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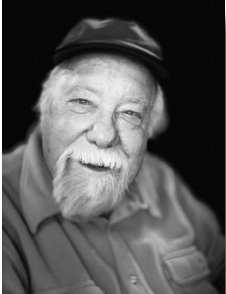
*July 2021*

# The Well-Crafted Word

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## John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit Runs July 1–17, Opening Day Friday, July 2, 12-8pm



*Photo of John W. Hiller  
by Chris Li*

For 55 years John W. Hiller made a living as a photographer, and this special two week exhibit of his work will display over five decades of photography from Del Ray Artisans' longtime member, Historian, and Director of Archives. The Artisans were in the presence of an accomplished man with quiet modesty who seldom spoke of his career achievements as an Oscar recipient and a winner of 20 Emmys for his cinematography and filmmaking projects. This exhibit will showcase photographs ranging from the American West to the gardens of Japan to experiential imagery. There will be selected photographs available for purchase as well as artworks on loan from DRA members.

John was born in Altadena, California in 1935 and passed away in 2020 at the age of 84, having called Alexandria his home for 40 years. He got his start as a photographer in 1953, after finding by chance a "fine German camera" in the gutter near his California home; then college, art school, portrait studios, Arcadia Tribune and filmmaking for the Army. For 31 years he worked in the Smithsonian's Motion Picture Unit as a producer, director, photography director, cinematographer, videographer, editor, and still photographer. John also previously worked in Hollywood for the American Red Cross, USIA, and the U.S. Navy. His work resulted in over 131 films and videos used in exhibits and broadcast media, and he received over 135 awards for those films. His Oscar was for the 1984 documentary short *The Stone Carvers* about the Gothic architectural adornments on the Washington National Cathedral.

To close the exhibit and honor "Those We Have Lost," please join us in the garden outside the gallery on Saturday, July 17 at 7pm for a Native American Pipe Ceremony led by Guy Jones.

Visit the gallery on First Thursday, July 1, for a preview of the exhibit or reserve a ticket at [John-W-Hiller.eventbrite.com](https://john-w-hiller.eventbrite.com) for a half-hour viewing during the extended hours on opening day: Friday, July 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 a time. The special gallery hours for this exhibit are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12-8pm, and Sundays 12-4pm. The curators are Alyssa Pease (John's wife) and Karen Schmitz. To close the exhibit and honor "Those We Have Lost," please join us in the garden outside the gallery on Saturday, July 17 at 7pm for a Native American Pipe Ceremony led by Guy Jones.

In honor of John W. Hiller's work, Del Ray Artisans is creating the John W. Hiller Photography and Film Scholarship, which will be awarded to a high school student for photography or film excellence. Donations are appreciated to help fund this new scholarship. For more details, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/event/retrospective](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/retrospective).

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## Welcome, New Members

- Shanley Culbertson
- Patricia Giovannoni
- Helen Hensgen
- Ronald Reel

## New Gallery Hours

For July 1-17, see the special gallery hours in the John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit article. The gallery will be closed to the public from July 18-31 for Art Camp. Starting on August 4, the new gallery hours are:

First Thursday 12-9pm (Apr-Sep)

Thursday 12-6pm

Friday 12-9pm

Saturday 12-6pm

Sunday 12-6pm (Closed last Sunday of the month)

## Membership Promotion for Students Continues

Are you a student or do you know a student who would enjoy Del Ray Artisans membership benefits? During 2021, Del Ray Artisans has a Membership Scholarship Program for high school and full-time college students that offers FREE one-year memberships to those who apply and qualify. Contact [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org) for details.

## 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).**

### Upcycle Shadow Box Project for Parents and Kids

**Saturday, July 17, 2-3:30pm**

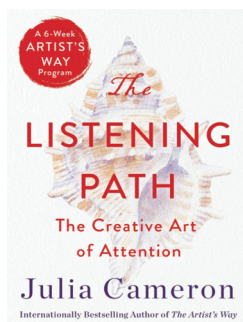


Learn how to make your own mixed media “altered art” project using upcycled materials. You and your child will be guided on

how to use a variety of found objects, recycled materials, paper, and paint to create one of a kind artwork. Each person will be able to make at least one shadow box or canvas project. Participants will learn how to mix and incorporate a variety of materials into one cohesive project. Register by July 13.

