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January 2021

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## Hidden World Exhibit Runs January 8-30, 2021 Opening Day: Friday, January 8, 12-8pm



*"The Eye of the Abyss" by Nancy M. Galib*

The *Hidden World* art exhibit is a visual representation of things that are not readily visible in our ordinary lives—an exploration of microscopic organisms, macro depictions of nature, the meta-physical world, emotions, sounds, and more.

Reserve a ticket now for a half-hour viewing on opening day: Friday, January 8 between 12-8pm.

For tickets: [hidden-world.eventbrite.com](https://hidden-world.eventbrite.com) Opening day tickets not required, but ticket holders have priority entry. Gallery limited to 10 people at a time to facilitate social distancing. Exhibit runs Jan 8-30. Gallery hours: Thursday & Friday 12-6pm, Saturday 12-4pm. For more information, contact curators Nancy Galib ([ngalib@verizon.net](mailto:ngalib@verizon.net)), Nicole Mahoney ([nicole.m.mahoney@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.m.mahoney@gmail.com))

## Welcome, New Members

- Kelly D McPhee
- Danny Robbins
- Ariane DSouza
- Barbara Elkin
- Kayla Zabowski
- Laurel Prucha Moran

## COVID-19 Hope Quilt

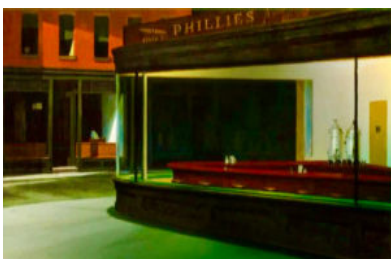


The COVID-19 HOPE quilt installation is outside the gallery through January 31. From now until January 19, Del Ray Artisans nonprofit will receive a \$5 donation for each member submitting a handcrafted 10.5 x 10.5" panel created to expressly honor a front-line worker or a person in memoriam.

Artistic efforts representing HOPE for the future are also welcome and encouraged. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to create panels. You may drop off panel artwork at the gallery to be delivered to the HOPE Quilt for assembly.

For information on the COVID-19 HOPE quilt, go to [DelRayArtisans.org/event/hope-letters](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/hope-letters)

## After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation Runs February 5-27, 2021 Digital entry deadline: midnight Sun, January 10



*"COVID Nighthawks Reimagined"  
by Kelly MacConomy*

Life in the time of COVID-19 this past year has created an inorganic state of a nearly lost humanity. The pervasive experiences of solitude, isolation, loneliness, longing, and reverie are a common thread in the paintings of Edward Hopper. Hopper's iconic emblem of Post-Depression-era America and a world at war, "Nighthawks," recalls not only the dire times of economic uncertainty but a world lost. Artists are invited to enter their own existential explorations and expressions in response to COVID-19.

*After Edward Hopper: Themes of Isolation and Solitude* is a Del Ray Artisans members-only exhibit. Digital entry deadline Sunday, January 10 for both the exhibit and marketplace. Enter at: [DelRayArtisans.org/2020/12/after-hopper-cfe/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2020/12/after-hopper-cfe/)

## Meet DRA's Board and Staff



Meet new Director of Programs Erica Hughes (pictured above), who describes herself: "I wanted to be a diplodocus as a child, but ended up with a PhD in Archaeology instead. I can read in 14 languages. I am trying to get March 10 recognized as a new holiday called Silly Hat Day. Pre-COVID, I was a fencing coach and ran a Shakespeare theater group. I am an Assistant Professor of Art History at Northern Virginia Community College. If I don't know what it is, I will probably eat it anyway."

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## Farewell and Thank You

For those who don't know, I served as Programs Director from the beginning of 2018 through the end of 2020. It has been a great privilege to work on expanding the programs at Del Ray Artisans over the last three years. I hope the efforts that I (and supporting members) made brought about positive changes that benefit our membership.

I am "retiring" early from my job so my husband and I can travel and see the world. I won't forget all the wonderful people here that have been so great to work with. It isn't goodbye forever; we plan to keep Arlington our home base.

I would also like to welcome our new Programs Director, Erica Hughes. I am sure she will take the position to new heights and be a wonderful addition to the board.

*-Stacy Rausch, Outgoing  
Director of Programs*

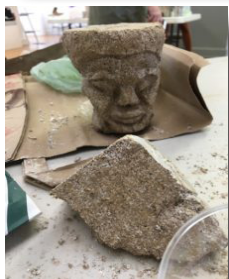
## Upcoming Workshops

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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops)



### Hidden World: Collage in a Box, Sunday, Jan 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Susan Farrer will help you combine images and objects to create a "hidden world" collage that tucks into a 7.5"x10" wooden box with a hinged lid. Learn about collage materials and techniques. Register by January 5. \$45 member/\$55 non-member; \$15 supply fee.



