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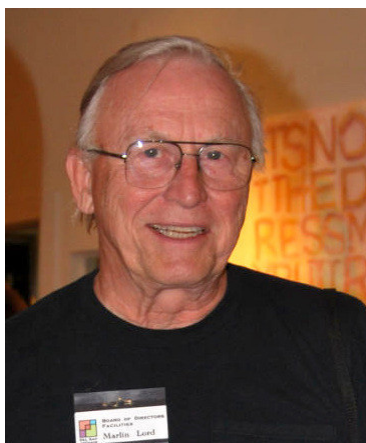
Founding Member and Legend

Celebrate the life of Marlin G. Lord, Sunday, November 13 from 6-8pm

Revered and beloved Del Ray Artisans Board Emeritus and Founding Member Marlin G. Lord passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Marlin was 84 years old. Join us on Sunday, November 13 from 6-8pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery to celebrate Marlin's life.

A gifted, accomplished architect and photographer, Marlin left his mark upon the city in ways seen and unseen. As a former President of the Del Ray Citizens Association as well as past Treasurer, Community/Business Liaison, and Facilities Director of Del Ray Artisans, where he was a founding member along with his loving and longtime dedicated partner Kathryn A. Brown, Marlin left an indelible mark on our community.

You cannot think of Marlin without Kathryn or Kathryn without Marlin. Together their civic activism, community service, philanthropic pursuits, and arts advocacy have made DRA and the ever eclectic yet prosperous Del Ray into what we know today. Their altruistic endeavors have cast a ripple



Marlin G. Lord (2011)

effect upon making Alexandria better and better for over three decades—earning them Alexandria Living Legend induction in 2013.

Born in Michigan and raised in Minnesota, Marlin earned degrees in architecture in 1960 and 1962. He's best known professionally for the straightening of the Monroe Avenue Bridge along Route 1, a project resulting in the corollary expansion of parkland at Simpson Field. Marlin also was integral in the redevelopment design of Potomac Yard.

Marlin's curricula vitae of civic engagement reads on and on: the Alexandria Arts Forum; the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission, where he served for 20 years, seven as Chairman; the Chinquapin Organic Gardens; King Street Gardens Park Foundation and countless City committees and task forces. With Kathryn by his side, a tandem partner in all things, there was always time to give, to give back, and give all. Marlin was truly a man for all seasons and is an Alexandria legend for all time.

\$100 & Under runs November 4-27

Opening Reception on Friday, November 4, 7-9pm

Del Ray Artisans is bringing back our popular *\$100 & Under* exhibit concept from 2015, 2017, and 2019 showcasing members' original artwork, all priced at \$100 or less. The art will be sold on an art-to-go basis, with buyers taking art home when purchased during the exhibit.

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, November 4 from 7-9pm to meet the curator and artists and select from the first available pieces. Del Ray Artisans' walls will be packed with lots of great art at prices all art-lovers can afford.

The *\$100 & Under* exhibit is at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays and Sundays 12-6pm. Closed on Thanksgiving Day. The exhibit and the current Alcove Gift Shop end on Sunday, November 27.

Face masks are recommended inside the gallery. The gallery is free, open to the public, and accessible. For more information, contact the curator Dale Spivey at President@DelRayArtisans.org.



Welcome, New Members

- Kristen Anderson
- Mariel Arata
- Jessica Brubaker
- Ian Dermott
- Jackquelyn Foster
- Vicki & Jim Hawarden
- Denise Hopson
- Vivian Houk
- Katelyn Richard
- Alexandra Schmeling
- Deondra Wilkins

Save these Dates

More details at DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

Art on the Avenue 2022

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).



*Photo by
Kelly M. MacConomy*

Del Ray Urban Sketchers

Sunday, November 13, 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).

Pen, Ink, and Watercolor Workshop

Monday, November 14, 6-8:30pm

Learn traditional and contemporary pen & ink techniques using a Uniball Vision fine point pen. Explore techniques such as hatching, cross-hatching and stippling with the pen and wet-into-wet techniques in watercolor. Learn about different types of paper. Take home your fantastic artwork which will make a great holiday gift. The workshop fee is \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 non-member; plus \$10 supply fee. Instructor: Holly Black. Register by midnight on November 11 at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops.



