



Celebrating 30 Years of Making Art . . .

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The Big 3-0: 30th Anniversary Art Exhibit Runs September 2-October 1

Del Ray Artisans turns **THIRTY** this year. To celebrate, join us for the 30th Anniversary Party and *The Big 3-0* art exhibit reception on **Saturday, September 3 from 3-6pm**. The party will be inside and outside (rain date is Sept 10). The curators will announce artist awards and special volunteers will be recognized. Thank you to event sponsors: Alexandria Cupcake, Del Ray Pizzeria, Los Tios Grill, McD Mateos McDonald's, and Tsim Yung.



"The Big 3-0"
by Dawn Wyse Hurto

This members showcase has 153 pieces of art made by 66 artists (plus additional pieces in the Alcove Gift Shop) and features a collection of 30+ hand-crafted greeting cards. Special thanks to Karen Schmitz for organizing the cards fundraiser, Linda Elliff for compiling the historical notes in the exhibit, Maria Hart for reception planning, Bill Cabrera for the live music, and Jenny Nicholson for the lovely anniversary card that we hope you all sign during the exhibit. Please also join us for these rhyming programs:

WHIRLY TWIRLY: "Show Your Spirit" First Thursday on Sept 1 starting at 6pm

PURTY: Life Drawing Session on Tuesday, Sept 6 from 7-9pm (drop in)

FUR-DY: Pet Portrait in Glass workshop on Saturday, Sept 10 from 9:30am-12pm and pick up on Wednesday, Sept 14 from 7-8pm (register by Sept 6)

EARTHY: Garden volunteers meet Saturday, Sept 17 from 9-11:30am

WORDY: Creative Book Club discusses "Amazing Grace: The Life of Beauford Delaney" by Davy Leeming on Saturday, Sept 17 from 10am-12pm

JOURNEY: Del Ray Urban Sketchers meets Sunday, Sept 18 from 1-3pm at St Elmo's Coffee Pub (drop in)

SHOW-ME: Partners in Art Evening on Tuesday, Sept 20 from 7-9pm (RSVP)

HURDY GURDY: Build your own medieval musical instrument on Saturday, Sept 24, 5:30-8:30pm and Sunday, Sept 25, 10am-1pm (register by Sept 10)

NERDY: Tessellation workshop on Wednesday, Sept 28 from 12-3pm (register by September 24 to learn how to make mathematically inspired art like M.C. Escher!)

PLUS, save the date for the **HalloWEIRD Art Market on Saturday, September 24** from 10am-4pm and **Art on the Avenue on Saturday, October 1** from 10am-6pm.

Gallery hours are First Thursday (Apr-Sept) 12-9pm, Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 12-6pm. Face masks are recommended inside the gallery. Questions? Contact the curators Dawn Wyse Hurto (technology@delrayartisans.org) and Dale Spivey (president@delrayartisans.org) or visit DelRayArtisans.org/calendar.

Welcome, New Members

- Sandra Alami
- Michelle Berberet
- Kathy Edwards
- Francine Forney
- Audrey Kremer
- Suzanne Langsdorf
- Isabelle Lara
- Neel Mehra
- Bonnie Rogers
- Jennifer Saloma
- Katie Stubbs
- Alicja Sulkowska
- Gina Zhu

Save the Date!

The Annual Member Meeting with elections will be on October 20 at 7pm. The Nominations Committee is busy working on a slate for the 2023 Board of Directors. If you wish to run for a position, contact Betsy Mead at egmead@gmail.com. You may run for any position, but especially needed are Directors of Community (Business Liaison), Curating, Grants, and Membership. For position descriptions, visit DelRayArtisans.org/positions.



Free Fun Activities

Creative Book Club

Saturday, Sept 17, 10am-12pm

The Creative Book Club meets on select Saturday mornings to discuss readings by a variety of authors. The club is free and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other creative people. The book for the September meeting is "Amazing Grace: The Life of Beauford Delaney" by Davy Leeming (published in 1998). Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/#event=book-club-sept-2022](https://delrayartisans.org/calendar/#event=book-club-sept-2022).

Del Ray Urban Sketchers

Sunday, September 18, 1-3pm

Bring your supplies and join coordinator Joan Bickelhaupt 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).

