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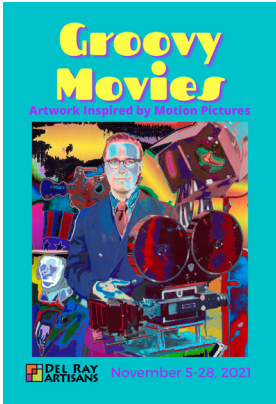
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Groovy Movies: Artwork Inspired by Motion Pictures Runs November 5-28



Movie magic is happenin' November 5-28 with *Groovy Movies: Artwork Inspired by Motion Pictures*. Over 100 artworks submitted by 47 artists will take the gallery on a film journey from the Land of Oz, to the suspense of Hitchcock's, to Wayne's World. Reminisce with plenty of familiar faces like: Jane Mansfield, Marty McFly, "The Dude," John Waters, Harold Ramis, Spock, and even Godzilla! The flick theme is interpreted with jewelry, sculpture, floral arrangements, fiber arts and even a fern stand. Cool!

Curator Karen Schmitz will present "Rosebud Awards" and the Alexandria Film Festival (AFF) will present All Fest Passes Awards (Nov. 11-14, alexfilmfest.com).

Events and more groovy at DelRayArtisans.org/event/groovy-movies:

- Nov 6: Fantasy & Adventure Soap-making workshop
- Nov 20: "Saturday Night Fever" Card Making Party Benefit
- John W. Hiller Photography & Film Scholarship fundraising display
- Special installation of "Got Happiness Mail," a homage to films about letters, postcards and mail with handmade greeting cards donated by artist Donna Lee Gallo
- Movie Talks on Zoom
- Special viewing of Julia Hocker's short films (High School Student Award Winner during 2020's *Women's Right To Vote: 100 Years Since the 19th Amendment* exhibit)

Reserve a ticket at groovy-movies.eventbrite.com on opening day, Friday, November 5 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.

Del Ray Artisans gallery is open Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays 12-6pm, and Sundays 12-6pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day. For more information, contact curator Karen Schmitz (kschmitzart@gmail.com).

Shop Small Week is November 26 – December 2

Special Promotion: 30% off tote bags during Alexandria Shop Small Week (Nov 26-Dec 2)! Our past exhibit banners have been upcycled into weather-proof tote bags. Each tote (approx 14" x 15" x 4") is unique. Come to the gallery for the widest selection or visit our online store. For details, visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/shop-small-2021.



Welcome, New Members

- Brenda Chandler
- Tracey Coleman
- Stephen Collins
- Sydney Evans
- Maria Fiorella
- Daniel Horowitz
- Robyn McGarry
- Cheryl Neway
- Sirena Pearl

2022 Artful Wall Calendars



The 2022 calendars have arrived! The calendar features 4-5 artworks per month by Del Ray Artisans members. Cost is just \$20/calendar, and all proceeds benefit our nonprofit organization. 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!

Fantasy & Adventure Soap-making Fun Workshop

Create your own Fantasy & Adventure soaps (unicorns, dinosaurs, spaceships, and more!) using a moisturizing shea butter base,

premium fragrance oils, and fun, skin-safe colorants. While your freshly poured soaps harden, you can decorate your very own gift box with a medium of your choice. Take your gift box and handcrafted scented soaps home with you at the end of this workshop.



Register by November 4 at DelRayArtisans.org/event/fantasy-adventure-soap. Face masks required for unvaccinated individuals and recommended for everyone. The instruction fee is \$25 for DRA members and \$35 for non-members; plus a \$10 supply fee. This workshop is held in conjunction with the *Groovy Movies* art exhibit.

Calls For Entry

Little Monsters Runs January 7-29 **Entry Deadline: Friday,** **December 10**

We all know them—those little monsters that haunt, terrorize, or make us giggle. Maybe they're tiny things with a million legs, green ogres from fairy tales, furry friends, or owls that go "Hooooo" in the night. Perhaps your monster lives inside your head or is your "sweet" next door neighbor. Let your imagination go wild and represent your monsters in the medium of your choice. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe.

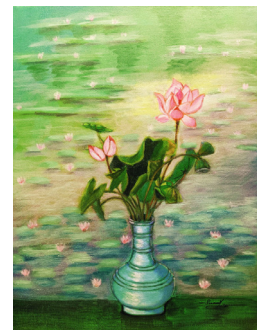
Stay tuned for the next Alcove **Gift Shop Call for Entry!**

Details coming soon and will be posted at DelRayArtisans.org/category/cfe.

Local Artisan Showcase at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital November 15, 2021 – November 12, 2022

The *Local Artisan Showcase* at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (VCA Alexandria) features Del Ray Artisans members' artwork. The exhibit is a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls (GWW) program in partnership with VCA Alexandria and features paintings, photography, and mixed media works of art.

