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**August 2021**

# The Well-Crafted Word

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

## Together Runs August 6-28



*Together* is a special invitation-only exhibit, curated by Amy Kitchin (Volunteers Director) and Joshua Oliveira, that honors current Del Ray Artisans (DRA) members who have worked tirelessly and made exceptional volunteer hour contributions to this community-based non-profit over the past two years. *Together* presents a special opportunity for these members to showcase their artwork.

The last time Del Ray Artisans presented a similar exhibit, called *Thanks For All The Fish* (curated by Kathy Turner and Joshua Oliveira), was in June 2017. We are delighted to bring back this show this year!

Visit the gallery on First Thursday, August 5 for a preview of the exhibit or reserve a ticket at [together-exhibit.eventbrite.com](https://together-exhibit.eventbrite.com) for a half-hour viewing during the extended hours on opening day: Friday, August 6 between 12-9pm. Opening day tickets are not required, but ticket holders have priority entry. The gallery capacity is limited to 15 people at any one time to facilitate social distancing.

Donations in any amount are greatly welcome, and may be made online ([DelRay-Artisans.org/donate/](https://DelRay-Artisans.org/donate/)) or in-person at the gallery during regular business hours: First Thursday (Apr-Sept) 12-9pm, Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 12-6pm (closed the last Sunday of the month).

Invited artists include:

**2019-2021 Board Members – Currently Serving:** Dale Spivey (President), Kathryn A Brown (Secretary), Rita Schooley (Treasurer), Stephen Lally (Assistant Treasurer), Bill Cabrera (Archives), Kathy Stoner (Communications), John Bordner (Community), Kelly Postula (Curating), Kurt Peterson (Facilities), Karen Schmitz (Grants), Beth Richardson (Membership), Kelly M. MacConomy (Outreach), Erica Hughes (Programs), Dawn Wyse Hurto (Technology), Amy Kitchin Hower (Volunteers), Suzan Ok (Youth Programs), Marlin G. Lord (Emeritus); **Recently Served:** Drew Cariaso, Joe Franklin, Brittany Gabel, David Heckman, Sharon Holland, Nancy Kline, Leigh Lafosse, Judy Lynn, Milagros Mateu, Betsy Mead, David McClure, Stacy Rausch, Sophia Suarez, and Kathy Turner.

**Other Outstanding Volunteers:** Cheryl Audet-Lavoie, Veronica Barker-Barzel Kelly, Jana Bertucci, Joan Bickelhaupt, Mel Bikowski, Leah Boynton, Sharon Burton, Marshall Carolus, Stephanie Chan, Chrissy Charboneau, Sunny Chen, Sarah Chitenden, Sean Crumley, Pamela Day, Kajal Dhabalia, Linda Elliff, Chris Fedderson,

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## Welcome, New Members

- Carol Eisenmann
- Stephanie Millner

## 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.

## Member Meeting and Cupcake Decorating Contest

Have you dreamed of opening a cupcake shop? Wondered how to create unique flavors? Come to our August member meeting and get some answers with a special video of Adnan Hamidi, owner of Alexandria Cupcake. The meeting will take place online on Sunday, August 15, at 5pm. For extra fun, we'll have a cupcake/cookie decorating contest. Three winners will get gift certificates from Alexandria Cupcake. To enter, submit a photograph of your treat to [membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:membership@DelRayArtisans.org) by noon on August 15. You must attend the meeting to win. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/summer-meeting-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/summer-meeting-2021).

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Lynn Fernandez, Tom Kelly, Gordon Thomas Frank, Joyce A. Frank, Doug Fuller, Nancy Galib, Donna Gallo, Kateri Garcia, Kate Gibney, Gale Goldfarb, Lesley Hall, Howard Hay, Mathew Heggem, Monica Hokeilen, Hillary Hoffman, Betsy Jones, Wendy Leaumont, Marie Lenker, Jeff Lodge, Linda Lowery, Theresa Kulstad, Nicole Mahoney, Liz Martinez, Jenny Nicholson, Eileen O'Brien, Nancy Ramsey, Katherine Rand, Michele Reday Cook, Ellen Rosenthal, Laura Rush, Kitty Russell, Doug Schulte, Kevin Sherlock, Kelli Sincock, Karen Laurie Thomas, Suzanne Tillman, Marcia Lynn Toepfer, Nancy Toni, Pamela Underhill, Taly Walsh, Tamara Wilkerson, Tracy Wilkerson, Liz Vance, Christine Vinh, Dan Witmeyer, Margaret Wohler, and Seth Yavit.