Flowers by Holly Black

Life Drawing Session, Gesture & Short Poses

Tuesday, November 15, 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. The session fee is \$8 Del Ray Artisans member / \$10 non-member. More info at DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing.



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

Holiday Market

**December 2-4, December 9-11,
and December 16-18**

Join us for our 27th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market. The Holiday Market is open for the first 3 weekends in December and different artists are featured each weekend! The Market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists presenting a variety of media. Hours are Fridays 6-9pm, and Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm.



2023 Board of Directors

As voted by the membership and announced at the Annual Meeting last month, please welcome the 2023 Board of Directors:

President – Dale Spivey
Vice President – Kellie Sansone
Secretary – Kathryn Brown
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Assistant Treasurer – Stephen Lally

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Facilities – Kurt Peterson
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Grants & Sponsorship – Karen Schmitz
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Technology – Dawn Wyse Hurto
Volunteers – Joshua Oliveira
Youth Programs – Amy Castine

Also announced at the meeting was the much anticipated 2023 exhibit schedule. See the insert in this newsletter for details on next year's themes.

2023 Wall Calendar

The 2023 calendars are here! 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), 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!



*Cover art by
Tracy Wilkerson*

Local Artisan Showcase begins at VCA Alexandria

The *Local Artisan Showcase* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital 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 by Del Ray Artisans members.

This is an annual exhibit that turns over each November. The current showcase ends on November 12, 2022, and the next showcase runs November 21, 2022 through November 11, 2023. The artwork is viewable by appointment only (Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm) because this exhibit is in the exam rooms of the animal hospital located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria VA. Contact Stephanie Frederick at stephanie.frederick@vca.com to schedule an appointment.

The concurrent *Playful Creatures* exhibit in the lobby and side hallways is available for walk-in viewing. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.

The exhibits are also online. For more details and a link to view, visit the exhibit pages at DelRayArtisans.org/gww or contact Liz Martinez (GWW@DelRayArtisans.org).



"Sleeping Fox"
by Leah Boynton

Calls for Entry

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Putting A Face To A Name

(January 6–28)

Entry Deadline: Saturday, December 10 by midnight

Reimagine your favorite fictional character! Seeking art that is a portrait of a fictional character from a novel, play, folklore, fairy tale, and more. Even though one may think of a portrait as a painting, this exhibit is open to all mediums and vivid imaginations.



Alcove Gift Shop

(January 6–February 25)

Entry Deadline: Sunday, December 11 by midnight

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

MakersFEST

What a great time at MakersFEST last month! The event was sponsored by Del Ray Artisans in collaboration with Casa Chirilagua and the Alexandria Citizens Band and made possible through the Creative Neighborhood Grant Program. Thank you to Karen Schmitz for organizing and all the artists and volunteers who shared their time and talent to make this a wonderful afternoon at Four Mile Run Conservatory.



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.

Remembering the touching experience of meeting so many Mississippi Artists from The Arts, Hancock County, whose homes and studios had been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. All monies from their sold artworks were given to the artists at the exhibit DRA held for them, Southern Surge, March 2 – April 1, 2007. The artists were extremely grateful and touched and some remain friends now. —Linda Elliff, member since 2005



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.

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.



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12-6pm
Friday 12-9pm
Saturday 12-6pm
Sunday 12-6pm
(Hours differ in December)

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
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Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org

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- Amy Castine, Youth Programs
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Calendar

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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 GWW EXHIBIT: *Local Artisan Showcase 2021-2022* at VCA Alexandria ends
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Celebration the life of Marlin G. Lord, 6-8pm
- 15 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7-9pm
- 21 GWW EXHIBIT: *Local Artisan Showcase 2022-2023* at VCA Alexandria begins
- 24 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Alcove Gift Shop and *\$100 & Under* artwork pick up, 4-8pm

December 2022

- 2-18 Holiday Market, Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am-6pm
- 10 *Putting a Face to a Name* entry deadline
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 19 Gallery Closed Now - 1/4/2023

January 2023

- 1 Alcove Gift Shop and *Putting a Face to a Name* artwork drop off, 12-6pm
- 6-28 EXHIBIT: *Putting a Face to a Name*
curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
- 6 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 10 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 *The Unseen* entry deadline
- 17 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7-9pm
- 21 Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 29 *Putting a Face to a Name* artwork pick up and *The Unseen* artwork drop off, 12-6pm

