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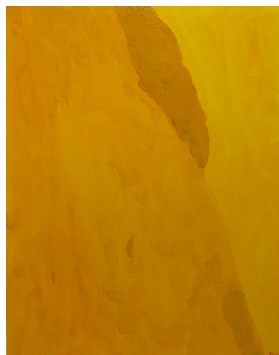
[DelRayArtisans.org](http://DelRayArtisans.org)

## Fun With One runs March 3–April 1, 2023 Opening Reception Friday, March 3 from 7–9pm

The *Fun With One* art exhibit showcases 2D and 3D monochromatic artwork by Del Ray Artisans members—revealing a fascinating variety even using only one color. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, March 3 between 7-9pm to meet the curators and artists. Come to the reception dressed all in one color for fun and a chance to win a free 30th Anniversary T-shirt.

The artists awards are juried by Robin Croft, an artist from Manassas, VA whose works include painting and sculpture. Many of his sculptures are created from found materials in nature, created to be left outdoors, and not glued or nailed together in any way so the natural materials can then be redistributed by the natural elements of wind and sea water. He has taught a variety of courses in drawing, painting, and collage at the Lorton Workhouse Art Center.

The *Fun With One* exhibit runs March 3–April 1, 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 on April 2, 2023.



*"Mt Gamboge"*  
by Rusty Lynn

## Welcome, New Members

- John Allen
- Pinar Artuk Boegel
- Lori Welch Brown
- Wolfram Brueckmann
- Eleftheria Easley
- Gail Goriesky
- Emma Heuer
- Kimberlynn Jurkowski
- Sue Lacy
- Sonya Melescu
- Jennifer Patterson
- Karin Spondijan

## Hygge Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Now thru April 1, 2023



*"A Quick Nap"*  
by Sunny Chen

"Hygge" is a word in Danish and Norwegian that describes a mood of coziness and "comfortable conviviality" with feelings of wellness and contentment. The *Hygge* exhibit, featuring 2D artwork exploring this theme, is a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls exhibit in partnership with VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. Details: [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/#event=hygge](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/#event=hygge)

## Call for Artists Del Ray Artisans' Spring Art Market Application deadline: Sunday, March 26, by midnight

Join Del Ray Artisans in its tradition of outdoor art markets! This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in the Colasanto Park adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

Artist participation fee: \$25 for Del Ray Artisans Members and \$40 for non-members, plus 10% of sales  
Details and application: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/#event=sam-2023-cfa-due](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/#event=sam-2023-cfa-due)



The Spring Art Market is on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 10am-4pm, RAIN or SHINE, in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA (at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue).

## Calls for Entry

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

### **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.



*"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](https://art-enables.org/post/5906-the-value-of-outsider-art).

**Not a Del Ray Artisans Member?** [Join Del Ray Artisans now](https://DelRayArtisans.org) to enter member-only exhibits and enjoy member-level pricing.

### **Prints in May @ DRA (May 5–27)** **Entry Deadline: Monday, April 10** **by midnight**

Let's explore the possibilities of printmaking and imprinting for the *Prints in May @ DRA: Exploring the Possibilities* exhibit at Del Ray Artisans!

Traditional printmaking techniques are welcome, such as block prints, intaglio prints, monoprints, collagraphs, and silkscreens, along with any traditional print enhanced with mixed media, or repurposed in any way. Equally welcome are stamped metal jewelry; ceramic objects with imprinted designs; hand printed fabrics; and original art created using computer graphics programs, but please, no AI generated work.

*Prints in May @ DRA* is open to all area artists and high school students. Del Ray Artisans members pay a lower entry fee, and high school students can enter for free.



Artwork, from upper left:  
*"Block printed Bandanas" by Meredith D'Amore;*  
*"It's a Beautiful Day" by Meredith D'Amore;*  
*"Crinkles" by Eileen O'Brien;*  
*"Sometimes I Dream" by Gordon Frank;*  
*"Covered Vessel" by Petra Roth;*  
*"Book Time" by Ellen Rosenthal*

## Garden Committee Volunteering

The 2023 garden season is upon us, look for more news and an updated schedule. If you have any questions, email Kurt and Jenny at [gardens@delrayartisans.org](mailto:gardens@delrayartisans.org).

