



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

March 2021

# The Well-Crafted Word

a monthly publication of Del Ray Artisans . . . since 1992

[www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)

## Give Me Shelter Exhibit Runs March 5-27, 2021

During the pandemic we all have learned what it means to shelter in place. 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 COVID-19 virus and its spread. The current crisis has nearly 40 million American renters at risk of homelessness. A building, box, bench, grate, tent, car—all places where humans shelter. Come see how local artists explore the concept of shelter in the *Give Me Shelter* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans.



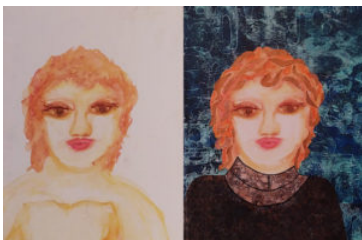
*"Beach Shelter"*  
by Pamela Day

Reserve a ticket at [give-me-shelter.eventbrite.com](https://give-me-shelter.eventbrite.com) for a half-hour viewing during the extended hours on opening day: Friday, March 5 between 12-8pm. Opening day tickets are not required, but ticket holders have priority entry. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/shelter/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/shelter/).

Curators Theresa Kulstad and Pam Day are hosting a drive to fill some specific needs of our neighbors. In March please drop off donations at the gallery of new full-size toiletries, new twin-size air mattresses, Target gift cards, and monetary donations to benefit Carpenter's Shelter. If you or someone you know is facing homelessness, local support resources are listed on the exhibit page.

For more information, contact: Theresa Kulstad ([tkulstad1@gmail.com](mailto:tkulstad1@gmail.com)) and Pamela Day ([pamdaycat53@gmail.com](mailto:pamdaycat53@gmail.com)).

## Unfinished/Finished runs April 2 – May 1, 2021 Call for Entry Deadline: Sunday, March 14



*"Beauty and the Background"* by  
Michael Green (left, unfinished) and  
Eileen M. O'Brien (right, finished)

As artists, most of us have unfinished pieces hidden in our workspaces. This exhibit challenges us to share those pieces with other artists and see how the "start" inspires a "finish" by someone else. *Unfinished/Finished* is open to all area artists and area high school students. High school students are invited to participate for free (no entry fee). The digital entry deadline is Sunday, March 14 for both the (in theme) exhibit and (no theme) marketplace. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe).

## Welcome, New Members

- Karen LaVerne
- Pat Murphy
- Nancy Patrick
- Sarah Poole

## Del Ray Artisans' Valentine's Day Promotion Continues Through March

Help Del Ray Artisans grow. Our Valentine's Day promotion continues through the end of March, everyone who joins as a new member, as well as the members who referred them, will receive a coupon good for free entry to one show in 2021. Go to [DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/membership/) to join and to learn more. Tell your recruit to include your name in the message box for online renewal or the referral line on the hard copy form.



## Meet DRA's Board and Staff



**Laura Rush** (pictured above): Laura is new to the Del Ray Artisans volunteer staff and started her position as newsletter editor in January. Laura is a photographer and teacher of many things including music, photography, and English. She's also a would-be world traveler and is looking forward to checking off more locations on her list of places to visit in the future.

### Kathy Stoner:

Kathy has been a member of DRA since 2015. She was editor of *The Well-Crafted Word* from 2017 to 2019, and has been Director of Communications since last October. Since the pandemic began, she's been reading every British murder mystery she can get her hands on. She also walks four miles a day, in a (mostly successful) attempt to maintain sanity. Since her retirement in 2015 after a long career as a government statistician, she's explored a number of different media. She started off as a quilter and traditional rug hooker, but now she makes art jewelry and sculptures out of recycled painted tin. She also does painted paper collage and stuffed animals. You can find her and her artwork in Studio 514 at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, Virginia.

## Upcoming Workshops

In person, please wear a mask and give fellow participants six feet of personal space. Register in advance. Register for workshops at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](https://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops)

### Outdoor Workshop: Sketchy: How to Not Finish a Drawing Saturday, April 17, 10-12pm

Explore blind contour, gesture, and drawing-by-feel techniques along with meditative mindful drawing through a series of sketching exercises that enhance observational skills and focus. Workshop is outside the gallery, weather permitting. Register by April 14.



### Online: Zentangle and the Art of Nature Sunday, May 9, 1-3pm

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus, creativity, self-confidence and well-being.

Marisela Rumberg is a Certified Zentangle Teacher and will guide you through this creative process. No previous experience in drawing or art is required. Register by May 2.

## Calls for Entry

### Spring Art Market Application Due March 27

Join Del Ray Artisans in its tradition of outdoor art markets! The Spring Art Market gives artists an opportunity to sell their original handmade artwork to the local community. This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery, on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 10am to 4pm. Entry details at

[DelRayArtisans.org/2021/02/spring-art-market-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/02/spring-art-market-cfe).

### Spring ART MARKET

Saturday, May 8, 2021  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine  
Colasanto Park  
(next to Del Ray Artisans gallery)

Shop for Mother's Day, graduation,  
teachers, birthdays or treat yourself!



Please wear a mask  
and maintain 6' of  
personal space.



### The Art of Nature runs May 7-29

#### Call for Entry Deadline Saturday, April 10

Nature has served as a creative muse for centuries for many artists. The beauty of the ocean, a mountain landscape, an ocean seashore, or wildlife has moved many artists and art lovers to a sense of calm and wonder for the environment. This exhibition will celebrate the beauty of art in nature, whether animals, plein air or other natural scenes. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/01/the-art-of-nature-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/01/the-art-of-nature-cfe).