The artwork is viewable by appointment only (Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm) because this exhibit is in the exam rooms. Please contact Stephanie Frederick at stephanie.frederick@vca.com to schedule an on-site viewing appointment. The concurrent *Rebirth* exhibit in the lobby and side hallways is available for walk-in viewing. Visitors MUST wear a mask and let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.



"Lotus" by Sunny Chen

All artwork is available for purchase through Del Ray Artisans. This annual exhibit runs November 15, 2021 through November 12, 2022 in the exam rooms at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

For more details, contact Liz Martinez (GWW@DelRayArtisans.org) and Stephanie Frederick (stephanie.frederick@vca.com).

Del Ray Artisans' 26th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market December 3-19



Join us for the 26th annual Holiday Market! The Holiday Market is open for the first three weekends in December: December 3-5, December 10-12, and December 17-19. Different artists are featured each weekend!

The Market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists presenting a variety of media, including fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, mosaics, painting,

paper crafting, photography, pottery/ceramics, sculpture, watercolor, wood turning, and more! In addition, 2022 wall calendars featuring artworks by Del Ray Artisans members will be available for purchase. Artists are donating a percentage of their sales to help support Del Ray Artisans' mission to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

Hours are Fridays 6-9pm, and Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm. The Holiday Market will be at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2021.

Free Fun Activities

Del Ray Urban Sketchers

Sunday, November 14, 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.



Free Zoom Talk: A Feat of Feet, Podological Character Symbolism in "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"

Tuesday, November 16, 7-8pm

Enjoy this academic talk as a part of Del Ray Artisans' *Groovy Movies* exhibit! As the eyes are the windows to the



soul, a part can represent the whole. So too with characters in film. Cassius has an "itching palm," where his bribes are received. A character's past is written

in the location of their scars, especially if on their face. Characters' clothing tones grow darker and darker as they themselves move toward darkness in pretty much every medium stories are told. Sean MacQuinor will illustrate how characters in "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" are introduced by the part of the body Quentin Tarantino is famously obsessed with in my zoom talk, "A Feat of Feet." Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/groovy-movies.

Free Zoom Talk: That Shrieking Shrinking: The Role of Psychologists in The Films Suspiria and Midsommar

Thursday, November 18, 7-8pm

In this talk, Dr. Toni Tileva, a garden-variety cultural anthropologist/feminista will discuss the collision between psychotherapy and women in the films *Suspiria* and *Midsommar*. In other words, she will unpack who is the "crazy" one here. This academic talk is a part of Del Ray Artisans' *Groovy Movies* exhibit. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/groovy-movies.



"Saturday Night Fever" Card-making Party Benefit

Saturday, November 20, 7-9pm

Join us for a free social disco evening making All Occasion art cards to benefit Del Ray Artisans nonprofit. "Cardie Host" Karen Schmitz shows art techniques, and all supplies are provided. The cards made will replenish the gallery card display or may be purchased to cover supplies and event organizer's time. All levels of "cardie" enthusiasts are welcome (registration required). No drop-ins allowed.



This event has a 12-person capacity limit. There is a registration fee that is refundable upon attendance. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/card-making-2021.

Free Zoom Talk: The Many Faces of Hammer Tuesday, November 23, 7-8pm

In this talk Tom Birkhead will consider a variety of work from the classic era of the British studio Hammer Film Productions. He aims to shed some light on Hammer films to those who may have forgotten them or never sought them out, illuminating their interest and vitality as something that can still stand alongside more acclaimed works. As a foundation he will talk about their traditional "Gothic" films such as "The Curse of Frankenstein" and "Dracula: Prince of Darkness," and others that share in old fashioned evils, highlighting aspects of performance or plot or direction that offer more refined quality. Then he will move on to films of more contemporary concerns. He hopes to inspire some fresh appreciation and thought about Hammer, and encourage people to return to their films which he holds quite dear. This academic talk is a part of Del Ray Artisans' *Groovy Movies* exhibit. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/groovy-movies.

Free Zoom Talk by Dr. Erica Hughes: Euripedes and the Rocky Horror Picture Show

Tuesday, November 30, 7-8pm

From the choragus to audience participation, unpack how the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* can be considered a modern reworking of an Ancient Greek tragedy. This academic talk is a part of Del Ray Artisans' *Groovy Movies* exhibit. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/event/groovy-movies.





