



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

November 2020

The Well-Crafted Word

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Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment November 6-28, 2020

Celebrate the achievements of women since the ratification of the 19th Amendment 100 years ago. Explore the Suffrage movement, and the barriers women have overcome. Learn about the social contribution women have made since their public votes have counted, and the struggles they continue to face.

Reserve a ticket now for opening day (Friday, November 6): [womens-right-to-vote.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-right-to-vote-2020-tickets-123456789012). The gallery will be open from 12-8pm on opening day. Capacity is limited to 10 people at a time. Please wear a face mask and maintain 6 feet of personal space.

Artist awards will be presented online in both member and high school student categories by Alexandria's Vice Mayor, Elizabeth Bennett-Parker. Contributions towards these awards provided by the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, Community Partner MCD Mateos, and exhibit curators, Amy Kitchin, Karen Schmitz, and Drew Carias. Look for an online Artist & Curator Talk this month!

The *Women's Right to Vote* exhibit runs November 6-28, 2020. Gallery hours are Thursday & Friday 12-6pm, Saturday 12-4pm. Admission is free. The gallery is accessible and open to the public.

For more information, visit

DelRayArtisans.org/event/womens-right-to-vote



*"A Hooded Intellect
#2" by Amy Kitchin
Hower*

Welcome, New Members

- Debi Steinbacher
- Robin Jordan
- Ng Cumberland



**2021 Calendars Available at
the Gallery Now-just \$19!**

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Del Ray Artisans' 25th Annual Holiday Market (December 4-20)

Join us the first three weekends in December for the Holiday Market! Market hours are Friday 6-9pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am-6pm. There are completely different artists each weekend, so visit us all three weekends! Admission is free. The Market offers unique handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists (including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, fiber, paper, and glass). Reserve tickets (20-minute viewings) for the first hour of opening night (Fridays: December 4, December 11, and December 18) for the widest selection! Gallery capacity is limited to 10 people at a time to allow for social distancing. For more information, visit

DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2020



Pottery
by Stephen Lally

Holiday Window Painting

Del Ray Business Association will be featuring Holiday song themes on business windows along Mount Vernon Avenue. The pay is \$75/window, plus reimbursed for the paints. Artists may paint more than one business if they want! All windows must be completed by Thanksgiving. If you have never painted windows before, we have a short video that will help!

Contact Pat Miller at
pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Art on the Avenue News

Dear Del Ray Artisans Members,

We at Art on the Avenue want to thank DRA for their years of support for AOA. Now that we have undertaken the virtual show through December 25, we would like to thank you in a bigger way.

For November, we want to add DRA to our site, and promote your events.

We want to add 20 additional DRA artists into the show at no cost. Artists need to be able to sell online as we have visitors to the virtual show going directly to the artist's website to order. So here is what we need: two photos featuring your art, your name, your company name, and your website URL.

Just email me at
pmiller1806@comcast.net and we will get things moving. If any questions, please just drop me an email!!!

Our thanks for your continued support for Art on the Avenue -- we greatly appreciate all your support.

Our THANKS,
Pat Miller
Chair, Art on the Avenue

Free Fun Activities

Urban Sketchbooking, Sunday, November 8, 1-3pm

Bring your supplies and join us outside to create 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 6' of personal space. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/urban-sketchbooking

Partners in Art Evening, Tuesday, November 24, 7-9pm

In-person meetings are on hold and this program is offering monthly sharing & feedback via EMAIL. Contact Michele Reday Cook (mredaycook@gmail.com).

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. A swap group is formed each time 4 artists apply, then swapping begins!

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

ONLINE: The Creative Spark Book Club

Saturday, January 23, 10:30am-12pm

We discuss readings by to help you stay inspired and motivated. The club is FREE. January's book selection is coming soon. Facilitator: Sharon Burton. Meeting will be online through the Zoom platform. RSVP at DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub

Support DRA Through Your Purchases

Did you know that you can support Del Ray Artisans through the AmazonSmile program every time you shop? 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

Join the 2021 Board

Thank you for attending the Annual Meeting on October 29. The elected 2021 Board of Directors will be published in the December newsletter. We are still seeking members for these positions:

Vice President - This is a great supporting role that also may take on self-selected special projects for the organization.