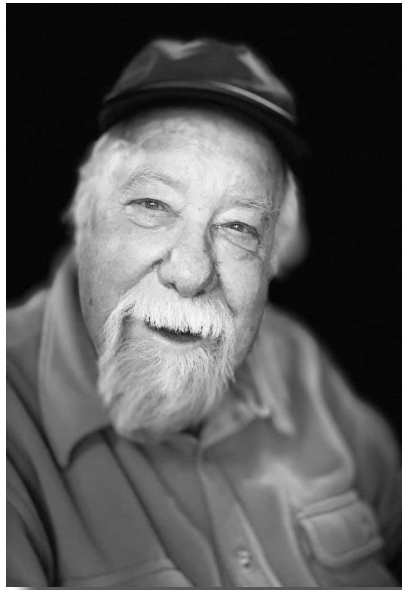
## **Playing with Resin Workshop**

**Tuesday, August 24, 6-9pm**

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! You'll leave your finished masterpiece(s) to set at the gallery at the end of the workshop, and pick them up during gallery hours later in the week. All supplies are included in the supplies fee, and you may bring your own items to further customize your work. Register by August 21 at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/resin-august-2021](https://delrayartisans.org/event/resin-august-2021). Face masks required for unvaccinated individuals and recommended for everyone. The instruction fee is \$40 for DRA members and \$50 for non-members; plus a \$10 supply fee.



## **Busy, Beautiful Closing Event for John W. Hiller**



*Photo of John W. Hiller  
by Chris Li*

It was a hot and storm-free evening for the outdoor Native American Pipe Ceremony during the final day of the John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit, July 17. Over 60 guests gathered outside as Cherokee Pipe Carrier, Guy Jones, led the ceremony to honor "Those We Have Lost." Guests included members and friends of the Pease and Hiller families, former DRA President, Drew Carioso, Jahad Nazari (2015 Ted Eichers Art Scholarship recipient), as well as several members from the Indigenous Community.

Co-Curators Alyssa Pease, John's wife, and Karen Schmitz were pleased with several last minute

sales and donations to the newly established John W. Hiller Photography and Film Scholarship. Alyssa has donated all proceeds from artwork sales to this scholarship for high school students.

Additional donations are appreciated at: [DelRayArtisans.square.site/product/donation-to-john-w-hiller-photography-and-film-scholarship/6235](https://delrayartisans.square.site/product/donation-to-john-w-hiller-photography-and-film-scholarship/6235) or [DelRayArtisans.org/event/retrospective](https://delrayartisans.org/event/retrospective).

Shout out to Kelly MacConomy for July's Zebra Press' good-read about John discovering DRA in 2007, because he saw a photo of Linda Elliff's art mirror in the local newspaper ([thezebra.org/2021/07/05/the-john-whitcomb-hiller-retrospective-at-del-ray-artisans/](https://thezebra.org/2021/07/05/the-john-whitcomb-hiller-retrospective-at-del-ray-artisans/)). The stories and artifacts from John's life (including the camera he found when he was in high school) captivated gallery visitors.

BIG artful thanks to: Guy Jones, Linda Elliff, Liz Martinez, David Kosar, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Gordon Frank, Gale Goldfarb, Lesley Hall, Brooke Johnson, Anna Sherlock, Kathleen Connor, Kate Gibney, Kathy Stoner, Kurt Peterson, and Jahed Nazari.



*Guy Jones sets up for Native American Pipe Ceremony by Scott MacConomy*



## Calls For Entry

### 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 and ethnicities. Webster's definition of stigma is "a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality or person." Shine a light on stigma – how it feels, how it can affect and/or disrupt lives, and how it can be overcome. 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).