### Creative Consciousness: A 7-Week Artist's Way Program

**Thursdays from July 29-Sept. 9, 6:30-8pm**



Register now for this workshop based on “The Listening Path: The Creative art of Attention,” the latest book by Julia Cameron. This course, facilitated by Sharon Burton, will meet

once a week for seven weeks via Zoom.

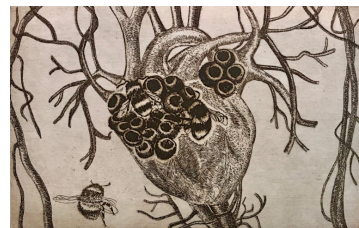
Each week we will read a chapter from this new take on the principles of “The Artist's Way,” complete weekly exercises designed for creative and personal transformation to make you a better listener to your environment, your relationships, and yourself. Embrace a new world of creativity that will resonate through all aspects of your life. Artists, writers, and other creatives as well are encouraged to participate. Register by July 26.

## Calls For Entry

### Together Runs August 6-28

**Call for Entry Deadline: Saturday, July 10**

*Together* is an invitational exhibit to honor Del Ray Artisans members who have made exceptional volunteer hour contributions to support our nonprofit. Honored artists received an invitation to participate in this exhibit by email. Invited artists list and entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/05/together-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/05/together-cfe).



*"Endangered"*  
by Amy Kitchin

### STIGMA Runs September 3-25

**Call for Entry Deadline: Tuesday, August 10**



*"Stigma Police"*  
by Gordon Frank

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. This 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. The *STIGMA* art exhibit is open to all area artists and high school students. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/04/stigma-cfe/](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/04/stigma-cfe/)

## Quarantine Creations Art Exhibit Refreshed at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

The *Quarantine Creations* exhibit at the Veterinary Clinics of America Alexandria Animal Hospital (VCA Alexandria) features artwork based on our quarantine experiences. Our lives have changed drastically due to the global quarantine, and we have had to make many adjustments in our own unique ways. *Quarantine Creations* is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit in partnership with VCA Alexandria.



*"Prepared"* by Sunny Chen

This exhibit originally opened July 6, 2020. In preparation of the facility reopening to clients after a period of closure due to the pandemic, additional artworks were added to the exhibit on June 1, 2021 to expand and refresh the exhibit. The exhibit runs through September 25, 2021.

The artwork is viewable online and by appointment only (Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm). Please contact Stephanie Frederick at [VCAGWW2020@gmail.com](mailto:VCAGWW2020@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment. VCA Alexandria is located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

For more information, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww](https://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww).

## Registration Open for Youth Art Camp in July

Tired of virtual learning? Looking for a fun and interactive way to show off your creativity in July?

Del Ray Artisans invites young campers ages 8-12 for “Kids Just Want To Have Fun!” Summer Art Camp to spend a week creating art with professional local artist instruction. Students will have an immersive creative journey: painting, sculpting, journaling and other artful planned activities. During nice weather, kids will have time outdoors to replenish their creative energy. All artist supplies are provided.



The art camp will run July 19-23 and July 26-30 from 9am-4pm in the Del Ray Artisans gallery. Register for Week One or Week Two. Instructors have taken the ALX Promise pledge and follow the current pandemic policies in accordance with CDC and the State of Virginia during summer camps. The campers and teachers will be socially distanced and wear face masks.

Camp and registration details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-camp-2021).

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## Meet DRA's Board and Staff



Kate Gibney is an obsessive jewelry designer and acrylic artist. Born and raised in Pleasant Valley, NY, she began to recognize a love for nature's beauty and at the age of ten, a visit to a Mica mine in New Hampshire made the dream come to fruition. With one chip at a shiny piece of stone, the deal was sealed.

Thirty-five years later, her home in Woodbridge, VA, is now filled with natural healing stones and crystals collected over the years from various excursions, along with lots of acrylic paint and white carpeting that is now multicolored (not purposely). Perhaps not the best combination, but the life of an artist as it should be.

