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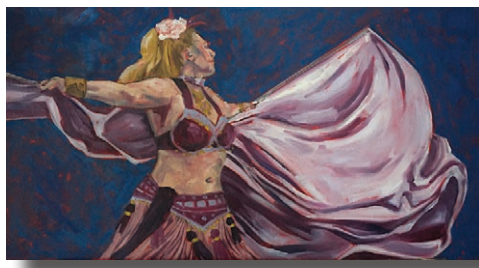
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Art in Movement, Journey through Dance September 4–26



Portrait of my Mother by Corrin Pumphrey

The *Art in Movement, Journey through Dance* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery celebrates the joys of movement through dance and features the art of belly dance. To kick off the exhibit the first week of September, belly dancer FranzMarie will be performing inside the gallery. The performance will be filmed and shared on social media through Del Ray Artisans.

Belly Dance is expressed in many styles: Oriental (Egypt/Lebanon), Balkan (Bulgaria/ Romania/Slovenia), Folkloric (Egypt/Morocco/Algeria), Tribal (U.S.), Persian (Iran) and Odissi (India)—to name a few. These various styles communicate different cultures, languages, dress, and music while taking you on a journey around the world.

Visit the gallery from September 4–26, 2020 to see artwork inspired by the various forms of belly dance. You'll find oil and acrylic paintings, watercolor, charcoal drawings, sculpture, jewelry, mixed media and more, as well as small unframed affordable artworks.

The exhibit will also feature a Belly Dance Souk – an Arab marketplace – which contains an assortment of belly dance items such as skirts, tops, dresses, accessories and jewelry. Some items are from Egypt, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Kelly Postula, the exhibit curator and a former belly dancer, is donating the proceeds from the Souk to support Del Ray Artisans nonprofit.

For more information, please visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits or contact the curator Kelly Marie Postula at creativekmp20@gmail.com.

Art by Mail II September I–November I

Would you like to receive small, handcrafted artwork in your mailbox? View the *Art by Mail II* exhibit! The exhibit features the artwork of Del Ray Artisans members. You'll find one-of-a-kind, small format, original paintings in watercolor, oil, and acrylic; mixed media art and artful cards; plus, handcrafted jewelry, small 3D works and more. Enjoy browsing!



*"Cat Fishing"
by Kathy Turner*

Artwork will be mailed directly from the artist within 10 days of purchase.

Questions?

Contact the curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org) and Dale Spivey (vp@delrayartisans.org).

View now at DelRayArtisans.org/artbymail

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. We have not lived through anything like this before, and this is an opportunity to creatively express this historic, uncertain time and share.

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.

For more information, please visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-swap/ or contact Swap Coordinator Theresa Kulstad at tkulstad1@gmail.com

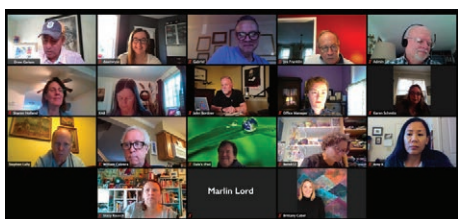


Card by Theresa Kulstad

Opportunities to Serve

Join the Board of Directors

Seeking members in good standing to volunteer for year-long Board positions. Current open positions include Communications, Curating, and Membership; and, starting in 2021, Programs. Lend your time and talents in an exciting new way. For more info, contact Dale at VP@DelRayArtisans.org



Join the Nominating Committee

Members! Serve on the Nominating Committee! These 3-5 volunteers serve a critical role in identifying members in good standing for 2021 board positions. If interested, or know of individuals who might be interested, contact Amy at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org

Program Updates

Partners in Art Monday afternoon sessions have switched to an online format. The group is meeting via Zoom once monthly. This group is currently full. The Partners in Art Tuesday evening sessions are offering monthly sharing & feedback via email. More details under "Free Fun Activities."