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Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12-6pm
Friday 12-9pm
Saturday 12-6pm
Sunday 12-6pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
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Calendar

November 2021

- 5-28 EXHIBIT: *Groovy Movies*
curator: Karen Schmitz
- 5 *Groovy Movies* Exhibit Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 6 Fantasy & Adventure Soap-making Fun Workshop, 10am-1pm
- 6 *Local Artisan Showcase 2019-2021* exhibit closes, VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm, online
- 9 Board meeting, 7-9pm online
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm meeting outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 15 *Local Artisan Showcase 2021-2022* exhibit opens, VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
- 16 Free Zoom Talk: A Feat of Feet, Podological Character Symbolism in "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," 7-8pm online
- 18 Free Zoom Talk: That Shrieking Shrinking: The Role of Psychologists in The Films *Suspiria* and *Midsommar*, 7-8pm online
- 20 "Saturday Night Fever" Card-making Party Benefit, 7-9pm
- 23 Free Zoom Talk: The Many Faces of Hammer, 7-8pm online
- 28 *Groovy Movies* artwork pick up by appointment
- 30 Free Zoom Talk: Euripedes and the Rocky Horror Picture Show, 7-8pm online

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

December 2021

- 3-19 Holiday Market
- 7 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 10 *Little Monsters* entry deadline
- 14 Board meeting, 7-9pm online

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. For details, contact Membership@DelRayArtisans.org for details.

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

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2022 Exhibit Schedule

Call for Entry details (once available) are at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

The dates below account for pandemic safety procedures and schedule adjustments. When procedures are able to return to normal, the schedule will be updated on the website: DelRayArtisans.org.

Little Monsters (January 7-29, 2022)

Entry deadline Friday, December 10, 2021; Receiving Sunday, January 2 by appointment only

Curator: Betsy Mead

Open to all area artists. Maybe they're tiny things with a million legs; green ogres from fairy tales; a furry "friend". Perhaps your little monster is living inside your head. Whether your little monster is something dark and dangerous, or tepidly "cute," let your imagination go wild and represent it (or them) in the medium of your choice!

DADA 2.0 (February 4–26, 2022)

Entry deadline Monday, January 10; Receiving Sunday, January 30 by appointment only

Curator: Kelly Postula

Open to all area artists. This exhibit invites artists to express their pain, confusion, and discontent through the lens of DADA. All forms of art are welcome particularly the mediums of collage, cutup writing, and sculpture which embodies the spirit of original DADA. The more absurd the better!

Flora and Fauna (March 4–26, 2022)

Entry deadline Thursday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, February 27 by appointment only

Curator: TJ Feeley

Open to all area artists and free entry for high school students. Explore the complex interaction between animals (including humans) and plants of all kinds. A lot has been written about the dramatic reduction in the numbers of pollinators; that is just one example of the interdependence of insects and flowers. Connect to the environment through art and spread awareness of the complex plant-animal interactions that surround us.

Second Life (April 1–30, 2022)

Entry deadline Thursday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 27 by appointment only

Curators: Tracy Wilkerson and Esperanza Barajas

Open to all area artists. Many physical items we choose to remove from our lives can be sold/given/donated to others rather than going into our world's overburdened landfills. It takes just a little effort to offer something no longer needed to others rather than just tossing it in the trash. It also takes a conscious choice to acquire items from others rather than purchasing new ones at a retail store. This show will bring into focus the thought-change concepts of recycling from the accepted art to be exhibited (art utilizing recycled materials) to the workshops and talks provided.



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Drips, Lines, Splatters, and Splash: A Celebration of the Washington Color School (May 6–28, 2022)

Entry deadline Sunday, April 10; Receiving Sunday, May 1 by appointment only

Curator: Kelly MacConomy | Juror: Barbara Januszkiewicz

Open to all area artists. Artists need not imitate Washington Color School artists or even adhere to the precepts of Abstract Expressionism, but entries should exhibit remarkable use of color, movement, line, and sense of space. This applies to representational art as well as mixed media and three dimensional pieces, fiber work, and jewelry design.

Putting a Face to a Name (June 3–25, 2022)

Entry deadline Tuesday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 29 by appointment only

Curator: Zade Ramsey

Open to all area artists. Artists are asked to create portraits of their favorite fictional or historical characters. Use historical texts or modern author's descriptions to help guide your portraits—keeping in mind the attributes and personality of the subject to inform the features and demeanor.

A Space Between (August 5–27, 2022)

Entry deadline Sunday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, July 31 by appointment only

Curator: Brittany Baron

Open to all area artists. This exhibit will focus on shadows, negative space, and often overlooked components of a scene.

30th Anniversary Exhibit (September 2 – October 1, 2022)

Entry deadline Wednesday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 28 by appointment only

Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Dale Spivey

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. This is an open theme exhibit celebrating Del Ray Artisans' 30th Anniversary.

The Return of Eating, Drinking, and Merriment (October 7–29, 2022)

Entry deadline Saturday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, October 2 by appointment only

Curator: Stephen Lally

This is a hybrid show—specifically both a nationally juried ceramic cup and bowl show combined with a regional nonceramic show organized around the theme of eating, drinking, and merriment. Celebrate the ways that food and drink bring together people and bring joy to our lives.

\$100 and Under (November 4–27, 2022)

Entry deadline Monday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, October 30 by appointment only

Curator: Dale Spivey

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. This is a popular all member show where all the art is priced \$100 or less. The gallery is closed Thanksgiving day and open the last Sunday of the month.

Holiday Market (December 2–18, 2022)



Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

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☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____

☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____

☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

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If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Membership Categories and Benefits

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