



Celebrating 30 Years of Making Art . . .

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# The Well-Crafted Word

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

## Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment Art Exhibit Runs October 7–29, 2022 Opening Reception: Friday, October 7, 7–9pm

In Ecclesiastes it is written that “there is nothing good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry.” The *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment* exhibit celebrates the way that food and drink bring people together and bring joy to our lives. It is a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic cup show focused on drinking vessels; with a regional two-dimensional and non-ceramic three-dimensional show that echoes these themes.

Join us on opening day, Friday, October 7, 7–9pm for curator remarks and juror awards. Thank you to [Artifacts Framing](#) and [Let's Meat on the Avenue](#) for sponsoring the awards! Plus join us online on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30pm for Cocktails with the Curator. Register at [DelRayArtisans.eventbrite.com](http://DelRayArtisans.eventbrite.com)

The exhibit is juried by Jeremy Wallace, a nationally recognized wood and soda fired potter, who completed a year-long residency at the Morean Center for Clay in St. Petersburg, FL and then returned to Baltimore in 2014 as the Lormina Salter Fellow at Baltimore Clayworks where he currently maintains his studio practice.

Gallery hours are Thursday 12–6pm, Friday 12–9pm, Saturday 12–6pm, and Sunday 12–6pm (closed on October 2 and 30). For details, please visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits) or contact the curator, Stephen Lally, at [slallypottery@gmail.com](mailto:slallypottery@gmail.com).



Pottery by juror  
Jeremy Wallace

## Welcome, New Members

- Ken Beerbohm
- Diana Bozza
- Maxine Cholmondeley
- Karen Feeley
- Carol Hamal
- Rohit Kamath
- Steve Lapin
- Cecile Mines
- Emilie Meichich Ting
- MonZen Tzen
- Jackie Vavra
- Joan Wages

## Online Annual Member Meeting, 2023 Board Elections

The Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 20 starts at 7pm and will be an online Zoom meeting. This meeting will be your opportunity to hear information about the exhibits planned for 2023 and vote for the 2023 Board of Directors.

If you are interested in running for a Board Position or if you have questions about the positions, please contact Betsy Mead at [egmead@gmail.com](mailto:egmead@gmail.com). 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. Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar)

## 30th Anniversary Gratitude

*The Big 3-0* members showcase ends on October 1st. This exhibit features 153 pieces of art made by 66 artists, a collection of 30 plus handcrafted cards, and acknowledgement of the contributions of our top 80 volunteers (2021–2022). Thank you to local restaurants [Alexandria Cupcake](#), [Del Ray Pizzeria](#), [Los Tios Grill](#), [McD Mateos McDonald's](#), and [Tsim Yung](#) for sponsoring the anniversary party on Sept 3. 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 got a chance to sign. Thank you to the photo albums scanning volunteers (Jacquelyn Denaali, Linda Lowery, Robyn McGarry, Laurel Prucha Moran, Pat Murphy, Kimlieu Nguyen, and Stephen Schiff), because of their work you may view DRA's 1992–2004 photos at [bit.ly/dra-photo-albums](http://bit.ly/dra-photo-albums). Thank you to curators Dale Spivey and Dawn Wyse Hurto and to every volunteer who keeps Del Ray Artisans active, fun, and effective!



“The Big 3-0”  
by Dawn Wyse Hurto

## Free Fun Activities

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

### Alexandria Arts Alliance Party for the Arts Saturday, October 8, 4-7pm

Join us at Alexandria Arts Alliance's Party for the Arts to celebrate the arts' impact and resilience as part of National Arts & Humanities Month. The event is at Canal Center Plaza (99 Canal Center Plaza, Alexandria VA) in the Old Town North Arts District. The event will feature performances on multiple outdoor stages and indoor galleries. Del Ray Artisans is a member of Alexandria Arts Alliance.

### Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, October 9, 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).