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](https://www.facebook.com/DCArtModelCollective)

We are treating each workshop and recurring program with careful consideration and safety measures. If you have questions, contact Stacy, 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

Workshop: Coaster Creations with Gel Prints

Sunday, September 20, 4-7pm (Register by Sept 16)

Instructors Eileen O'Brien and Linda Mierke teach this fun and easy way to design and create beautiful and functional art to keep or give as gifts. Participants will learn the basics of print-making with gel plates. These prints will be decoupage onto coaster tiles and sealed with an odorless varnish. Participants will create four coasters, along with other prints that can be framed as artwork or used as collage papers. All supplies are included, though participants may bring their own to personalize their coasters. \$40 member / \$50 non-member; \$10 supply fee.

Gel Plate Printing: Monoprinting Without a Press

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, September 13, 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, October 17, 10:30am-12pm (RSVP by Oct 14)

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 creative people. Next month's book is *Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad* by Austin Kleon. Facilitator: Sharon Burton. Meeting will be online through the Zoom platform. RSVP at DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub

VIA EMAIL: Partners in Art Evening

Tuesday, September 22, 7-9pm

In-person meetings have been cancelled until further notice; however, this program is offering monthly sharing & feedback via EMAIL. Contact Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com) for information.

Living in a Mini World Opening Day Tickets

Friday, October 2, 12-8pm

Reserve a ticket now for a half-hour viewing on opening day! The gallery will be open 2 hours later than normal on this opening Friday. Gallery capacity is limited to 10 people at any one time; visitors with tickets have priority. Please wear a face mask and maintain 6' of personal space. Tickets available at

DelRayArtisans.org/mini-opens

Current Calls for Entry

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

Pre-order Del Ray Artisans 2021 Wall Calendar

Del Ray Artisans' 2021 Wall Calendar featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members is available for pre-order now for just \$16/calendar. (Regular price \$19/calendar.) The pre-order discount price is only available until October 10. Pre-ordering the calendar helps our organization estimate how many calendars to order. If you pre-order, you will be notified when the calendars arrive, so you can come pick up your purchase. Pre-order at DelRayArtisans.org/event/preorder-calendar

PLEASE NOTE: Calendars will NOT be shipped. You will be notified when your order is ready to be picked up, and then come pick it up at your convenience!

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. All CFEs below can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

Living in a Mini World

Digital entry deadline:

Thursday, September 10

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.

The *Living in a Mini World* exhibit has free tickets for Opening Day.

Curators: Betsy Jones (betsyjones222@gmail.com) and Howard Hay (howardthomashay@gmail.com).



The Bouquet Toss
by Betsy Jones

Holiday Market 2020

Digital entry deadline: Sunday, September 13

Applications for exhibitors in Del Ray Artisans' 25th annual Holiday Market to be held each weekend from December 4-20, 2020 are now open. Members and non-members are eligible, so apply now! Members receive priority and a discount. Due to Covid-19 our procedures will be different than in prior years. Please read all information carefully and contact the coordinators with any questions. Coordinators:

Steve Lally (slallypottery@gmail.com),

Amy Kitchin Hower (alkitchin.dc@gmail.com),

Rita Schooley (rlschooley@gmail.com)

Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years

Since the 19th Amendment

Digital entry deadline: October 10

This exhibit is only open to Del Ray Artisans members, area high school students, and local 2020 high school graduates.

Art-to-Go Marketplace entries are also due October 10, but do not need to fit the theme for this exhibit. Curators: Amy Kitchin Hower (alkitchin.dc@gmail.com), Karen Schmitz (kschmitzart@gmail.com), Drew Carioso (druamaart@comcast.net).



"Vote" by Drew Carioso



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2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
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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/

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), 12-6pm
- 8 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 10 *Living in a Mini World* entry deadline
- 13 Holiday Market entry deadline
- 13 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 14 ONLINE Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 19 Gel Plate Printing Workshop: Monoprinting Without a Press, 4-7pm
- 20 Coaster Creations with Gel Prints Workshop, 4-7pm
- 22 Partners in Art, via email
- 26 *Art in Movement* artwork pick up by appt.
- 27 *Living in a Mini World* artwork drop off by appt.