### ONLINE: Sculpting With Plaster and Vermiculite, Saturday, Jan 23, 9am-12noon

Jonathan Ottke teaches basic sculpting technique, carving in plaster and vermiculite. You will use knives, forks, rasps, and saws to create your sculpture, then sand and finish your work. Register by January 13. \$30 member/\$40 non-member, \$10 supply fee.



### Hidden Layers: The Joys of Gel Printing, Sunday, January 24, 3-6pm

Eileen O'Brien helps you create beautiful one-of-a-kind prints without a press. This class introduces the basic techniques of gel printing, and instruction on developing prints with multiple layers. Register by January 20. \$55 member/\$65 non-member, \$15 supply fee.

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## Free Fun Activities

### ONLINE: The Creative Spark Book Club, Saturday, January 9, 10:30am-12pm

We discuss readings to help you stay inspired and motivated. The club is FREE. January's book selection is *The Dance of The Possible: A mostly honest and completely irreverent guide to creativity* by Scott Berkun. Facilitator: Sharon Burton. Meeting will be on Zoom. RSVP by January 6 at [DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub](https://DelRayArtisans.org/bookclub)

### Urban Sketchbooking, Sunday, January 10, 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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/urban-sketchbooking)

### 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: Linda Elliff. Sign up at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-swap](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-swap)



## ONLINE: Creative Revival – A 10-Week Course Mondays from 6:30-8pm from Jan 25 thru Mar 29

Creative Revival, a course facilitated by Sharon Burton meets online weekly via Zoom for 10 weeks. We will go through *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. \$125 member/\$150 non-member. Register by January 21 at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/creative-revival-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/creative-revival-2021)

## 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/dra-blick)

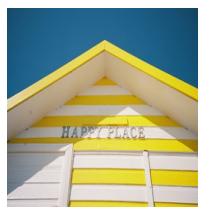
Thank YOU for your support. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/other-support](https://DelRayArtisans.org/other-support)

## Upcoming Calls for Entry

Watch the Del Ray Artisans website for the CFEs described below.

### Give Me Shelter (March 5–27, 2021)

Digital entry deadline: **Wednesday, February 10 by midnight**



Shelters are often structures, yet sometimes just a place where one exists. For many it is a way to connect to our dwellings, and for others it merely means finding refuge. Some people 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.

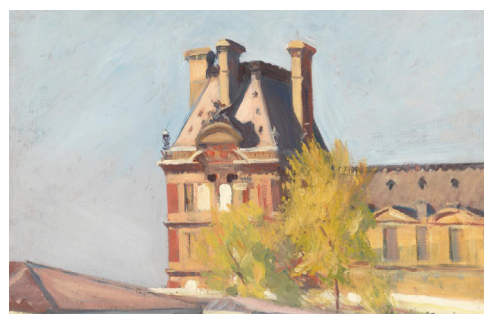
### Unfinished/Finished (April 2–May 1, 2021)

Digital entry deadline: **Wednesday, March 10 by midnight**



Most of us have unfinished pieces hidden in our work spaces. This exhibit will partner artists to exchange unfinished pieces, then complete them for each other. Open to DRA members and high school students.

## Phillips Collection: *Edward Hopper in Paris*



A visit to the understated world of *Edward Hopper in Paris* (currently at DC's Phillips Collection) is just the ticket to foster creative inspiration for entering artwork in the Hopper-themed February show at DRA. Hopper spent a year in Paris observing everyday life in the City of Light. These works reflect the advent of his transformative vision of the 20th century American zeitgeist - both urban and urbane.

The Phillips Collection has remained open during this time when the escalating COVID-19 crisis has resulted in temporary closures of most of the museums and galleries in the area. Admission by timed-ticket reservation Thursday - Sunday 11am-6pm with last entry at 5pm. *Edward Hopper in Paris* at the Phillips Collection closes January 3, 2021. For tickets: [PhillipsCollection.org/event/2020-10-08-hopper-paris](https://PhillipsCollection.org/event/2020-10-08-hopper-paris)

*After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation* at DRA runs from February 5-27, 2021. The submission deadline for the exhibit and the marketplace is January 10, 2021. (See details on Page 1)





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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

### January 2021

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- 24 Hidden Layers: The Joys of Gel Printing Workshop, 3-6pm
- 25 Jan-29 Mar Creative Revival, Mondays from 6:30-8pm online
- 26 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 30 *Hidden World* artwork pick up by appointment
- 31 *After Edward Hopper* artwork drop off by appointment
- 31 COVID Hope Quilt - last day for display at Del Ray Artisans

More information at: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/)

### February 2021

- 5-27 EXHIBIT: *After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation***  
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- 10 *Give Me Shelter* entry deadline
- 21 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 21 Member Meeting, 4-6pm online
- 23 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 27 *After Edward Hopper* artwork pick up by appointment
- 28 *Give Me Shelter* artwork drop off by appointment

### March 2021

- 5-27 EXHIBIT: *Give Me Shelter***  
curators: Theresa Kulstad & Pamela Day
- 5 Exhibit Opening Day, 12-8pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 9 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 *Unfinished/Finished* entry deadline
- 14 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**

Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/membership/) for details.

