

# Celebrating the Art of Making ... April 2021 The Well-Crafted Word

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# Unfinished/Finished runs April 2 - May 1, 2021



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

Many artists are notorious for having oodles of unfinished pieces hidden in their workspaces. In preparation for this exhibit, unfinished works were given to different artists to complete. The *Unfinished/Finished* art exhibit showcases how these partnerships yield impressive finished artworks by local artists and high school students. Come explore the notion of when and how a work of art is "finished." Note how the "start" inspired the "finished" piece. The overall concept offered a fun and safe way for artists to collaborate,

given the isolation we have all experienced due to the pandemic. Some of the artists paired up with an artist they knew, while others signed up to be randomly paired with another artist. All artists brought a "started" piece to a "finished" state.

Reserve a ticket at unfinished-finished.eventbrite.com for a half-hour viewing during the extended hours on opening day: Friday, April 2 between 12-8pm. Opening day tickets are not required, but ticket holders have priority entry. The gallery capacity is limited to 10 people at any one time in order to facilitate social distancing. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/unfinished-finished.

Regular gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays 12-6pm, Saturdays 12-4pm. For more information, contact the curator Eileen O'Brien (artbyeileenm@gmail.com).

## 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.

"Under the Green" by Jonathan Ottke

Entry details at DelRayArtisans.org/2021/01/the-art-of-nature-cfe.

# Welcome, New Members

- Peter Chandler
- Theresa McCarthy
- Kathy Odam
- Elizabeth Rylander
- Jason Rylander
- Kurt Steinbacher

# Spring2ACTion 2021

Starting Wednesday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 28 (Giving Day) our community comes together to support the amazing work of Alexandria nonprofits through Spring2ACTion, hosted by ACT for Alexandria. Show your support for Del Ray Artisans' exhibits, programs, youth and outreach activities which help members of our community grow as individuals and as artists. Please donate to our nonprofit at DelRayArtisans.org/ spring2action.

Other ways to support:

- Share our Spring2ACTion fundraising page with your network.
- Buy artwork from local artists in the *Unfinished/Finished* exhibit at the gallery
- Designate Del Ray Artisans as your AmazonSmile charity of choice or order your BLICK art materials through our link. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/other-support.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation and spread the word to friends and family. Thank you for supporting the arts!

# "All Occasion" Art Cards Wanted

Springtime is a perfect time to refresh the gallery's greeting card shelves with some fresh new donated



"All Occasion" handmade artful greeting cards. These one-of-a-kind cards are sold for \$3-7 to help support the gallery programs and also mailed out to members to brighten their day from the Sunshine Committee. Linda Elliff, Gale Goldfarb and Karen Schmitz snail-mail these cards to members and friends in the community.

If you have time to create some cards, the need is for fun, bright, humorous, reflective and intriguing cards for all occasions. Please, no specific holidays or occasions and no written inside messages. Feel free to give the envelopes a bit of uniqueness, too! Signing your name to the back of donated cards also makes it special for the recipient. Drop finished donation cards off at the gallery during open hours or insert them in the outside mailbox slot.

Cardmaking Party hostess Karen Schmitz will even have some pre-packed "Inspiration" cardmaking supply bags available at the gallery to get you started. Karen says, "I have missed hosting these FUNderful parties, and I'm planning in future months to have some virtual show and tell online card gatherings to give a bit of a creativity booster to myself and 'cardie' friends!"

Members can report their cardmaking donation time as membership volunteer hours by going to DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer.You can request a Sunshine card to be mailed to a member by contacting Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org.

Linda Elliff is also Swap Coordinator for DRA's "Creative Card Swap." Sign up for USPS delivery of three handmade, dazzling cards coming your way from anywhere in the U.S.A. at DelRayArtisans.org/card-swap.

Got card questions? Contact Karen Schmitz at KSchmitzArt@gmail.com.

# **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.** 

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

Learn the basics of animation with former Adult Swim Animation Lead Sean Mac-Quinor! 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 by April 14.

## Outdoor Workshop: Music as Muse: Inspired Painting Workshop Saturday, April 24, 2-4pm

Join us for a day of painting inspired by music! We will create loose abstract acrylics, painting along to music. We'll create gestural movements in time to the music and create a record of them in paint. Working with three small canvases simultaneously, we'll do a rotation by removing one of the paintings and continuing to work on the remaining ones. Then we'll pick a final painting



to continue to work on. At the end, we will have a series of three paintings in a progression of completion—some left more "unfinished" than others. Register by April 20.



## 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.

## **Free Fun Activities**

## Meet DRA's Board and Staff

## Urban Sketchbooking Sunday, April 11, 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.

## Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, April 20 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) for information. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art.