February 2023

- 3-25 EXHIBIT: *The Unseen*
curator: Peter Michaels,
juror: Dr. Michal Gavish
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm online
- 7 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7-9pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

- Anna Sherlock, Office Manager
Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org
- Liz Martinez, GWW Curator
GWW@DelRayArtisans.org
- Gardens Committee
Gardens@DelRayArtisans.org
- Sunshine Committee
Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org

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2023 Exhibit Schedule

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Putting a Face to a Name (January 6-28, 2023)

Entry deadline Saturday, December 10, 2022; Receiving Sunday, January 1 by appointment

Curator: Gordon Thomas Frank, gordonfrank666@gmail.com

Open to all area artists. Be creative and reimagine a fictional character from any medium (books, movies, plays, poetry, television, comics, etc.)

The Unseen (February 3-25, 2023)

Entry deadline Tuesday, January 10; Receiving Sunday, January 29 by appointment

Curator: Peter Michaels, petermichael0314@gmail.com | Juror: Dr Michal Gavish

Open to all area artists. "The Unseen" invites us to see what we typically cannot see, relishing what is hidden, under the surface, microscopic, imagined, or dreamt.

Fun With One (March 3 - April 1, 2023)

Entry deadline Friday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, February 26 by appointment

Curators: Rusty Lynn, rustylynn@earthlink.net, and Kelly Postula, creativekmp20@gmail.com

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Create art using only one color (monochromatic)—any single color with white and/or black accents

A Tale of Two Studios (April 7–29, 2023)

Entry deadline Friday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, April 2 by appointment

Curator: Amy Kitchin Hower, alkitchin.dc@gmail.com

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members and Art Enables artists. Open theme showcasing the inspiring and diverse works by artists from Del Ray Artisans and Art Enables

Prints in May @ DRA! (May 5–27, 2023)

Entry deadline Monday, April 10; Receiving Sunday, April 30 by appointment

Curator: Ellen Rosenthal, efrosevalley@gmail.com, and Kitty Russell

Open to all area artists and free entry for high school students. Enter art created by or with ANY form of printmaking, from traditional printmaking on paper, to mixed media, to impressions on clay, to stamps on metal, to computer generated art, and more.

Spring Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, May 13, 2023)



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The Freedom of June (June 2–25, 2023)

Entry deadline Wednesday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 28 by appointment

Curator: Maria I. Hart, fundraising@delrayartisans.org

Open to all area artists. Tell the story of those who suffered and toiled to make this country a great nation, celebrate Juneteenth, and highlight the resilience, strength & beauty of African American culture

Summer Art Market (Indoors - July 8–9, 2023)

Treasures of the DMV (August 4-26, 2023)

Entry deadline Monday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, July 30 by appointment

Curator: Ron Reel, reellawyer@gmail.com

Open to all area artists. Celebrate the wonders of the DMV (DC / Maryland / Virginia)—the famed, overlooked, natural, or abstract, from the artist's perspective. Such images may be real or imagined, creating a sense of place and time.

Farther Afield (September 1–30, 2023)

Entry deadline Thursday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 27 by appointment

Curator: Alexandra Schmeling, Hello@alexandraschmeling.com

Open to all area artists. Enter artwork inspired by travel

HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, September 23, 2023)

Curses! Foiled Again! The art of swords and sorcery

(October 6–28, 2023)

Entry deadline Sunday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, October 1 by appointment

Curator: Erica Hughes, zarathustraspeaks@msn.com

Open to all area artists. Explore the visual aspects of swords, sorcery, and the fantastical

Housemates (November 3–26, 2023)

Entry deadline Tuesday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, October 29 by appointment

Curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry, rsmpaintdiva@cox.net

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Showcase the beings we share our homes with—the furred, feathered, finned, scaly as well as the “two-legged” variety

Holiday Market (Indoors - December 1–17, 2023)



Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone		
Home	Cell	Work

Email Address(es)

List artist media (optional)

Referred by (optional) _____

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

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

☐ \$ 40

☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____

☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____

☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Financial	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents:
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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

Additional member benefits listed online