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*NOTE: The schedule accounts for pandemic safety procedures. Dates and times are subject to change.*

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- 14 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub

## March 2021 (continued)

- 20 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm online
- 23 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 27 *Give Me Shelter* artwork pick up by appointment
- 28 *Unfinished/Finished* artwork drop off by appointment

## April 2021

- 1 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–6pm)
- 2 Apr – 1 May EXHIBIT: *Unfinished/Finished***  
curator: Eileen O'Brien
- 2 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 10 *The Art of Nature* entry deadline
- 11 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 28 Spring2ACTIon

## May 2021

- 1 *Unfinished/Finished* artwork pick up by appointment
- 2 *The Art of Nature* artwork drop off by appointment
- 6 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–6pm)
- 7–29 EXHIBIT: *The Art of Nature***  
curator: Cynthia Schoepel
- 7 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 8 Spring Art Market, 10am–4pm outdoor**
- 8 Del Ray House & Garden Tour, incl. our garden!
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 10 *The Naked and the Newt* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 16 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 20 Member Meeting, 7–9pm online**
- 22 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm online
- 25 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 29 *The Art of Nature* artwork pick up by appointment
- 30 *The Naked and the Newt* artwork drop off by appointment

## June 2021

- 1 Creative Summer Programs Begins
- 3 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–6pm)
- 4–26 EXHIBIT: *The Naked and the Newt: Humans and Herpetons*** curator: Erica Hughes
- 4 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm



## June 2021 (continued)

- 7 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 13 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 22 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 26 **GWW EXHIBITS: Local Artisan Showcase and Quarantine Creations** at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital end
- 26 *The Naked and the Newt* artwork pick up by appointment

## July 2021

- 1 First Thursday (gallery open 12–6pm)
- 1–17 **EXHIBIT: John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit**
- 10 *Together* entry deadline (open by invitation only to outstanding member volunteers)
- 13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Jul – 1 Aug Gallery Closed to the Public, except Open on Saturdays, July 24 & 31, 1–3pm
- 19–23 Art Camp Week 1
- 24 **EXHIBIT: Art Camp Exhibit Week 1, 1–3pm**
- 26–30 Art Camp Week 2
- 31 **EXHIBIT: Art Camp Exhibit Week 2, 1–3pm**

## August 2021

- 1 *Together* artwork drop off by appointment
- 5 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–6pm)
- 6–28 **EXHIBIT: Together**  
curator: Amy Kitchen, Volunteers Director
- 6 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Stigma* entry deadline
- 15 **Member Meeting, 5–7pm online**
- 21 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm online
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 28 *Together* artwork pick up by appointment
- 29 *Stigma* artwork drop off by appointment
- 31 Creative Summer Programs Ends

## September 2021

- 2 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–6pm)
- 3–25 **EXHIBIT: Stigma**  
curators: Liz Martinez & Debra Steinbacher
- 3 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 10 *Expanding the Common Ground* entry deadline
- 12 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online

## September 2021 (continued)

- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 25 *Stigma* artwork pick up by appointment
- 26 *Expanding the Common Ground* artwork drop off by appointment

## October 2021

- 1–30 **EXHIBIT: Expanding the Common Ground: Voices of the Global Majority**  
curators: Amy Kitchin, Beth Richardson, and Mathew Heggem
- 1 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 4 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 *Groovy Movies* entry deadline
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email
- 21 **Annual Member Meeting & 2022 Board Elections, 7–9pm online**
- 23 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm online
- 30 *Expanding the Common Ground* artwork pick up by appointment
- 31 *Groovy Movies* artwork drop off by appointment

## November 2021

- 5–27 **EXHIBIT: Groovy Movies**  
curator: Karen Schmitz
- 5 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 14 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 25 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
- 27 *Groovy Movies* artwork pick up by appointment

## December 2021

- 2 Gallery Closed
- 3–5 **Holiday Market Weekend 1**
- 9 Gallery Closed
- 10–12 **Holiday Market Weekend 2**
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 16 Gallery Closed
- 17–19 **Holiday Market Weekend 3**
- 20 Gallery Closed Now – 1/5

**Gallery Hours** (except in July & Dec)  
**Exhibit Opening Day** 12–8pm  
**Thursday & Friday** 12–6pm  
**Saturday** 12–4pm

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If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)

Additional member benefits listed online