Director of Fundraising Events - During the pandemic, large events are not being planned; however, support is needed for the online Spring2ACTion event in April and other fundraising activities (such as grant writing assistance and seeking sponsors).

Lend your time and talents in an exciting new way. For more info, contact Dale at President@DelRayArtisans.org

Recent Sales Stats

Overall comparing 2020 to 2019 sales (Jan 1-Oct 25 each year), Del Ray Artisans has made 31% less. This is an improvement of 3% from last month's figures. We are proud of the overall performance during a very difficult year, and the organization remains on-track to balance this year's budget.

In the *Art in Movement* exhibit (Sept 2020), 14 pieces sold and brought in \$1,042 in artists' sales; plus an additional \$343 in donations & Souk sales which benefited DRA directly. Thank you to the artists for donating a percentage of sales to DRA too.

Thank you to the many member volunteers and patrons that have been making a difference in supporting DRA's mission even while we social distance. Stay safe and creative!

Call for Entry

Due to the pandemic, changes have been made to the regular requirements for participating in exhibits. Volunteer hours are NOT required for exhibit participation. 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 6' of personal space. There are no opening receptions. Call For Entry information at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe

Holiday Market 2020

A few additional spaces are available. Accepting applications for remaining spaces and wait list. Apply ASAP!

Del Ray Artisans' 25th annual Holiday Market will be held each weekend from December 4-20, 2020. Market hours: Friday 6-9pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm. All artists are

eligible, so apply now! Members receive priority and a discount. All work sold at the Holiday Market must be hand-made by the artist selling the work and originals need to have been made within the last 3 years. Reproductions are acceptable as long as the original was made by the artist within the last 3 years. Due to Covid-19 our procedures will be different than in prior years. Please read all information in the application carefully and contact the coordinators with any questions.

Hidden World Art Exhibit & Marketplace

Digital entry deadline: December 14

We have all been affected – in one way or another – by an unseen and mysterious virus. But even these pathogens, when revealed under a microscope, have their own hidden, but awful, beauty. It challenges us to look at our world more deeply and with new eyes. Whether it is the mysteries of the universe, or just something in your own backyard, the world is rife with surprises waiting to be uncovered. This exhibit challenges you to look deeply into the world, into your emotions, or just into your imagination and uncover some part of the *Hidden World*. Marketplace entries are also due December 14 and should fit the theme. The exhibit runs January 8-30. Curators: Nancy Galib (ngalib@verizon.net) and Nicole Mahoney (nicole.m.mahoney@gmail.com)





Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
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/

November 2020

- 1 *Living in a Mini World* artwork pick up by appt.
- 1 *Art by Mail II ends*
- 1 *Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* artwork drop-off by appt.
- 6-28 **EXHIBIT: Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment**
curators: Amy Kitchin Hower, Karen Schmitz & Drew Carias
- 6 *Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* Opening Day tickets (no reception), 12-8pm
- 8 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 9 ONLINE Partners in Art, 2pm
- 10 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 24 VIA EMAIL Partners in Art Evening
- 26 THANKSGIVING: The gallery will be closed, but open Friday-Saturday
- 28-29 *Women's Right to Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* artwork pick up by appt.

December 2020

- 3 (Gallery Closed) Holiday Market Set Up
- 4-6 Holiday Market (Weekend 1)

December 2020 (continued)

- 8 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 10 (Gallery Closed) Holiday Market Set Up
- 11-13 Holiday Market (Weekend 2)
- 14 *The Hidden World* entry deadline
- 17 (Gallery Closed) Holiday Market Set Up
- 18-20 Holiday Market (Weekend 3)
- 21 (Gallery Closed Now - 1/6)

January 2021

- 3 *The Hidden World* artwork drop-off by appt.
- 8-30 **EXHIBIT: Hidden World**
curators: Nancy Galib & Nicole Mahoney
- 10 *After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation* entry deadline
- 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub
- 11 ONLINE Partners in Art, 2pm
- 12 ONLINE Board Meeting, 7-9pm
- 23 ONLINE The Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am-12pm
- 31 *After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation* artwork drop-off by appt.

