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STIGMA Runs September 3-25



"Stigma Police" by Gordon Frank

Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery in September to view the *STIGMA* art exhibit showcasing various representations of stigma. These works include viewpoints on mental health disorders, HIV, homelessness, disabilities, sexual orientation, bullying, race and ethnicity, and more.

Webster's definition of stigma is "a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality or person." Through their art, local adult artists and high school students express their perspective on the concept of stigma—how it feels, how it can affect and/or disrupt lives, and how it can be overcome.

Reserve a ticket at stigma-exhibit.eventbrite.com during the extended hours on opening day, Friday,

September 3 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 in order to facilitate social distancing. Face masks required for everyone.

Regular gallery hours are 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). For more information, contact the curators Liz Martinez at catniphaze@gmail.com and Debra Steinbacher at debsteinbacher@gmail.com.

Expanding the Common Ground: Voices of the Global Majority Art Exhibit Runs October 1-30, Call for Entry Deadline: 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.



"Connected Worlds" by Beth Richardson

Welcome, New Members

- Holly Black
- Patti Durbin
- TJ Feeley
- Steven Halperson
- James Orrock
- Barbara Smith

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 for details.

Follow us on Instagram

Did you know Del Ray Artisans is on Instagram? Join our 2,650+ 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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"Prepared" by Sunny Chen

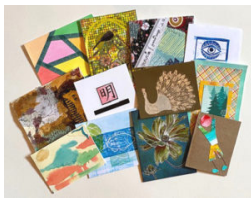
Quarantine Creations Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Ends September 25

There are just a few weeks left to see the *Quarantine Creations* exhibit at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. It will close on September 25. The exhibit features artwork based on our quarantine experiences. *Quarantine Creations* is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit in partnership with VCA Alexandria.

The artwork is viewable online and in-person during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-6pm). Visitors MUST wear a mask and let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit. VCA Alexandria is located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information, visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww.

Creative Card Swap

Our creative card swap is an activity in which artists swap handcrafted, artful cards. A swap group is formed each time four artists enter, then swapping begins immediately for that group. Originally established in April 2020 as a platform for artists to share their creative expression during the pandemic months when we could not gather in person, the Creative Card Swap has become a popular ongoing activity. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/2021/03/card-swap-cfe.



Calls for Entry

Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market Application Deadline: September 12

Applications for exhibitors in Del Ray Artisans' 26th annual Holiday Market to be held each weekend from December 3-19, 2021 are now open. Different artists from a variety of media categories will be selected for each weekend. Artists who apply by the deadline will be notified of acceptance by September 20. Del Ray Artisans members and non-members are eligible, so apply now! Members receive priority and a discount. Entry details at

DelRayArtisans.org/2021/08/holiday-market-2021-cfe.



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

Call for Entry Deadline: Wednesday, September 15

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.



"Face Jug with Carnations"
by Kathy Stoner

GrOOvY Movies: Artwork Influenced by Films Runs November 5-28

Call for entry Deadline: October 10

November's exhibit gives artists a cool opportunity to show how their artwork is movie relatable, from cult films to American Film Institute (AFI) classics; from actors, characters, locations to catch phrases. Dig this excellent, fantastical, funky, fabulous art scene in all mediums and genres from *Amadeus* to *Zoolander*. Curator Karen Schmitz (kschmitzart@gmail.com) has some splendid awards and prizes as well as some hip additional happenings. Entry details at DelRayArtisans.org/2021/08/groovy-movies-cfe.



"Technicolor 1977"
by John W. Hiller

Free Fun Activities

First Thursday

Thursday, September 2, 6-9pm

Join us on First Thursday, September 2 to decorate a dreamcatcher outside in the Artisans Garden, plus get a sneak peek of the STIGMA art exhibit inside the gallery. In some Native American and First Nations cultures, dreamcatchers are hung over a cradle or bed as protection. In connection with the exhibit, the desire is for this activity to give hope. The activity is outside from 6-9pm, and the gallery will have extended hours for First Thursday (open until 9pm).

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/first-thursday-2021.



"Cauchemar" by Liz Martinez

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.



Partners in Art Evenings

Tuesday, September 21, 7-9pm

(In Person and/or by Email)

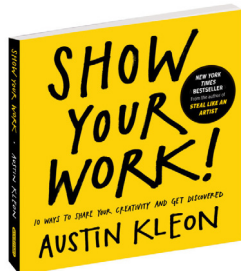
Calling fellow artists, beginners to professionals, you are invited to join our art-support group, to share artistic goals, techniques, and the local art scene. Participants may show one or two artworks, any medium, in any stage, for advice and feedback. To join our small, friendly, and very supportive artists' group, contact Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com for details and registration (choose to participate via email or in-person) prior to September 21.

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.



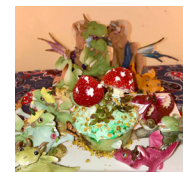
Meet DRA's Board and Staff



Kelly MacConomy is the Director of Outreach for Del Ray Artisans. Since she mostly enters photographs and knitted pieces in DRA shows, most people likely don't know that she paints, among other mediums. She has a BA in Fine Arts in addition to a BS in Psychology from Georgetown University with graduate studio work at NYU as well as art history and museum studies at George Washington and Harvard University. When she's not thinking about promoting Del Ray Artisans she's busy as the Arts Editor for the Zebra Press, writing five monthly columns plus features: On Exhibit, At Z Movies, Z~ Oenology, In Z Hood, and Art NewZ. Another little known fact about Kelly is she likes to scoop potato salad using potato chips and dip French fries in mashed potatoes. She's also crazy about dogs, seals, and sunset chasing. Her pet peeves are sound walls and reverse parking.

Cupcake Contest Winners

At the August members meeting, we enjoyed a conversation between John Bordner and Adnam Hamidi, owner of Alexandria Cupcake. We also revealed the winners of the cupcake decorating contest. The winners received gift certificates from Alexandria Cupcake.



First Place: "Forest Scene" by Lesley Hall



Second Place: "Sunflowers" by Dawn Wyse Hurto



Third Place: "Oreo Stack" by Gale Goldfarb



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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
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Gallery Hours:

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.

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Calendar

September 2021

- 2 First Thursday, 6-9pm
- 3-25 EXHIBIT: **STIGMA**
curators: Liz Martinez and Debra Steinbacher
- 3 **STIGMA** Exhibit Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 10 *Expanding the Common Ground* entry deadline
- 12 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 12 Holiday Market application deadline
- 13 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 14 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 *Rebirth* Gallery Without Walls entry deadline
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 25 **Quarantine Creations** Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria 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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

October 2021, continued

- 1 *Expanding the Common Ground* Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 4 **Rebirth** Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria opens
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 10 *GrOOvY Movies* entry deadline
- 10 Urban Sketchbooking, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 12 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm via email
- 21 Annual Member Meeting with elections, 7-9pm online
- 30 *Expanding the Common Ground* artwork pick up by appointment
- 31 *GrOOvY Movies* artwork drop off by appointment

November 2021

- 5-28 EXHIBIT: **Groovy Movies**
curator: Karen Schmitz
- 5 *GrOOvY Movies* Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 9 Board meeting, 7-9pm online

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership/ for details.

Other Key Contacts

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Membership Form

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____
Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

Referred by (optional) _____

Patron

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

Artist

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

Supporter

- ☐ \$ 40

Add a Donation

- ☐ 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:

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | |

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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

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

Additional member benefits listed online