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The Unseen Exhibit runs February 3–25 Opening Reception Friday, Feb 3 from 7–9pm

Join us for the opening reception of *The Unseen* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans on Friday, February 3 between 7-9pm to meet the curator, Peter Michaels, and the artists. This exhibit reveals what we typically cannot see, the hidden, under the surface, microscopic, imagined, and dreamt that make life so much richer.

Juried by renowned scientist and artist Michal Gavish, who recently returned from a residency in Seoul and a one-person show in New York City. She received her MFA in Painting and previously earned a PhD in Physical Chemistry. *The Unseen* piggybacks off Dr. Gavish's work with microscopic structures in her art.

The Unseen exhibit runs February 3–25, 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 (February 26, 2023).



*Detail of "The Forbidden Garden"
by Betsy Mead*



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!

Welcome, New Members

- Carl Andersen
- Anette K.M. Andersson
- Rebecca Basnight
- Barbara Buzzell
- Lori Fredricks
- Stacy Laine Giltner
- Brandon Gould
- Dan Hildt
- Susan Hillson
- Jana Jurukovska
- Mary Katz
- Susan Livingston
- Archa Malhotra
- Sabrina Morelli
- Leslie Nicholls
- Lee Richards
- Maria Rinaldi
- Robin Robinson
- Ginny Roth
- Audrey Relene Schuster
- Beverly Margaret Tomasello
- Carol Wu

Art Camp 2023

Del Ray Artisans invites young campers for "Kids Just Wanna Have Fun" Summer Art Camp to spend a week creating art with professional local artist instruction.

Week 1 (July 17–21) or Week 2 (July 24–28). For Ages: 8-12 (class size 10 children per week)

For more information
[DelRayArtisans.org/
calendar/#event=art-camp-2023](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/#event=art-camp-2023)

Calls for Entry

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Not a Del Ray Artisan Member? Join Del Ray Artisans now to enter member-only exhibits and enjoy member-level pricing.

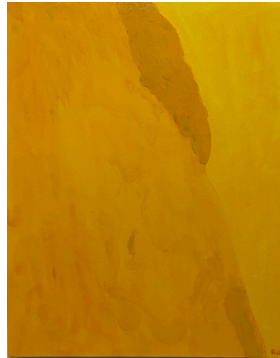
Fun With One (March 3 – April 1)

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

Alcove Gift Shop (March 3 – April 29)

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members Only

Entry Deadline: Sunday, February 12

by midnight

Del Ray Artisans has established the Alcove as a gift shop within the gallery, where members who apply and are accepted 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 will be 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.

A Tale of Two Studios (April 7–29)

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members & Art Enables Artists

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 10

by midnight

A Tale of Two Studios showcases inspiring and diverse works by local artists from Del Ray Artisans and Art Enables. Del Ray Artisans develops community-based arts activities, events, and exhibits for the benefit of artists and the community. Art Enables is a vocational arts program dedicated to creating opportunities for artists with disabilities to make, market, and earn income from their original and compelling artwork. Both groups are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.



"Class Project" by
Maurice Barnes, Art Enables

Del Ray Artisans members are invited to submit up to three (3) art pieces that best present their personal artistic style, medium, or subject matter. If members wish to create new 2D and 3D work(s) around the theme of 'disability,' 'outsider,' 'progressive studios' they are encouraged to do so. To learn more about the value of outsider art, read this article: art-enables.org/post/5906-the-value-of-outsider-art. This call for entry is only open to Del Ray Artisans members and Art Enables artists.

Raffle to Win Garden Statues



Don't miss your chance to win two beautiful outdoor statues of the Chinese Buddhist Deities of Compassion (Guan Yin) and Longevity (Shou Lao). Each statue is approximately 8" wide x 7" deep x 24" tall. Raffle tickets are just **\$3 each or \$10 for 4 tickets**, and all proceeds benefit Del Ray Artisans 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Purchase tickets at the gallery or online at bit.ly/garden-statues

The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class



The Artist's Way, written by the brilliant Julia Cameron, is designed to help kickstart a creative life. Over the course of six weeks, journey step by step through Cameron's creative process. Each week we'll read two chapters to work through the exercises on our own, then meet the following Sunday for group discussion. The sessions are each Sunday 2-4pm from March 5-April 16.