October 2020

- 2-31 **EXHIBIT: Living in a Mini World**
curators: Betsy Jones & Howard Hay

October 2020 continued

- 2 *Living in a Mini World* Opening Day tickets (no reception), 12-8pm
- 5 ONLINE Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 *Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* entry deadline
- 10 2021 Wall Calendar Pre-Order Deadline
- 11 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 13 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 17 ONLINE Creative Spark Bookclub, 10:30-12pm
- 20 Partners in Art, via email
- 24 **Quarantine Creations at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital ends**
- 29 ONLINE Annual Member Meeting & 2021 Board Elections, 7-9pm
- 31 *Living in a Mini World* artwork pick up by appt.

November 2020

- 1 *Living in a Mini World* artwork pick up by appt.
- 1 **Art by Maill II ends**
- 1-2 *Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* artwork drop-off
- 6-28 **EXHIBIT: Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment**

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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- **Kelly Postula, GWW Curator**
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- **Nancy Ramsey, Newsletter Editor**
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- **Sunshine Committee**
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Dear DRA Membership,

This pandemic's impact on thousands of families across the United States has played a major role in influencing our everyday decisions, including Del Ray Artisans. DRA has been making daily decisions on how to successfully run an Art focused non-profit during this unprecedented time.

Thanks to our dedicated DRA Board, Staff and über-volunteers, and the support of Alexandria City; DRA has been meeting the challenge by being proactive, modifying our schedules, reducing our spending where possible, adjusting daily routines to keep everyone safe during this threat of coronavirus, and most important continuing to supporting our mission.

Part of being proactive was to seek additional funding to help DRA survive and financially support keeping our part-time staff employed. Our Grants Director, Karen Schmitz, and committee have been diligently applying for appropriate grants, about 8 so far. We are very grateful to the organizations that have been accepting grant applications and are excited to share with you the grants we have been awarded so far:

Virginia Commission for Arts - \$1,995
Virginia Cares Emergency Relief Grant - \$1,000
Kiwanis Club Donation 2020 - \$1,000
Alexandria Arts Relief and Recovery Grant - \$2,000
Nora Roberts Grant

We still need your involvement to keep our organization moving forward and supporting our mission.

Please consider joining the DRA board in one of the positions that are currently available: Vice President, Director of Curating, Membership Director, Youth Programs Director, and Communications Director. If you do not want to be on the board but want to be involved, consider joining the nomination committee. Please contact President@delrayartisan.org, VP@delrayartisan.org, or Volunteers@delrayartisan.org.

Seeking a part-time Office Assistant.

We would also like to thank Gabriel Perez for his time being part of Del Ray Artisans as Office Assistant and wish him well as he moves on to a new opportunity. Gabriel's last day will be September 7, 2020.

It is with heavy heart I make this announcement.

This pandemic has forced my husband, Erich and I to make some major changes in our life. You may not know but I am now a permanent resident of Florida and do not have plans to return back to VA except to sell our VA home. With the demands of the move, demands with our current Florida project and no longer being in VA it has been difficult. The dilemma was being active and supportive as a President that does not live in the VA area. The organization needs a President who is local and can react to the growing needs of DRA. I have been on and off this board for about 8 years in different director's positions and it has been a great honor. I have learned a lot! The mission of this organization is so very important to me and to the community.

As of September 15, 2020, I will be resigning my position as President of Del Ray Artisans. Per the bylaws our Vice President Dale Spivey will become DRA president. I have all the confidence that Dale will do well in his new role as President.

Thank you all for your years of support! and your support for DRA.

I look forward to seeing your new art projects.

Be safe and well.

Artfully,

Drew

Drew Carias

President, Del Ray Artisans

President@DelRayArtisans.org



Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

Address _____

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List artist media (optional)

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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