### Paws in the Park Outdoor Festival Sunday, October 16 11-4pm

Paws in the Park is fun for the whole family—featuring entertainment, activities, vendors, and, of course, a whole lot of adorable adoptables. Come visit Del Ray Artisans' tent with pet-inspired artwork from member Joyce Wagner. The free festival is in the Oronoco Bay Park (100 Madison St, Alexandria VA), and well-behaved leashed pets are welcome (no Flexi leashes please). DRA's Gallery Without Walls partner [VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital](#) is a sponsor of the event.

### Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, October 25, 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. The meeting is in person at the gallery, but you must RSVP at least a day in advance to Michele Reday Cook at [mredaycook@gmail.com](mailto:mredaycook@gmail.com).

## MAKERS FEST

### Saturday, October 22, 2-6pm

MakersFEST is a free, outdoor, art-making day at the Four Mile Run Conservatory (4109 Mount Vernon Avenue) in the Arlandria/Chirilaqua community, hosted by Del Ray Artisans in collaboration with Casa Chirilagua. During the event local artists are holding free art-making lessons in printmaking, drawing, painting, and more, with live music performances by Alexandria Citizens Band. The 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. Seeking a few more volunteers (Spanish speakers a plus) to make this event shine, contact Project Manager Karen Schmitz at [grants@delrayartisans.org](mailto:grants@delrayartisans.org).

### Art on the Avenue 2022

#### Rescheduled to Saturday, November 12, 10am-6pm

Art on the Avenue multicultural arts festival is all along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Directly in front of the gallery DRA will present artist demonstrations and merchandise to benefit our nonprofit. Art on the Avenue is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association (Del Ray Artisans is a member).

## Calls for Entry

Entry forms at  
[DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](https://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe)

### \$100 & Under (November 4 – 27) Entry Deadline: Monday, Oct 10 by midnight

Del Ray Artisans invites members to submit up to 4 artworks priced at \$100 or less. All media and all themes are welcome. The art will be sold on an art-to-go basis, with buyers taking art home when purchased.

### Local Artisan Showcase (Nov 21, 2022 – Nov 11, 2023) Entry Deadline: Sunday, Oct 30 by midnight

This is a year-long Gallery Without Walls exhibit at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital that showcases Del Ray Artisans members' artwork in the hospital exam rooms. Most subjects are welcome, with pieces featuring animals preferred. No entry fee; 2-dimensional works only.

## 2023 Wall Calendar Order at [bit.ly/dra-2023-calendar](https://bit.ly/dra-2023-calendar)

Del Ray Artisans' 2023 Wall Calendar is available for pre-order for just \$17/calendar until Oct 10. (Regular price \$20/calendar.) You will be notified when the calendars arrive in order to pick up your purchase. Thank you to the calendar sponsors: Homes of Alexandria Team of Compass (Ellen, Bobi and Daniela), McD Mateos McDonald's, Cosmopolitan Boat Club, and Zebra Press. Thank you to all the artists for the use of their work in the calendar, and thank you to everyone who purchases a calendar!



## Gesture & Short Poses Life Drawing Sessions

**Tuesday, October 18 and Tuesday, November 15 from 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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing).



Detail of "To The Beat"  
by Katherine Rand

## Floristry for Merry Beginners Workshops

**Sunday, October 16 from 6:30-7:30pm**

Interact with other budding florists in a friendly environment. Learn the basics of the color wheel and explore flower shapes. Select blooms and create a masterpiece you'll bring home at the end of the workshop. The supplies to create a basic arrangement are provided—including a small vessel and seasonal flowers. If desired, students may bring their own additional supplies, blooms, and vessels to supplement. Register by Oct 11 at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](https://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops).



## Gallery Without Walls Exhibits at VCA Alexandria

Stop by VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) to see Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibits *Local Artisan Showcase 2021-2022* and *Playful Creatures* by Del Ray Artisans members. *Local Artisan Showcase* is an annual exhibit viewable by appointment only in the exam rooms. The current showcase ends on Nov 12. *Playful Creatures* is a new 3-month concurrent exhibit in the lobby and side hallways and is available for viewing during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-6pm) from Sept 26, 2022–Jan 21, 2023. Both exhibits are also online. For more details, including the link to view online, visit [DelRayArtisans.org/gww](https://DelRayArtisans.org/gww).

