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The Well-Crafted Word

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January 2023

Putting A Face To A Name runs January 6-28 Opening Reception Friday, January 6, 7-9pm

Come see the *Putting A Face To A Name* art exhibit—a clever showcase where local artists reimagine fictional characters from books, movies, plays, poetry, television, and more.

Join us at the opening reception on Friday, January 6 from 7-9pm to meet the curator and artists. Mark your calendar or set a reminder through Eventbrite at https://face-name.eventbrite.com

The *Putting A Face To A Name* exhibit runs January 6–28, 2023 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. The gallery is closed the last Sunday of the month (January 29, 2023).



"Puck" by Zade Ramsey

For more information, contact the curator Gordon Thomas Frank at gordonfrank666@gmail.com.

Call for Entry: The Unseen Exhibit dates: February 3–25, 2023 Digital entries due: Tuesday, January 10

Artists are invited to explore the hidden, under the surface, microscopic, imagined, or dreamt that make life so much richer. Only bound by your imagination, the curator hopes all artists will take us to places only they have been...in their minds, their dreams, their dives, their experiments, their hopes, and their fears. The juror is renowned scientist and artist Michal Gavish. The exhibit is open to all area artists. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee.



Detail of "The Forbidden Garden" by Betsy Mead

Call for entry and other details for *The Unseen* can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/2022/11/the-unseen-cfe/

Welcome, New Members

- Kristen Anderson
- Mariel Arata
- Jessica Brubaker
- Barbara Cooper
- Ian Dermott
- Denise Hopson
- Jeffrey Human
- Margaret McDonald
- Alexandra Schmeling
- Deondra Wilkins



2023 Calendars & 30th Anniversary T-shirts on Sale!

Our 2023 wall calendars featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members are now just \$15 each; and our 30th Anniversary T-shirts are now just \$22 each! All proceeds support our nonprofit. Show your support and pick up one (or more) of these artful shirts and calendars.nonprofit.

Calls for Entry

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Hygge exhibit (January 30-April I) at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Entry Deadline: Sunday, January 8 by midnight

Members Only: "Hygge" is a word in Danish and Norwegian that describes a mood of coziness and "comfortable conviviality" with feelings of wellness and contentment. Explore what brings you contentment through representational or abstract art. 2D work only. Gallery Without Walls exhibits are a member benefit (no entry fee).



"Ute, The Queen of Springhill Drive is In" by Ellen Rosenthal

Fun With One (March 3 – April 1) Open to Del Ray Artisans Members Only Entry Deadline: Friday, February 10 by midnight

Del Ray Artisans invites members to have fun with one color—to create monochromatically. Choose a color (any color) and create using just this one color, altered if you like with white and/or black, or with the color's opposite on the color wheel. Not limited to just one color of red, for instance, but could include Red, Pink, Scarlet, and Dragon's Blood. Have fun exploring your color's rich variety. The artist awards will be juried by Robin Croft.



"Mt Gamboge" by Rusty Lynn



Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap Sunday, February 19, 2023, 4–6pm

If you haven't already, check your studios, basements, closets, attics – wherever you have stashed those old art supplies that you really thought you would use, and bite the bullet... if you haven't used them yet – give someone else a chance. Maybe you will find a new project waiting for you.

Our first 2023 Member Meeting is DRA's traditional opportunity for members to swap unused art supplies for "new to you" supplies from fellow members. Always popular at DRA, this swap is a great opportunity to chat about making art.

Please bring your old supplies with you to the meeting. We will collect and display them. Light refreshments will be served as we learn about the latest DRA news, and view the supplies. We will then pull names from a hat to take turns choosing "new" supplies. Save the date: Sunday, February 19 at 4pm!

Want to Teach?

The Director of Programs is looking for artists and craftspeople to teach adult-only and/or kid-friendly classes in 2023! First time teaching? We'll help you figure it out! We are bombarded with queries for in-person classes, we are asking you to step up and teach. We'd like to run several classes on basic painting techniques, clay or wood sculpture, jewelry and gems, introductory mosaic construction, beginner's woodcarving, wire wrapping, and rubber stamp carving. These are not associated with any particular show and will be taught on days or evenings when the gallery is not open to the public. Got a skill set that isn't mentioned but that you'd like to teach? Contact Programs@DelRayArtisans.org, or fill out a proposal submission at DelRayArtisans.org/programs.

Support DRA through Your Purchases

Did you know you can support Del Ray Artisans through online shopping? Del Ray Artisans will receive a percentage of your purchase price at no cost to you through the AmazonSmile program, as well as affiliate programs for Blick Art Materials, Michaels Stores, and Utrecht Art Supplies. Designate Del Ray Artisans as your AmazonSmile charity at bit.ly/dra-smile or shop for art supplies through these links within 24 hours of clicking:

Blick - bit.ly/dra-blick Michaels - bit.ly/dra-michaels Utrecht - bit.ly/dra-utrecht

More details can be found at DelRayArtisans.org/other-support. Thank YOU for your support!