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

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2021 Exhibit Schedule

Call for Entry details (once available) are at www.DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

The dates below account for pandemic safety procedures and schedule adjustments. When procedures are able to return to normal, the schedule will be updated on the website: www.DelRayArtisans.org.

Hidden World (January 8–30, 2021)

Entry deadline December 14, 2020; Receiving Sunday, January 3 by appointment only

Curators: Nancy Galib & Nicole Mahoney

A visual representation of things that are not readily visible in our ordinary lives. Examples: microscopic organisms, macro depictions of parts of nature we don't normally see, the metaphysical world, or visual depictions of emotion, sounds etc.

After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation

(February 5–27, 2021)

Entry deadline January 10; Receiving Sunday, January 31 by appointment only

Curator: Kelly MacConomy

Taking inspiration from the artist Edward Hopper, explore the sense of isolation and separateness experienced due to social, economic, and racial divisiveness. Homage or antithetical. Inspiration or opposition. All mediums of expression are encouraged. Only open to Del Ray Artisans members.

Give Me Shelter (March 5–27, 2021)

Entry deadline February 10; Receiving Sunday, February 28 by appointment only

Curators: Theresa Kulstad & Pamela Day

Shelters are often structures, yet sometimes just a state of where one is. For many it is a way to connect to our dwellings, and for others it merely means finding refuge. Some people even choose to shelter from the facts of the virus and its spread. The current crisis has nearly 40 million American renters at risk of homelessness. Explore shelter as both a noun and verb.

Unfinished/Finished (April 2–May 1, 2021)

Entry deadline March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 28 by appointment only

Curator: Eileen O'Brien

As artists, most of us have unfinished pieces hidden in our workspaces. This exhibit will partner artists to exchange unfinished pieces then complete them for each other. Open to Del Ray Artisans members and high school students.

The Art of Nature (May 7–29, 2021)

Entry deadline April 10; Receiving Sunday, May 2 by appointment only

Curators: Sharon Burton & Cynthia Schoepel

Showcase the beauty of art in nature, whether animals, plein air, or other natural scenes.



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The Naked and the Newt: Humans and Herpetons (June 4–26, 2021)

Entry deadline May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 30 by appointment only

Curator: Erica Hughes

Theme is the anatomy or any aspect of living in a human body; intersection between humans and reptiles/amphibians/herpeton.

Together (August 6–28, 2021)

Entry deadline July 10; Receiving Sunday, August 1 by appointment only

Curator: Amy Kitchin, Volunteers Director

Focusing on the importance of community and highlighting our outstanding volunteers and board members who continue to make Del Ray Artisans a thriving organization. Artists are encouraged to come together to create art to help foster community and promote creative expression and artistic endeavors in the visual, performing, and applied arts. [Open by invitation to outstanding Volunteers.](#)

Stigma (September 3–25, 2021)

Entry deadline August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 29 by appointment only

Curators: Liz Martinez & Debra Steinbacher

Stigma affects many different people in many different ways including those with mental health disorders, HIV, homelessness, people with disabilities, bullied kids, and race & ethnicities. The exhibit will feature art that shines a light on Stigma - how it feels, how it can affect and/or disrupt lives, how it can be overcome.

Expanding the Common Ground: Voices of the Global Majority (October 1–30, 2021)

Entry deadline September 10; Receiving Sunday, September 26 by appointment only

Curators: Amy Kitchin, Beth Richardson, Mathew Heggem

We stand in a divided world, and the term “people of color” often serves to promote whiteness instead of act as an affirming identity label for non-white people. In this exhibition, we advocate for “people of the global majority” to reflect, celebrate and claim their own power over oppression. We invite artists of all ethnicities, ages, genders and walks of life to participate in this daring conversation to find healing and common ground. Open to all area artists and high school students.