She adores her two cats who oddly have zero interest in meddling with the thousands of beads that are easily paw accessible and ignore the opportunity for creating a feline staged Armageddon. Maybe it's the tuna treat deterrent.

As the chairperson of the Del Ray Artisans' Web Posting Committee, Kate is proud to lead a fantastic team of volunteers and always welcome for more to join. If interested, email [post@delrayartisans.org](mailto:post@delrayartisans.org).

At the end of the day, she is pleasantly captivated with expression through creativity and her passion continues to grow. Kate's works can be seen at [DelRayArtisans.org/buy-local](https://DelRayArtisans.org/buy-local) or [www.lucidartsjewelry.com](http://www.lucidartsjewelry.com).

## Adopt-a-Park: the Program of Angels!

We are so grateful to all of our Adopt-a-Park angels for all these years. These DRA member volunteers, who remove the trash from the adjoining Colasanto Park weekly, have sustained this valuable City program and earned funding from Alexandria to support DRA's beautification of the gardens surrounding our gallery. Many of you would be surprised to learn how barren those grounds were when we first arrived!

Adopt-a-Park, which is meant to keep Alexandria's Parks clean and ready to be enjoyed by the public, typically runs from April through November with pick-up every weekend. For over 15 years, Marlin Lord, founding member, our current Director Emeritus, and former Treasurer and Facilities Director, has overseen the administration of this program for DRA. This involves interacting with the City, gathering the volunteers, reminding them every week, and reporting on their efforts each month back to the City. Thank you, Marlin!! Now he has passed the baton to one of our long-time angels, and Joyce Wagner has reached out to accept. She is a long-time member and a mosaic artist extraordinaire! Thank you, Joyce!

Every one of our angels will tell you, volunteering is a wonderful way to get some fresh air and a little exercise, and feel good about helping DRA and our community. If you're interested in joining the fun, please contact Joyce at [adoptapark@delrayartisans.org](mailto:adoptapark@delrayartisans.org).

### August Meeting

The August member meeting will take place online on Sunday, August 15 at 5:00pm. Watch the August newsletter and upcoming weekly eNews for program information.



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

#### Gallery Hours for July 1-17, 2021:

Thursday 12-8pm  
Friday 12-8pm  
Saturday 12-8pm  
Sunday 12-4pm  
(Closed to the public July 18-31)

**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

##### July 2021

- 1 First Thursday, sneak peek, 12-9pm
- 1-17 EXHIBIT: *John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit*  
curators: Alyssa Pease and Karen Schmitz
- 2 Exhibit Opening Day, 12-8pm
- 10 *Together* entry deadline
- 13 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 17 Workshop: Upcycle Shadow Box Project for parents and kids, 2-3:30pm outdoors
- 17 Native American Pipe Ceremony, 7-7:30pm outdoors
- 19-30 "Kids Just Want to Have Fun" Summer Art Camp 2021, 9am-4pm (Monday-Friday)
- 29 Workshop: Creative Consciousness: A 7-Week Artist's Way Program, 6:30-8pm online

##### August 2021

- 1 *Together* artwork drop off
- 5 First Thursday, sneak peek, 12-9pm
- 6-28 EXHIBIT: *Together*  
curators: Josh Oliveira and Amy Kitchin
- 6 *Together* Exhibit Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online

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

##### August 2021, cont.

- 10 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 *STIGMA* call for entry deadline
- 10 2022 wall calendar call for entry deadline
- 15 Summer member meeting, 5-7pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 28 *Together* artwork pick up by appointment
- 29 *STIGMA* artwork drop off by appointment

##### September 2021

- 2 First Thursday, sneak peek, 12-9pm
- 3-25 EXHIBIT: *STIGMA*  
curators: Liz Martinez and Debra Steinbacher
- 3 *STIGMA* Exhibit Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 12 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 14 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 25 *Quarantine Creations* exhibit closes
- 25 The Creative Spark book club, 10:30am-12pm
- 26 *Expanding the Common Ground* artwork drop off by appointment

**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**  
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- **Sunshine Committee**  
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## CREATIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS

JUNE 1 – AUGUST 31, 2021

Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer](http://DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer)

Del Ray Artisans  
2704 Mt Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301  
703-838-4827

Join Del Ray Artisans during our Creative Summer Programs, and schedule your own “stay-cation” this summer with artful workshops! Please register at the gallery or online in advance of the workshop.