### 2022 Wall Calendar

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

Members: Submit your best work to the 9th annual Del Ray Artisans' calendar! All entries are to be received digitally, and no physical pieces of art will be collected. There is no entry fee, no theme, and work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans is acceptable. Your Del Ray Artisans membership must be up-to-date. Approximately 50-60 pieces of art from Del Ray Artisans members will be included in the 2022 Wall Calendar. This calendar is a fundraiser to benefit Del Ray Artisans. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/05/2022-calendar-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/05/2022-calendar-cfe).

### Expanding the Common Ground: Voices of the Global Majority Runs October 1-30

**Call for Entry Deadline: Friday, September 10**

We invite artists of ALL ethnicities, ages, genders, and walks of life to explore what makes us one, to find the common ground among us, and to explore what it means to heal the divides. The world has been designed by institutions, and terms like *people of color* or *minorities* serve to divide us and create *white* vs. *non-white* or *us* vs. *them* paradigms. We seek art that breaks down barriers, examines all facets of our diversity, and celebrates our unity. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/07/common-ground-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/07/common-ground-cfe).



*"Skin Deep: Underneath  
Don't We All Look the  
Same"* by Amy Kitchin

### Rebirth at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Runs October 4-January 30

**Call for Entry Deadline: Wednesday, September 15**



*"Face Jug with Carnations"*  
by Kathy Stoner

Now that most American cities are reopening, we are all itching to get out, get some fresh air, and be with friends and family again. For this exhibit, we invite artists to express their reentry into the outside world—mentally, physically, or both. This could take the form of planning a trip, learning a new hobby, or developing an existing talent or relationship. Must be a Del Ray Artisans member to enter; 2-dimensional works only. No entry fee; pieces previously shown are welcome. Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/07/rebirth-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/07/rebirth-cfe).

## Free Fun Activities

### Aloha First Thursday

**Thursday, August 5, 6-9pm**

Come to Del Ray Artisans' garden for a Hawaiian tropical background selfie photo opp! Bring your cell phone or camera and a little imagination, plus enjoy a sneak preview of the new *Together* art exhibit! Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/first-thursday-august-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/first-thursday-august-2021).

### Aloha Thursday



### Urban Sketchbooking

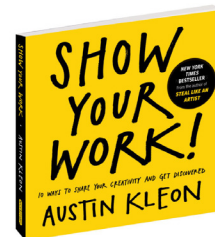
**Sunday, September 12, 1-3pm**

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). Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking](https://DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking).

### The Creative Spark Book Club

**Saturday, September 25,  
10:30-12pm (ONLINE)**

Looking for a way to spark and maintain your artistic practice? Want to connect with a variety of artists and creatives to share ideas? Join the



Creative Spark Book Club. The September meeting will discuss the book *Show Your Work!* by Austin Kleon. The club is free and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other like-minded creative people. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/book-club-sept-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/book-club-sept-2021).



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

#### Gallery Hours beginning August 4, 2021:

First Thursday 12-9pm (Apr- Sep)  
Thursday 12-6pm  
Friday 12-9pm  
Saturday 12-6pm  
Sunday 12-6pm (Closed last Sunday of the month)

**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

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### Calendar

#### 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
- 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
- 17 Exhibit Committee Meeting, 7-9pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 24 Workshop: Playing with Resin, 6-9pm
- 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
- 10 *Expanding the Common Ground* call for entry deadline

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

#### September 2021, continued

- 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
- 15 *Rebirth* Gallery Without Walls call for entry deadline
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 25 *Quarantine Creations* exhibit closes
- 25 The Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30am-12pm online
- 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*  
curators: Amy Kitchin, Beth Richardson, and Mathew Heggem
- 1 *Expanding the Common Ground* Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 12 Board meeting, 7-9pm online

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

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

### Other Key Contacts

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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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### 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)

### CALLING ALL INSTRUCTORS

If you are interested in teaching a class or workshop, give a talk or even start an art-related club, email Erica Hughes at [Programs@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Programs@DelRayArtisans.org).

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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)

**Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center**

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Title	First	M.I.	Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone		
Home	Cell	Work

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

List artist media (optional)

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

- ☐ \$ 250 Silver
- ☐ \$ 500 Gold
- ☐ \$ 1,000 Platinum

☐ \$ 60 Individual  
☐ \$ 90 Dual  
☐ \$ 110 Family  
☐ \$ 45 Senior  
☐ \$ 30 Student

☐ \$ 40

☐ 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"/> Facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs      |
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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/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/)

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