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**October 2021**

# The Well-Crafted Word

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



*"Connected Worlds"*  
by Beth Richardson

The *Expanding the Common Ground: Voices of the Global Majority* art exhibit, running October 1-30, features work by local artists. The theme examines all the facets of diversity and strives to find the common ground among us. This exhibition explores what it means to acknowledge and heal the divides among ethnicities, ages, genders, and institutional paradigms, and is ultimately intended to focus on our shared humanity.

Join us for the "Storytelling in Fabric" virtual Artist Talk on Sunday, October 10 at 2-3pm. Fabric artist Sheryl Sims will share her art quilts that illustrate her family's heritage of black and white, enslaved and free. To register, visit [storytelling-in-fabric.eventbrite.com](http://storytelling-in-fabric.eventbrite.com).

Reserve a ticket at [expanding-common-ground.eventbrite.com](http://expanding-common-ground.eventbrite.com) on opening day, Friday, October 1 between 12-8pm. 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.

Del Ray Artisans gallery is open Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-6pm, and Sundays 12-6pm. Closed on Sunday, October 31. For more information, contact the curators Amy Kitchin ([alkitchin.dc@gmail.com](mailto:alkitchin.dc@gmail.com)), Beth Richardson ([bethlyone@aol.com](mailto:bethlyone@aol.com)), or Mathew Heggem ([matheggem@gmail.com](mailto:matheggem@gmail.com)).

## ***Groovy Movies: Artwork Influenced by Motion Pictures*** **Runs November 5-28** **Call for Entry Deadline: October 10**

Lights! Camera! Action! November's exhibit *Groovy Movies: Artwork Inspired by Motion Pictures* features artwork inspired by everything from American Film Institute (AFI) classics to cult films like "Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein," "Barbarella," "Yellow Submarine," and "Zorba the Greek." Film genres range from action and adventure, musicals, and rom-coms to horror, science fiction, and beyond. Artworks will be inspired by movie titles, actors, characters, catch phrases, costumes, and locations and depicted in many mediums, such as ceramics, jewelry, mixed medium, paintings, photography, sculpture, woodworking, and more. "Groovy" curator Karen Schmitz will present "Rosebud Awards" with film-fun prizes as well as some hip additional happenings! Entry details at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/08/groovy-movies-cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/08/groovy-movies-cfe).



*"Technicolor 1977"*  
by John W. Hiller

## **Welcome, New Members**

- Annette Kramer
- Scott MacConomy
- Suzi Peetros

## **New DRA Alcove Marketplace**

Del Ray Artisans has established the Alcove as a gift shop within the gallery, where members may display and sell their work independent of the monthly exhibit. Unframed 2-D work will be available in bins alongside jewelry, fiber art, wood craft, ceramics, and other smaller 3-D items. The work will be displayed for two months, and as pieces are sold they may be replaced with similar work for no additional fee.

## **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.

## Online Annual Member Meeting, 2022 Board Elections

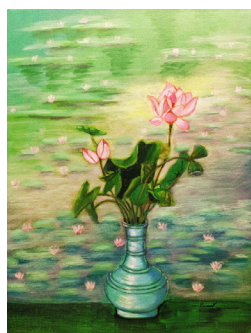
The Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 21 starts at 7pm and will be an online Zoom meeting. This meeting will be your opportunity to hear information about the exhibits planned for 2022 and vote for the 2022 Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a Board Position or if you have questions about the positions, please contact Lesley Hall at [Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org). The slate of candidates will be announced via email in advance of the meeting and on the website. Additional information will be emailed in advance of the meeting for how to register for the meeting and vote for the slate. We'll also have a drawing for a new DRA tote bag and wine bag. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/annual-meeting-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/annual-meeting-2021).

## Local Artisan Showcase 2021-2022 Call for Entry Deadline: October 24

The *Local Artisan Showcase* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital is an annual exhibit in the exam rooms and a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. The current exhibit was on display for two years due to the pandemic and will end on November 6. The Call for Entry for *Local Artisan Showcase 2021-2022* is now open. Entries (2-dimensional artworks only) are due Sunday, October 24 by midnight.

The call is open only to Del Ray Artisans members, and **there is no entry fee!** Most subjects are welcome, with pieces featuring animals preferred. Artists should be mindful of the stressful environment within the hospital and enter artwork that is family-friendly and helps to lighten or lift the viewer.

Entry details and form at [DelRayArtisans.org/2021/09/showcase-2022-cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/2021/09/showcase-2022-cfe).



"Lotus" by Sunny Chen

## Rebirth Art Exhibit opens at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

We all have been going through some challenging times during the pandemic and many of us are itching to get out, get some fresh air, and be with friends and family again. The *Rebirth* exhibit at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (VCA Alexandria) features artwork about reentry into the outside world—be it mentally, physically, or both. *Rebirth* is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit in partnership with VCA Alexandria.