Groovy Movies (November 5–27, 2021)

Entry deadline October 10; Receiving Sunday, October 31 by appointment only

Curator: Karen Schmitz

Art influenced by the movies from Cult Films to American Film Institute (AFI) classics like "Abbott & Costello Meets Frankenstein", "Barbarella" to "Yellow Submarine" and "Zorba the Greek". A juried exhibit open to all artists in any medium interpreting the movies. Additionally, a juried local cell phone short film selection will be showcased online and during movie trivia night. Let's go ART the Movies!

Holiday Market (December 3–19, 2021)

Entry deadline TBD

CLASSIFIEDS FOR DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERS

Have you been cleaning out your art-making spaces during the pandemic? We're collecting a list of art supplies and art-related items that you would like to sell or give away to other members. We'll include the list in the newsletter announcement email to members on the 1st of the month. Exchange of items will be arranged by the people involved.

Please email a short description of the item(s) available, specifying whether donation or sale (with price), and your contact info that will be included with the item, to Rita Cohen at blueweave1@yahoo.com by the 25th of the month.

5'x7' Canvas

Beth Kramer has a 5'x7' canvas for whatever price the buyer would like to pay. If interested, contact Beth directly at 703-944-1868 for purchase/pickup arrangements.

Framing Supplies & Miscellaneous Art & Craft Materials

Chris Fedderson has framing supplies [frames with plex and foam core for \$5; smaller mats, most with foam core, in porcelain (white) and onyx (black), for \$2, \$1, & \$0 each; and miscellaneous items] and tools for sale; and a variety of random art & craft supplies and materials for FREE. [View the detailed list](#) and contact him at 571-431-6924 or MacroFinePhotography@gmail.com for purchase/pickup arrangements.

Martech Etching Press

Excellent condition. Bed: 36X56", roller: 34" wide, press height: 33.75" tall, weight: approx 550-600 lbs. Reston, VA. Must be picked up by Nov 10th. [Video tour of the press:youtu.be/LBbvKQxt-Y0](https://youtu.be/LBbvKQxt-Y0). Asking: \$6500, cash only. Contact Kelli Sincok at MsKelliArt@gmail.com for more information and purchase/pickup arrangements.

Alpaca Yarn

Skein: 100 gm/3.5 oz, approximately 200 yd; black, shades of brown; some 3-ply in assorted natural shades at 300 yd/100 gm. \$6/skein. Contact Rita Cohen at blueweave1@yahoo.com or 703-812-4806.

Rough Cut White Oak

Harriet McGuire is offering rough cut pieces of white oak (approximately 3-foot diameter and 2-foot thickness) for FREE to any furniture makers, craftspeople or firewood choppers who can pick up from a home on Russell Road. Total number of pieces available are ten. For details contact Harriet at harrietmcguire@earthlink.net.

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Membership Form

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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:

- | | | |
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| <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

| Membership Categories | Cost | 12-hour Volunteer requirement | Member-only programs and events | Reduced workshop, classes and program fees | Monthly online “The Well-Crafted Word” newsletter | Inclusion in 2 member shows annually | Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls | No charge for entry into Members-only shows | No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets) | Recognition in the Gallery | Appreciation Gift and Event |
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| Membership Benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Artist | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Individual | \$ 60 | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | |
| Dual (2 adults, same address) | \$ 90 | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | |
| Family (2 adults, 4 children, same address) | \$ 110 | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | |
| Senior (Age 62 and over) | \$ 45 | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | |
| Student (Full-time status) | \$ 30 | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | |
| Supporter | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Supporter | \$ 40 | | • | • | • | | | | | | |
| Patron (Includes family membership) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible) | \$ 250 | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | • |
| Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible) | \$ 500 | | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • |
| Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible) | \$ 1,000 | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |

Additional member benefits listed online