Spring Art Market coming in May

Our Spring Art Market is a oneday, outdoor event that gives you the chance to purchase original handcrafted artwork from talented local artists. This market showcases artwork in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. Shop original work from local artists—perfect for gifts or to treat yourself!



The Spring Art Market will be on Saturday, May 8 from 10am-4pm in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA (at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). The event is held RAIN or SHINE, and is free and open to the public. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/spring-art-market-2021. Liz Vance is a former photojournalist, occasional instructor, and a gardener with a Darwinian philosophy (throw all the seeds in the ground, and hope the strongest survive). For the past 25 years or so, she has run portrait studios in her Arlington home and in Falls Church, and has been creating non-portrait



Photo by Stephanie Millner

abstract images for fun. Her professional work is currently focused on creating the perfect headshot along with the perfectly imperfect laugh.

Liz has been volunteering as co-editor of Del Ray Artisans' Weekly eNews for the past couple of years, and sometimes even manages to remember to enter work in the shows before the CFE expires.

## Save the date!

Our online member meeting and benefit program is on Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. We're offering a free workshop on how to photograph your art for exhibition entries. Stay tuned for further details.

## Follow us on Instagram

Did you know Del Ray Artisans is on Instagram? Join our 2,450+ other followers to see our posts! Special thanks to Liz Martinez for growing this venue and chairing the Social Media Committee. Follow at instagram.com/delrayartisans.





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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\_

#### April 2021

- 1 First Thursday, sneak peek, 12-6pm 2-5/1 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 meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 17 Workshop: Sketchy, 10am-12pm outside
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 21 Introduction to Animation, 8-week course starts, Wednesdays 7-8:30pm online
- 24 Workshop: Music as Muse, 2-4pm outside
- 28 Spring2ACTion (donation drive runs April 14-28)

#### May 2021

- 1 Unfinished/Finished artwork pick up by appointment
- 2 *The Art of Nature* artwork drop off by appointmnent
- 6 First Thursday, sneak peek, 12-6pm
- 7-29 EXHIBIT: The Art of Nature

curator: Cynthia Schoeppel

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

#### May 2021 (continued)

- 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 online
- 10 The Naked and the Newt entry deadline
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 11 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 11 Workshop: Oriental Brush Painting, 7-9pm online
- 14 Workshop: Watercolor Painting Dewy Leaves, 6-8pm online
- 16 Workshop: Pastel Painting Nature, 12:30-3:30pm
- 16 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 20 Member Meeting and Benefit Program, 7-9pm online
- 22 Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30-12pm 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

## Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today! Visit 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

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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					
10	at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub					
10	Hidden World: Collage in a Box Workshop,					
10						
10	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					
Febru	uary 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	<i>Give Me Shelter</i> entry deadline					
21	Member Meeting, 4–6pm online					
21	Urban Sketchbooking, 1–3pm meetup outside					
21	at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub					
22						
23 27	Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email					
27	After Edward Hopper artwork pick up by					
20	appointment					
28	Give Me Shelter artwork drop off by					
	appointment					
Marc	March 2021					
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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

# <u>May 2021</u>

- 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 Schoeppel
- 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

# <u>June 2021</u>

- 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



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## June 2021 (continued)

- Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
- 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

## <u>July 2021</u>

- 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)
   12 Poord Mosting, 7, Opm opling
- 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

- Together artwork drop off by appointmen 1 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
- Partners in Art, 2–4pm online
   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

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	1–30	EXHIBIT: Expanding the Common Ground:						
		Voices of the Global Majority						
by		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						
on	12	Board Meeting, 7–9pm online						
	19	Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm via email						
	21	Annual Member Meeting & 2022 Board						
ept		Elections, 7-9pm online						
-	23	Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am–12pm						
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	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						
n	27	Groovy Movies artwork nick up by appointment						

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 Day12–8pmThursday & Friday12–6pmSaturday12–4pm

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# **Membership Form**

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 New Member

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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** Monthly online "The Well-Crafted Word" newsletter Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets) Reduced workshop, classes and program fees No charge for entry into Members-only shows Inclusion in 2 member shows annually Member-only programs and events 2-hour Volunteer requirement Appreciation Gift and Event Recognition in the Gallery Membership Categories Cost **Membership Benefits** Artist Individual \$ 60 • . ٠ ٠ Dual \$ 90 ٠ . ٠ . (2 adults, same address) Family (2 adults, 4 children, \$110 • . . . ٠ ٠ same address) Senior \$45 . . . ٠ (Age 62 and over) Student \$ 30 . (Full-time status) Supporter Supporter \$ 40 • • • Patron (Includes family membership) Silver \$ 250 . ٠ (\$ 140 tax-deductible) Gold \$ 500 . . (\$ 390 tax-deductible) Platinum \$ 1,000 . . . • . . . (\$ 890 tax-deductible)

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