Del Ray Artisans member-\$250 / Non-member-\$300. Students should purchase their own copy of the book. For info at DelRayArtisans.org/programs/#event=the-artists-way-zoom

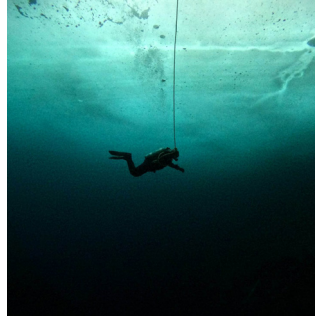
Creative Programs

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/programs

The Unseen World of Extreme Diving (Free Zoom Talk)

Wednesday, February 1 from 7-8pm

Join technical diving enthusiast Matt Hanson as he describes typically unseen environments in scuba. Matt will discuss the joys, hazards, and equipment associated with diving under ice or deeper than 130 feet. Divers must bring their own light and warmth, maintain the oxygen needed to support life. Matt will provide photographs, media, and stories from his own dives and resources for exploring the broader world of technical diving.



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.



"Waste Not"
Meredith D'Amore

Women with ADHD (Free Zoom Talk) Tuesday, February 21 from 7-8pm

Women with ADHD are often unseen in medical literature. Only a few studies across a broad range of journals have attempted to research how hormonal increase during the menstrual period affects ADHD severity, and even fewer have focused on potentially how the hormonal change through menstrual cycles impacts medication efficacy or vitamin deficits. Join Faith Hendon for a discussion and meta-analysis of current research within and external to the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) focusing on ADHD and women, with a secondary focus on cyclic (menstrual/hormonal) patterns of observable symptoms and behaviors.



"Chaos Warrior"
by Faith Andana

Introduction to Paper Quilling Workshop Saturday, February 25 from 10am-12pm

Learn the art of paper quilling! Students will be introduced to the tools and techniques of this ancient art form. The instructor will walk everyone through step-by-step basic scrolls and how to use each of the tools, demonstrate some flowers and animals, and guide participants through making their own paper quill. All materials for the class will be provided, and the students will take home a full set of tools so they can continue creating fabulous flowers, animals, and whatever else they can imagine! Come learn a new skill that is as old as paper itself! Instructor: Erica Hughes. \$15 Del Ray Artisans member / \$25 Non-member, plus \$30 supply fee



Life Drawing Session

Tuesdays, 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, February 11
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



Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, February 12, 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

Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, February 21, 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 February 26)

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
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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

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April 2023

- 1 GWW EXHIBIT: *Hygge* at VCA Alexandria ends
- 2 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm
- 2 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

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CLASSIFIEDS FOR DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERS

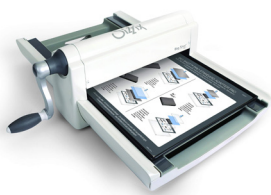
Have you been cleaning out your art-making spaces during the pandemic? We're collecting a list of art supplies and art-related items that you would like to sell or give away to other members. We'll include the list in the newsletter announcement email to members on the 1st of the month. Exchange of items will be arranged by the people involved.

Please email a short description of the item(s) available, specifying whether donation or sale (with price), and your contact info that will be included with the item, to Rita Cohen at blueweave1@yahoo.com by the 25th of the month.

**TENT & weights**

eCanopy Caravan 10'x10' tent + 4 velcro loop sidewalls. 7' high headroom clearance; offers coverage from sun and rain; 500-Denier polyester top is treated to resist fire; easy set-up; roller bag carrying case. Included with this package are tent weights: 8 Ingot weights (2/stakes) -15 pounds each, hook and loop fastener. \$200.

Contact: asgraboyes@gmail.com

**DIE CUT MACHINE & die set.**

Sizzix Big Shot Pro Die Cutting & embossing machine. (It is used for cutting materials such as paper, fabric, vellum, metal, and other materials that scissors can cut. It is most commonly used by crafters, quilters, sewers for scrapbooking, cardmaking, home décor, jewelry making and other arts and crafts activities.) Included is a 7-pack Ellison die set. \$100

Contact: asgraboyes@gmail.com

Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center

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☐ \$ 40

Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
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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 | |

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

Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online