Creative Workshops

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

Basic Block Printing Workshop Saturday, January 7 from 9-1 Lam

Learn the basics of block printing—including designing a block; carving a block; inking and printing the block; and ways to incorporate block printing into other art media. You must bring all the supplies with you (see supply list and order 7+ days in advance). The workshop fee is \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 non-member. Instructor: Ellen Rosenthal. (SOLD OUT! Registration closed).

Rosenthal. (SOLD OUT! Registration closed). Mono Printing Fun with Gel Plates Workshop Thursday, January 12 from 6-9pm

Create one-of-a-kind prints that can be beautiful collage papers or stand on their own. Learn how to pull gel plate prints with different papers and paints, and by using found objects, stamps, stencils and natural elements. The workshop fee is \$50 Del Ray Artisans member / \$60 non-member, plus a \$15 supply fee. All tools will be on loan for use during the workshop. To purchase tools (optional), bring \$20 to class. Instructor: Eileen O'Brien. Register by midnight on January 9.



Happy Flowers by Ellen Rosenthal



Print by Eileen O'Brien

Victorian Inspired Earrings Workshop Saturday, January 21 from 6-9pm

Design and make four pairs of earrings using beautiful findings, semi-precious stones and crystals inspired by the Victorian Era. Add your own style to each pair of earrings with guided instruction along the way. The workshop fee is \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 non-member, plus a \$25 supply fee. Instructor: Y'vonne Page-Magnus. Register by midnight on January 15.

Beyond the Block: Experimenting With Nontraditional Printmaking Workshop Saturday, February 18 from 10am-12pm

Explore ways to make prints without purchasing tons of supplies. Use reclaimed materials to divert waste from landfills while creating prints that can stand alone or be incorporated into artwork from other disciplines. The workshop fee is \$15 Del Ray Artisans member / \$25 non-member, plus a \$5 supply fee. Instructor: Meredith D'Amore. Register by midnight on February 14.

Post-Printing Party Workshop Saturday, March 18 from 10am-12pm

Got Prints? Maybe you've got some extra prints from your printmaking experiences lying around? During the Post-Printing Party Workshop, we will explore ways to give new life to those extra prints: mixed media, collage, paper weaving, foldables, and more! The workshop fee is \$5 Del Ray Artisans member / \$10 non-member, plus a \$5 supply fee. Instructors: Ellen Rosenthal, Kitty Russell, Eileen O'Brien, Meredith D'Amore. Registration coming soon.



Earrings by Y'vonne Page-Magnus



"Waste Not" Meredith D"Amore



"Ready to Go" Ellen Rosentha

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, January 8, 1-3pm

Bring your supplies and join Joan Bickelhaupt outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. This is a free, drop-in program that meets outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub (2300 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA). More info at DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking

Life Drawing Session Tuesdays, January 17 and February 7, 7-9pm

Drop-in and practice life drawing (gesture and short poses). Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint our nude model. Traditional drawing media are welcome; and pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. Do not bring acrylics or oil paints. All skill levels are welcome. The fee is \$8 Del Ray Artisans member / \$10 non-member per session. More info at DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing

Creative Book Club Saturday, January 21 from 10am-12pm

The book, *The Secret Lives of Color* by Kassia St. Clair, is organized around the color groups and full of interesting research about all the colors imaginable. Please



feel free to bring a piece of your artwork to share that uses your favorite colors to the discussion. This is a free, drop-in program. More info at DelRayArtisans.org/book-club

Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, January 24, 7-9pm

Calling fellow artists, beginners to professionals, you are invited to join our art-support group. Bring 1-2 artworks, any medium, in any stage, for advice and feedback. BEFORE the day of the meeting, contact Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com for details. Free, donations appreciated. More info at DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12–6pm Friday 12–9pm Saturday 12–6pm Sunday 12–6pm (Closed Jan 1 & Jan 29)

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month Newsletter 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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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
- 7 Basic Block Printing Workshop, 9–11am
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 8 Hygge GWW exhibit entry deadline
- 9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 The Unseen entry deadline
- 12 Mono Printing Fun with Gel Plates Workshop, 6–9pm
- 17 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7–9pm
- 21 Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 21 Victorian Inspired Earrings Workshop, 6–9pm
- **21 GWW EXHIBIT:** *Playful Creatures* at VCA Alexandria ends
- 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

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

30 GWW EXHIBIT: *Hygge* at VCA Alexandria begins

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3–25 EXHIBIT: *The Unseen* curator: Peter Michaels, juror: Dr. Michal Gavish

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- 26 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

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
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2023 Exhibit Schedule

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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, <u>zarathustraspeaks@msn.com</u>

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)



Membership Form

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Name					
Title	First	M.I.		Last	
Additional Household N	Members				
Business/Organization					
Address					
City		_ State		Zip code	
Phone Home	Cell			Work	
Email Address(es)					
List artist media (option	nal)				
Referred by (optional)_					
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☐ \$ 250 Silver ☐ \$ 500 Gold ☐ \$ 1,000 Platinum		□ \$ 110 □ \$ 45	. ,	□ \$ 40	
Add a Donation					
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Checks payable to: Do Mail to: Del Ray Artisa Or join online: www.Do	ans, Membership, 2			xandria, VA 22301	

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

Membership Categories and Benefits											
		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 Categories	Cost		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 me	embership)									
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online