1992-2022



## 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](https://bit.ly/dra-flickr).*

Welcome all! That should be Del Ray Artisans' motto! From my first show at DRA I felt welcome and accepted. I joined when Lynn and Richard Wyvill curated a fun show called *Rejected/Accepted*, where artists could submit pieces that had been rejected from other shows. Having two pieces admitted into the show gave me such a sense of belonging and pride that my artwork was accepted here, while it had been rejected elsewhere. It seems like everyone goes the extra mile to make sure beginners and established artists and artists from any and every media feel valued in whatever activity we do—from demos during Art on the Avenue to fantastic card-making parties and all the great shows and classes/workshops we have. So, the only thing to say when someone makes you feel this welcome is: "Thank you, thank you very much." —Eileen M. O'Brien, member since 2006



## The T-shirts are here!

Del Ray Artisans' 30th Anniversary T-shirt features "Zoom" portraits by members. The t-shirt is a dark gray Comfort Colors Heavyweight T-shirt (100% US ring spun cotton). Pick yours up at the gallery now! Just \$28 each. Proceeds support DRA.



Liz Uddin

## Creative Book Club

Save the date (Saturday, January 21, 10am-12pm) and start the book! The book for the first book club meeting of 2023 is *The Secret Lives of Color* by Kassia St. Clair. The book is organized around the color groups and full of very interesting research about all the colors imaginable. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please contact Rusty Lynn at [rustylynn@earthlink.net](mailto:rustylynn@earthlink.net).

## 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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/volunteer).

### 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](mailto:president@delrayartisans.org).

### Volunteer in the Garden

Join us in the garden on Saturday, 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](mailto:gardens@delrayartisans.org).





Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 [DelRayArtisans.org](http://DelRayArtisans.org)

#### Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12-6pm  
Friday 12-9pm  
Saturday 12-6pm  
Sunday 12-6pm (Closed Oct 2 & 30, 2022)

**Submission Deadline:** 15th of the month  
Newsletter Editor  
[Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto: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.

## 2022 Board of Directors

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## Calendar

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

### October 2022

- 2 Alcove and *The Big 3-0* art pick up, 12-3pm
- 2 Alcove and *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment* artwork drop off, 3-6pm
- 7-29 **EXHIBIT: *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment***  
curator: Stephen Lally | juror: Jeremy Wallace
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Alexandria Arts Alliance Party for the Arts,  
4-7pm at Canal Center Plaza
- 8 Cocktails with the Curator,  
7:30-8:30pm online
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm meetup  
outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 10 2023 Wall Calendar Pre-order deadline
- 10 *\$100 and Under* Call for Entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Volunteer in the Gardens, 9-11:30am
- 16 Paws in the Park, 11am-4pm at Oronoco Bay  
Park
- 16 Floristry for Merry Beginners Workshop,  
6:30-7:30pm

### October 2022 (continued)

- 18 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses),  
7-9pm
- 20 Annual Member Meeting & 2023 Board  
Elections, 7-9pm
- 22 MakersFEST, 2-6pm at Four Mile Run  
Conservatory
- 25 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 30 *Return to Eating, Drinking, and Merriment*  
artwork pick up, 12-3pm
- 30 *\$100 & Under* artwork drop off, 3-6pm

### November 2022

- 4-7 **EXHIBIT: *\$100 & Under* (Member Exhibit)**  
curator: Dale Spivey
- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 8 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 12 Art on the Avenue, 10am-6pm
- 12 **GWV EXHIBIT: *Local Artisan Showcase***  
**2021-2022** at VCA Alexandria ends
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm outside at St.  
Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 15 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses),  
7-9pm

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

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

## Other Key Contacts

- Anna Sherlock, Office Manager  
[Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org)
- Liz Martinez, GWV Curator  
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- Gardens Committee  
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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/](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

Membership Categories	Cost	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 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