## Free Fun Activities

### Speed-Painting with Friends

**Sunday, March 14, 3-6pm**

Take turns painting on small canvas boards, with each artist building on the prior artist's work. The art created will be displayed as part of Del Ray Artisans' *Unfinished/Finished* exhibit with proceeds supporting our non-profit. Registration required (no drop-ins). This event is full. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/speed-painting/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/speed-painting/).



### Urban Sketchbooking

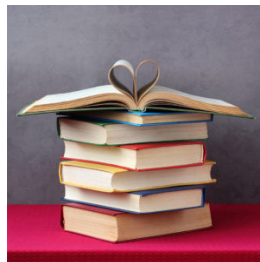
**Sunday, March 14, 1-3pm**



Bring your supplies and join us outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. 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/sketchbooking](https://DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking).

### ONLINE: Creative Spark Book Club Saturday, March 20, 10:30am-12pm

Current Book: "What Would Frida Do?: A Guide to Living Boldly" by Arianna Davis. (RSVP by March 17)  
Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/book-club](https://DelRayArtisans.org/book-club).



### Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, March 23 via Email

Need support reaching your art-related goals? Join this collegial group of artists to share your goals and get feedback on artwork. During the pandemic the Tuesday program is exchanging feedback via email; contact Michele Reday Cook ([mredaycook@gmail.com](mailto:mredaycook@gmail.com)) for information. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art](https://DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art).



### Online 8-Week course: Introduction to Animation, Wednesdays, April 21-June 9 from 7-8:30pm

Learn the basics of animation with former Adult Swim Animation Lead Sean MacQuinor! Discover the principles of motion that give character to life itself, and build an aptitude for recognizing those quirks of personality or nature that turn the thousand words a picture tells into a book set across the fourth dimension. Students need to have a drawing tablet interface and Adobe Animate (comes with Adobe Creative Cloud). Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/animation](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/animation) by April 14. Member/\$225 non-member/\$250.

---

## 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).



Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

#### 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.

## 2021 Board of Directors

- **Dale Spivey, President**  
President@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Vacant, Vice President**  
VP@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Rita Schooley, Treasurer**  
Treasurer@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Stephen Lally, Assistant Treasurer**  
ATTR@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kathryn A. Brown, Secretary**  
Secretary@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Marlin Lord, Emeritus**

## Directors

- **Bill Cabrera, Archives**  
Archives@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kathy Stoner, Communications**  
Communications@DelRayArtisans.org
- **John Bordner, Community**  
Community@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kelly Postula, Curating**  
Curating@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kurt Peterson, Facilities**  
Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Vacant, Fundraising Events**  
Fundraising@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Karen Schmitz, Grants & Sponsorship**  
Grants@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Beth Richardson, Membership**  
Membership@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kelly M. MacConomy, Outreach**  
Outreach@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Erica Hughes, Programs**  
Programs@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Dawn Wyse Hurto, Technology**  
Technology@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Amy Kitchin, Volunteers**  
Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Suzan Ok, Youth Programs**  
Youth@DelRayArtisans.org

## Calendar

### 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
- 14 *Unfinished/Finished* entry deadline
- 14 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 14 Speed-Painting with Friends, 3-6pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery
- 20 The Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30-12pm online
- 23 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 27 Spring Art Market entry deadline
- 27 *Give Me Shelter* artwork pick up by appointment
- 28 *Unfinished/Finished* artwork drop off by appointment

### April 2021

#### 2-5/1 EXHIBIT: *Unfinished/Finished*

curator: Eileen O'Brien

- 2 Exhibit Opening Day, 12-8pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online

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

- 10 *The Art of Nature* entry deadline
- 11 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 17 Sketchy: How to not Finish a Drawing, 10am-12pm outside the Del Ray Artisans Gallery
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 21 Introduction to Animation, 8-week course starts, Wednesdays 7-8:30pm online

### May 2021

- 1 *Unfinished/Finished* artwork pick up by appointment
- 2 *The Art of Nature* artwork drop off by appointment
- 6 First Thursday, 6-9pm
- 7-29 EXHIBIT: *The Art of Nature*  
curator: Cynthia Schoeppel
- 7 Exhibit Opening Day, 12-8pm
- 8 Spring Art Market, 10am-4pm outside at Colasanto Park
- 9 Workshop: Zentangle and the Art of Nature, 1-3pm
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 11 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 11 Workshop: Oriental Brush Painting, 7-9pm

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

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

## Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**  
Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kelly Postula, GWW Curator**  
GWW@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Laura Rush, Newsletter Editor**  
Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Sunshine Committee**  
Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org

Special thanks to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.





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

## January 2021

- 3 *Hidden World* artwork drop off by appointment
- 8–30 EXHIBIT: *Hidden World***  
curators: Nancy Galib & Nichole Mahoney
- 8 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 *Hidden World*: Collage in a Box Workshop, 1:30–4:30pm
- 10 *After Edward Hopper* entry deadline
- 11 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 23 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm online
- 24 Hidden Layers: The Joys of Gel Printing Workshop, 3–6pm
- 25 Creative Revival – A 10-Week Course on *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron, Mondays (1/25–3/29) 6:30–8:30pm 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

## February 2021

- 5–27 EXHIBIT: *After Edward Hopper: Themes of Solitude and Isolation***  
curator: Kelly MacConomy
- 5 Exhibit Opening Day, 12–8pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Give Me Shelter* entry deadline
- 21 Member Meeting, 4–6pm online**
- 21 Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 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

## 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

**2021 Calendar of Events:** We wanted you to have this handy 2021 calendar even though events may change and new ones will be added throughout the year. Please check the online calendar for current schedules: [www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org)



## 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**

**2704 Mt Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA 22301**





Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

Referred by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$ 40

**Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:**

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

## Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online