The exhibit is at VCA Alexandria (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) from October 4, 2021 through April 2, 2022. The artwork is viewable 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. For more information, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww](https://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww).



"Face Jug with Carnations"  
by Kathy Stoner

## Register now for October Workshops!



Join us for the Fall & Halloween Soap-making Fun Workshop on Saturday, October 9 from 9:30am-12pm and the Playing with Resin Workshop on Sunday, October 17 from 6-9pm! Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](https://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops).

## Pre-order Del Ray Artisans 2022 Calendar

Del Ray Artisans' 2022 Wall Calendar featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members is available for pre-order now for just \$17/calendar. (Regular price \$20/calendar.) The calendar is available here: [DelRayArtisans.square.site/product/2022-wall-calendar/5987](https://DelRayArtisans.square.site/product/2022-wall-calendar/5987).

The pre-order discount price is only available until October 10. Pre-ordering the calendar helps our organization estimate how many calendars to order. If you pre-order, you will be notified when the calendars arrive, so you can come pick up your purchase.



Thank you to the calendar sponsors: Homes of Alexandria Team of Compass (Ellen, Bobi and Daniela), Cooley LLP, McD Mateos McDonald's, and Cosmopolitan Boat Club. Thank you to all the artists for the use of their work in the calendar, and thank you to everyone who purchases a calendar!



## Free Fun Activities

### Art on the Avenue 2021

**Saturday, October 2, 10am-6pm**

Along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray on Saturday, October 2 from 10am-6pm, you'll find: Art on the Avenue, a multicultural arts festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts. There will be entertainment for all

ages, art activities, food, and artists displaying and selling their work all along the Avenue. Directly in front of the gallery, Del Ray Artisans will present artist demonstrations and sell upcycled tote bags to support our nonprofit organization. Art on the Avenue is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-on-the-avenue-2021](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/art-on-the-avenue-2021).



### Alexandria Love Your Pet Day 2021

**Sunday, October 3, 11-3pm**

Join us at the Alexandria Love Your Pet Day outdoor festival in Oronoco Park! This event is fun for the whole family, featuring entertainment, activities, animal-themed vendors, and, of course, a whole lot of adorable adoptables. Del Ray Artisans will have a tent with pet-inspired artwork from member artists Holly Fries ([instagram.com/hollysartimagination](https://instagram.com/hollysartimagination)) and Joyce Wagner ([reinventedelegance.com](https://reinventedelegance.com)), as well as information about current and upcoming events. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/love-your-pet](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/love-your-pet).

### Del Ray Urban Sketchers

**Sunday, October 10, 1-3pm**

This program was formerly known as Urban Sketchbooking, but coordinator Joan Bickelhaupt has updated the name to Del Ray Urban Sketchers. 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).



### Storytelling in Fabric Artist Talk by Sheryl Sims

**Sunday, October 10, 2-3pm (ONLINE)**

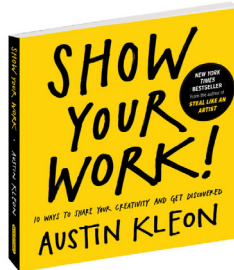
Sheryl Sims' quilts tell the story of her heritage, a family background entwining black and white, free and enslaved. When the pandemic caused Sheryl to spend more time at home, she found a creative outlet combining art quilting with research into her ancestry. Freed from the restrictions of traditional quilting, Sheryl improvised her own applique style to create striking art quilts. Join us online as Sheryl shares her quilts and the stories behind them. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/event/storytelling-in-fabric](https://DelRayArtisans.org/event/storytelling-in-fabric).



*Art quilt  
by Sheryl Sims*

### The Creative Spark Book Club

**Saturday, October 16, 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 October meeting (rescheduled from September) 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).

### Partners in Art Evenings

**Tuesday, October 19, 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. In-person meetings have resumed, but artists may choose to still participate via email. To join our small, friendly, and very supportive artists' group, contact Michele Reday Cook at [mredaycook@gmail.com](mailto:mredaycook@gmail.com) for details and registration.





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#### Gallery Hours:

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

### 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
- 2 Art on the Avenue, 10am-6pm, Mount Vernon Avenue
- 3 Alexandria Love your Pet Day, 11am-3pm, Oronoco Bay Park
- 4 *Rebirth* Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria opens
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 9 Fall & Halloween Soap-making Fun Workshop, 9:30am-12pm
- 10 *Groovy Movies* entry deadline
- 10 Del Ray Artisans 2022 wall calendar pre-order deadline
- 10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 Storytelling in Fabric artist talk by Sheryl Sims, 2-3pm, online
- 12 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 16 The Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30-12pm, online

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

### October 2021 continued

- 17 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm in person and/or by 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
- 6 Fantasy & Adventure Soap-making Fun Workshop
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 9 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 13 Local Artisan Showcase exhibit closes, VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 20 "Saturday Night Fever" Card-making Party Benefit
- 20 The Creative Spark Book Club, 10:30-12pm, online

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

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

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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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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/](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