**For all in-person workshops: Please wear a face mask and maintain 6' of personal space.**

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### VIA MAIL: CREATIVE CARD SWAP (FREE)

**Rolling deadlines; Sign Up Now!**

Coordinator: Linda Elliff. Free, except for postage.

This is a handcrafted, artful card swap between artists. A swap group is formed each time 4 artists apply, then swapping begins immediately for that group. Open to all artists with a mailing address that accepts a standard First-Class stamp.

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### OUTDOOR: UPCYCLE SHADOW BOX PROJECT FOR PARENTS AND KIDS (RAIN OR SHINE)

**Saturday, July 17** from 2-3:30pm (Register by July 13)

Instructor: Megan Levanduski. \$50-\$85 see online for details, plus \$10 supply fee per person.

Learn how to make your own mixed media “altered art” project using upcycled materials. Participants will be guided on how to use a variety of found objects, recycled materials, paper, and paint to create one of a kind artwork. Each person will be able to make at least one shadow box or canvas project. Workshop for parent and 1-2 children.

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### “KIDS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN” SUMMER ART CAMP (AGES 8-12)

**July 19, 2021 – July 30, 2021** (Choose week or half-days for two weeks)

Art Camp Administrator: Ashley Sowell. \$325 per child, scholarship support available.

Students will have an immersive creative journey with professional local artist instruction in painting, sculpting, journaling and other artful activities. During nice weather, kids will even have outdoors time to get fresh air, unwind, and replenish their creative energy. All artist supplies are provided.

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### ONLINE: CREATIVE CONSCIOUSNESS: A 7-WEEK ARTIST’S WAY PROGRAM

**Thursdays, July 29 - Sept 9**, from 6:30-8pm (7 weeks total, Register by July 26)

Facilitator: Sharon Burton. \$100 Del Ray Artisans member / \$125 non-member.

Course based on “The Listening Path: The Creative Art of Attention”, the latest book by Julia Cameron. Each week we will read a chapter and complete the exercises designed for creative and personal transformation to make you a better listener to your environment, your relationships, and yourself. This course will help students embrace a new world of creativity that will resonate through all aspects of your life. Artists, writers, and other creatives are encouraged to participate.

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### CALLING ALL INSTRUCTORS

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### PLAYING WITH RESIN – FOCUS ON TEXTURE

**Tuesday, August 24** from 6-9pm (Register by August 21)

Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson. \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 non-member, plus \$10 supply fee.

Learn the ins and outs of mixing resin and using it in your artwork as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. There's lots of creative time during this 3-hour workshop...no need to rush, which is one of the first lessons in using resin!

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### VIA EMAIL: PARTNERS IN ART EVENING (FREE)

**Tuesday, August 24** (Contact the coordinator at least one week in advance)

Coordinator: Michele Reday Cook. Free, donations appreciated.

Need support reaching your art related goals? Join this collegial group of artists to share your goals and get feedback on artwork. Artist can present 1-3 works – complete or in progress – for feedback. All skill levels and media welcome. During the pandemic this program is sharing feedback via email.

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**Programs are being added throughout the summer!**

For the most up-to-date list, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer](http://DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer)

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**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](mailto:blueweave1@yahoo.com) by the 25th of the month.*

**Shadow Box**

FREE - 18" x 22" x 2.5" Shadow Box. Contact Rusty Lynn at [rustylynn@earthlink.net](mailto:rustylynn@earthlink.net)

**Rapidograph Pens**

FREE - Two boxes of Rapidograph Pens: one set is by Staedtler, the other by Koh-i-noor. Each set has 7 pens of various sizes and colors, plus one extra pen separate from the set. Contact Cheryl Lavoie at [cherzart@mac.com](mailto:cherzart@mac.com)

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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