Partners in Art Evening

Tuesday, September 20, 7-9pm

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. RSVP to Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com.

HalloWEIRD Art Market

September 24, 10am-4pm

Outdoors RAIN or SHINE

Join us for our new outdoor art market to browse Halloween-inspired creations that are spooky, creepy, crawly, and goth-like. The market offers diverse, original handcrafted artwork from talented local artists in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/#event=halloween-market-2022](https://delrayartisans.org/exhibits/#event=halloween-market-2022).

Calls for Entry

For details and entry forms, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](https://delrayartisans.org/cfe).

Playful Creatures (September 26, 2022 - January 21, 2023)

Entries due September 4

Seeking artworks that show creatures being lively, spirited, frisky, impish, rollicking, and good natured. The art may be whimsical, imaginative, homespun, or conventional. The art may feature your favorite pet, something wild, or something mythical. Must be a Del Ray Artisans member to enter (join Del Ray Artisans now); 2-dimensional works only. No entry fee; pieces previously shown are welcome.

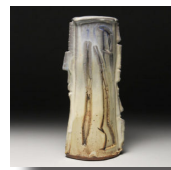


"Good Vibrations"
by Holly Fries

Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment (October 7-29)

Ceramic entries due Sunday, September 4

Non-ceramic entries due Sunday, September 11



Pottery by juror
Jeremy Wallace

This exhibit is a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic show focused on drinking vessels with a regional non-ceramic two- and three-dimensional show that echoes these themes. Artwork should be inspired by food, real or metaphorical, that nourishes the viewer. Artists may also highlight the rituals and places that celebrate the social gathering around sustenance. The juror, Jeremy Wallace, will be selecting cash artists awards.

Alcove Gift Shop (October 7 – November 27, 2022) and

Holiday Market (First 3 weekends in December)

Applications due Sunday, September 18, 2022 by midnight

Art on the Avenue Coming Soon

Save the Date: Saturday, October 1, 10am-6pm for this community art festival. Would you like to demonstrate your art during the festival? Or volunteer in the DRA tent? Great way to accrue volunteer hours while attending a fantastic event. For more info, email Kelly at outreach@delrayartisans.org.



Blast from the Past

During our 30th Anniversary year, we're highlighting a few fond memories from members. Also check out our online photo archives: bit.ly/dra-flickr.

I have several volumes of DRA fondness to reveal, but I will share a more recent one after my friend and longtime member John W. Hiller passed away in early 2020. His wife Alyssa Pease and I curated a Retrospective Photography Exhibit for this Oscar and Emmy winning cinematographer in July 2021. Alyssa donated the proceeds to a newly established high school student scholarship in John's name which was awarded in June 2022. Getting to know Alyssa has been a blessing for she has shown me what a generous spirit can accomplish. —Karen Schmitz, member since 1998



Karen and Alyssa with John's art
(July 2021)

Upcoming Life Drawing Session

PURTY: Gesture and Short Poses on Tuesday, September 6, 7-9pm

Drop-in and practice life drawing. Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint our nude model. Traditional drawing media (such as pencils, pens, and charcoal) are welcome; and pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. Please do not bring acrylics or oil paints. We don't supply easels - only plenty of chairs - but you are welcome to bring your own easel if you want to use one. All skill levels are welcome. More info at DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing.



*Detail of "To The Beat"
by Katherine Rand*

Upcoming Workshops

Register in advance at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops.

FUR-DY: Pet Portrait in Glass Workshop **Saturday, September 10, 9:30am-12pm and** **Wednesday, September 14, 7-8pm**



During this workshop, honor your favorite pet by creating a portrait with powdered glass! Following the "sgraffito" technique, students will use glass powder to create black and white portraits of their favorite pets on an 8" x 8" fusible glass square. Students will create their portraits and get them "ready to fire" on Saturday, September 10 from 9:30am-12pm. After the class the instructor will kiln-fire the portraits, and return them finished and framed to students on Wednesday, September 14 from 7-8pm for a class discussion. Register by September 6.