## 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. Register by midnight on March 1 at [DelRayArtisans.org/programs/#event=the-artists-way-zoom](https://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/#event=the-artists-way-zoom)

## Raffle to Win Garden Statues



### *And the winner is...*

There's still time to win two beautiful outdoor statues of the Chinese Buddhist Deities of Compassion (Guan Yin) and Longevity (Shou Lao). The drawing will be during the *Fun With One* art exhibit opening reception. 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](https://bit.ly/garden-statues)



## Creative Workshops

Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](https://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops)

### Beyond the Block: Experimenting With Nontraditional Printmaking Workshop Saturday, March 4 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.

Instructor Meredith D'Amore will demonstrate plate-making techniques with recycled packaging materials as well as how to ink plates to achieve different results without the need for a press. Students will create their own collagraphs and discuss ways to reduce the ecological footprint of our artmaking as we explore ways to make prints with what we already have.

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 March 1.



*"Waste Not"*  
Meredith D'Amore

### 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? Wondering what to do with them? 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! Each participant needs to bring at least one print (preferably more), a pair of scissors and, if possible, pieces or scraps of decorative paper. In addition, an optional Print Exchange will take place: leave a print in the basket as you arrive and take a new one home at the end.



*"Ready to Go"*  
by Ellen Rosenthal

The workshop fee is \$5 Del Ray Artisans member / \$10 non-member, plus a \$5 supply fee, and bring scissors and prints. Instructor: Ellen Rosenthal. Register by midnight on March 14.

## Art Camp 2023: Choose July 17-21 or July 24-28 Registration is Open!

Del Ray Artisans invites young campers ages 8-12 years old for "Kids Just Want To Have Fun!" Summer Art Camp to spend a week creating art with professional local artist instruction. Students will have an immersive creative journey: painting, sculpting, journaling and other artful planned activities. During nice weather, kids will even have outdoors time to get fresh air, unwind, and replenish their creative energy. All artist supplies are provided. There will be an online photo album highlighting the two weeks of art camp available later in August for parents, friends and the community to enjoy. For more information, see [DelRayArtisans.org/art-camp-2023](https://DelRayArtisans.org/art-camp-2023) or contact Amy Castine (Youth Programs Director) at [Youth@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Youth@DelRayArtisans.org) and Anna Sherlock (Office Manager) at [Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org).



### Life Drawing Session

**Tuesday, March 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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing)

### Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, March 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](https://DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking)

### Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, March 21, 7-9pm

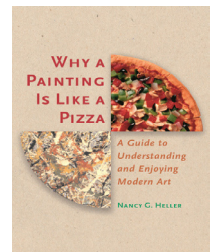
Calling fellow artists, beginners to professionals, you are invited to join our art-support group. Bring 1-2 artworks, any medium, in any stage, for advice and feedback. BEFORE the day of the meeting, contact Michele Reday Cook at [mredaycook@gmail.com](mailto:mredaycook@gmail.com) for details. Free,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

### Creative Book Club

**Saturday, April 22  
from 10am-12pm**

The book is *Why A Painting Is Like A Pizza: A Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Modern Art* by Nancy G. Heller. How is

a painting like a pizza? Both depend on visual balance for much of their overall appeal and, though both can be judged by a set of established standards pizzas and paintings must ultimately be evaluated in terms of individual taste. More info at [DelRayArtisans.org/book-club](https://DelRayArtisans.org/book-club)





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 April 2)

**Submission Deadline:** 15th of the month  
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

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

### March 2023

- 3– 4/1 **EXHIBIT: *Fun With One***  
curators: Rusty Lynn and Kelly Postula
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception and Garden Statues Raffle Drawing, 7–9pm
- 3 Alcove gift shop refreshed for March & April
- 4 Beyond the Block: Experimenting With Nontraditional Printmaking Workshop, 10am–12pm
- 5 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7–9pm
- 10 *A Tale of Two Studios* entry deadline
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 12 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Post-Printing Party Workshop 10am–12pm
- 19 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 26 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm

### April 2023

- 1 **GWV 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
- 6 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–9pm)
- 7– 29 **EXHIBIT: *A Tale of Two Studios***  
curator: Amy Kitchin, Art Enables
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception 7–9pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 *Prints in May @ DRA* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 12–26 Spring2ACTion 2023
- 16 The Artist's Way 6-Week Zoom Class 2–4pm
- 18 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7–9pm
- 22 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 25 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

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

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

## Other Key Contacts

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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

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☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans

Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

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## Membership Categories and Benefits

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