safety measures. If you have questions, please contact the Programs Director, Stacy Rausch, at Programs@DelRayArtisans.org.

Upcoming Workshops

In person, please wear a mask and give fellow participants six feet of personal space. Register in advance. Registration for workshops at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

Playing with Resin Workshop

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

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. Leave your finished masterpieces to set at the gallery at the end of the workshop, and pick them up later in the week. \$40 member / \$50 non-member; \$10 supply fee.

Sculpture Workshop Using Found Natural Materials

Saturday, August 22, 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. \$55 member / \$65 non-member; \$5 supply fee.

Gel Plate Printing: Monoprinting Without a Press

Tuesday, August 25, 6-9pm (Register by August 21) or

Saturday, September 19, 4-7pm (Register by Sept 15)

Instructors Eileen O'Brien and Linda Mierke introduce the basic techniques of gel printing, with plates and all other materials provided. Learn to pull prints using different paints and papers, found objects, stamps, stencils and natural elements; and create multiple prints ready to mat and frame, use in collage, make greeting cards. \$55 member / \$65 non-members; \$15 supply fee.

Free Fun Activities

Urban Sketchbooking, Sunday, August 9, 1-3pm

Bring your supplies and join us outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. During the pandemic this meetup is FREE (donations appreciated). This is a drop-in program outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub (2300 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA). Please wear a face mask and maintain six feet of personal space. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/urban-sketchbooking

ONLINE: The Creative Spark Book Club

Saturday, August 15, 10:30am-12pm (RSVP by Aug 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 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. Meeting will be online through the Zoom platform. RSVP at DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub

Card Swap: We're All In This Together

This is a handcrafted, artful card swap between artists. A swap group is formed each time four 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

Quarantine Creations Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria



Flattening the Curve
by Suzanne Tillman

Quarantine Creations is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). The exhibit runs July 6 - October 24.

Because VCA Alexandria is not at complete opening status, artwork is viewable online and by appointment only (Mon-Sat 8am-4pm). Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/quarantine-creations

Support DRA Through Your Purchases



Did you know you can support Del Ray Artisans through the AmazonSmile program? The AmazonSmile Foundation generously 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. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/other-support

Current Calls for Entry

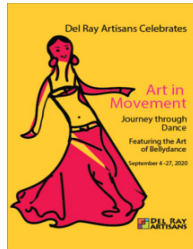
Due to the pandemic, changes have been made to the regular requirements for participating in exhibits. Volunteer hours are NOT required for August–October exhibits. Drop off and pick up are by appointment to ensure social distancing. No more than TEN people in the gallery at a time. Please wear a face mask and maintain SIX FEET of personal space. There are no opening receptions in August and September. All CFEs below can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

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 will be received digitally. There is no entry fee, no theme, and work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans is acceptable. Coordinator: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org).

Art in Movement, Journey through Dance (September 4–26) Digital entry deadline: Monday, August 10 by midnight



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. Art-to-Go Marketplace entries must fit the theme and are also due August 10. Curator: Kelly Postula (tralee33_98@yahoo.com).

Art by Mail II Online Art Exhibit (September 1–November 1) Digital entries due: Thursday, August 20 by midnight



Stitch Meditation #3
by Christine Vinh

Enter your original small 2D and 3D mailable art. Each entry may be one piece or a small collection 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 or similar service. Open theme. No entry fee. Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org) and Dale Spivey (vp@delrayartisans.org).

Living in a Mini World (October 2–31)

Digital entry deadline: Thursday, September 10 by midnight



The Bouquet Toss
by Betsy Jones

Members Only: Embrace the tiny. 2-D artwork should be 6"x6" or 5"x7" or smaller (frame not included). 3-D artwork should be 5"x7"x7" or smaller. The smaller the better. Art-to-Go Marketplace entries must fit the theme and are also due September 10. Curators: Betsy Jones (betsyjones222@gmail.com) and Howard Hay (howardthomashay@gmail.com).



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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

August 2020

- 1 *Take Away Art* artwork pick up
- 2-3 *Hello, Bright Eyes* artwork drop off
- 6 First Thursday (gallery open 12-6pm)
- 7-29 **EXHIBIT: *Hello, Bright Eyes***
curators: Stephanie Chan & Tracy Wilkerson
- 7 *Hello, Bright Eyes* Opens (no reception)
- 9 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 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 ONLINE Healthy Aging & Your Vision
- 11 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 15 ONLINE Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am-12pm
- 15 ONLINE Back to Virtual School
- 16 ONLINE Member Meeting, 4-5pm
- 17 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 18 Partners in Art, via email
- 20 *Art by Mail II* entry deadline
- 22 Sculpture Workshop Using Found Natural Materials, 10am-1pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

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- 25 Gel Plate Printing Workshop: Monoprinting Without a Press, 6-9pm
- 30 *Hello, Bright Eyes* artwork pick up
- 30-31 *Art in Movement* artwork drop off

September 2020

- 3 First Thursday (gallery open 12-6pm)
- 4-26 **EXHIBIT: *Art in Movement, Journey Through Dance***
curator: Kelly Marie Postula
- 4 *Art in Movement, Journey Through Dance* Opens (no reception)
- 8 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 10 *Living in a Mini World* entry deadline
- 13 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 14 Partners in Art, via email
- 15 Coaster Creations with Gel Prints Workshop, 6-9pm
- 19 Gel Plate Printing Workshop: Monoprinting Without a Press, 4-7pm
- 22 Partners in Art, via email
- 27 *Art in Movement* artwork pick up

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

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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