HURDY GURDY: Build your own musical instrument! **Saturday, Sept 24, 5:30-8:30pm and** **Sunday, Sept 25, 10am-1pm**

In this workshop you will build your own working medieval wheel instrument! The hurdy gurdy looks like a spaceship, but you turn the handle that presses a rosined wheel against two strings. First mentioned in a 10th century manuscript with two operators, the hurdy gurdy became a one-person instrument in the 13th century and all the rage in the 17th century court of King Louis XIV. No experience necessary. Follow step-by-step instructions with a punning historian who can't remember left and right! You will be chortling as you assemble your very own wooden puzzle and sing along to Donovan. Register by September 10.



NERDY: Tessellation Workshop **Wednesday, September 28, 12-3pm**



Use your love of art with basic math and geometry to explore the process of tessellation on a 2D surface. To tessellate you create a pattern that completely covers a surface without gaps or overlaps. Think of the awe-inspiring Al Hundra, works of Escher, and American quilts. Upon the completion of the workshop, you will have a better understanding of how artists use math and geometry, and will have practiced the tessellation process completing at least one work of art. Register by September 24.

MakersFEST is Saturday, October 22

MakersFEST is a free art-making day at the Four Mile Run Conservatory located outdoors at 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This event is funded by the Creative Neighborhood Grant Program and is made possible by the City of Alexandria and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Program Manager Karen Schmitz is selecting a diverse array of local artists to teach artmaking like printmaking and art "wavers" flags in this Arlandria/Chirilagua neighborhood of 70% Central American heritage. Interested in participating? Contact Karen at grants@delrayartisans.org.

Volunteer for DRA

Del Ray Artisans Artist Members are required to volunteer for at least 12 hours/year. Below are some current volunteer needs and more are available at DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer.

Newsletter Editor

Seeking a designer / editor with Adobe InDesign or Microsoft Word experience to layout DRA's monthly newsletter (this publication). The current editor is available to train. Contact newsletter@delrayartisans.org and communications@delrayartisans.org.

Curating Director

Help shepherd curators through the curating process each month. A team of volunteers helps with each task. This is a Board position and helps give curators a single point of contact. Contact president@delrayartisans.org.

Garden Volunteers

Join us in the garden on Saturday, September 17, 9-11:30am and October 15, 9-11:30am. You may also stop by and help during the week to weed and water the gardens, but any plantings must be pre-approved by the committee. Questions? Email gardens@delrayartisans.org.



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Gallery Hours:

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

Submission Deadline:

15th of the month
Editor: Laura Rush, Newsletter Editor
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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 2022

- 1 WHIRLY TWIRLY: First Thursday (sneak peek 12-9pm) outdoor activity 6-8pm
- 2-Oct. 1 ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT: *The Big 3-0*
curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Dale Spivey
- 3 30th Anniversary Party & Exhibit Reception, 3-6pm
- 4 *Playful Creatures* GWW Call for Entry deadline
- 4 *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment* ceramic call for entry deadline
- 6 PURTY: Life Drawing Session -- Gesture and Short Poses, 7-9pm
- 10 FUR-DY: Pet Portrait in Glass Workshop, 9:30am-12pm
- 11 *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment* non-ceramic call for entry deadline
- 12 SHOW ME: Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 14 FURR-DY: Pet Portrait pick up
- 17 GWW EXHIBIT: *Wonders of Nature* at VCA Alexandria ends
- 17 EARTHY: Volunteer in the Gardens, 9-11:30am
- 17 WORDY: Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 18 JOURNEY: Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 20 SHOW-ME: Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

September 2022, continued

- 24 HalloWEIRD Art Market, 10am-4pm, outdoors rain or shine
- 24 HURDY GURDY: Build your own musical instrument workshop (day 1), 5:30-8:30pm
- 25 HURDY GURDY: Build your own musical instrument workshop (day 2), 10am-1pm
- 26 GWW EXHIBIT: *Playful Creatures* at VCA Alexandria begins
- 28 NERDY: Tessellation Workshop, 12-3pm

October 2022

- 1 Art on the Avenue, 10am-6pm
- 2 Alcove and *The Big 3-0* artwork pick up by appointment
- 2 Alcove and *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment* artwork drop off by appointment
- 7-29 EXHIBIT: *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment*
curator: Stephen Lally
- 7 Exhibit Opening Day, 12-9pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 10 \$100 and Under Call for Entry deadline

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

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☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____

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☐ 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

Additional member benefits listed online