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April 2023

# The Well-Crafted Word

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DelRayArtisans.org

## A Tale of Two Studios runs April 7-29, 2023

Opening Reception on Friday, April 7 from 7-9pm

Del Ray Artisans partners with DC Gallery and Studio Art Enables to showcase the inspiring and diverse art of these two local community organizations and to forge creative exchange through artist talks, workshops, and tours. The *A Tale of Two Studios* art exhibit (curated by Amy Kitchin and co-juried by Art Enables artist Toni Lane and program manager Aimee Wanner) features favorite works by Del Ray Artisans members and Art Enables resident artists. Both groups are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.



*"The Teleportal from Art Enables to Del Ray Artisans" by Shawn Payne, Art Enables*

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, April 7 between 7-9pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery. During the opening reception, Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (VA-45) will present Del Ray Artisans with Commending House Resolution 797 from the Virginia House of Delegates. The resolution highlights the impact Del Ray Artisans has had promoting the arts and arts education in Alexandria while helping local artists grow and thrive for the past three decades. Please join us for this special presentation. In conjunction with the *A Tale of Two Studios* exhibit, these events will be hosted at Art Enables at 2204 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, DC:

**Saturday, April 8, 11am-3pm | Monotype Printing Workshop** - DRA member Eileen M. O'Brien will lead the 2nd Saturday Workshop at Art Enables. Event is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, April 22, 2-5pm | Wine & Cheese Reception at Art Enables** - Art Enables invites Del Ray Artisans members to this special reception. Resident artists and staff from Art Enables will be present and provide tours of galleries and studios to Del Ray Artisans members. RSVP to [akitchin@art-enables.org](mailto:akitchin@art-enables.org).

**Saturday, June 10, 11am-3pm | Wax Crayon Art Workshop** - DRA member Amy Castine will lead the 2nd Saturday Workshop at Art Enables. Event is free and open to the public.

## FIRST THURSDAY

April 6, 6-9pm - Gallery Hours 12-9pm

Del Ray celebrates First Thursday, a Del Ray community event along Mount Vernon Avenue on the first Thursday of the month between April-September. Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery (open 12-9pm on First Thursdays) for a peek at the upcoming art exhibit. The neighborhood theme in April is Cherry Blossoms.

## Welcome New Members

- Calina Franzosa
- Susan Lefler
- Robin Ludt
- Lewis Smith

## Spring2ACtion 2023 Donate April 12-26

Starting Wednesday, April 12 through Wednesday, April 26, 2023 (Giving Day) our community comes together to support the amazing work of Alexandria nonprofits through Spring2ACtion, hosted by ACT for Alexandria. Please remember Del Ray Artisans is one of those worthy causes!

During Spring2ACtion 2023, please give your support to Del Ray Artisans' exhibits, programs, youth and outreach activities which help members of our community grow as individuals and as artists.

For details and to donate, visit [www.spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans](http://www.spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans)



## Calls for Entry

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

### 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

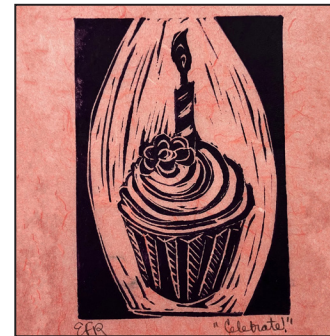
## Gallery Without Walls

### "Celebration" at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Entry Deadline:

Sunday, April 9, 2023 by midnight

"Celebration" is the action of marking one's pleasure at an important event or occasion by engaging in enjoyable, typically festive and social, activity. Spring and summer bring so many opportunities to celebrate—such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July, wedding season, and family barbecues! Show us your 2D art of your favorite celebration or abstract the celebratory mood.



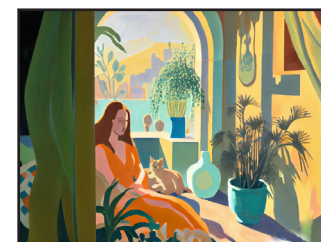
*"Celebrate"*  
 by Ellen Rosenthal

Must be a Del Ray Artisans member to enter; 2-dimensional works only. No entry fee; pieces previously shown are welcome.

Liz Martinez, Gallery Without Walls  
 Curator - [GWW@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:GWW@DelRayArtisans.org)

### Hygge Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Now thru April 22, 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/gww/](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww/)

# Spring

## ART MARKET

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine!**

**Fine Art \* Jewelry \* Fine Crafts \* and More**

**Original handcrafted work from local artists!**

**Colasanto Park next to Del Ray Artisans gallery**

**2704 Mount Vernon Avenue**

**Shop for: Mother's Day \* Graduation \* Birthdays**

### DEL RAY

### ARTISANS

## 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 our Youth Programs Director at [Youth@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Youth@DelRayArtisans.org) and Anna Sherlock (Office Manager) at [Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org).

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



**DEL RAY  
ARTISANS**

**Kids Just Wanna Have Fun  
SUMMER ART CAMP**

## 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).

## Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, April 9, 1-3pm

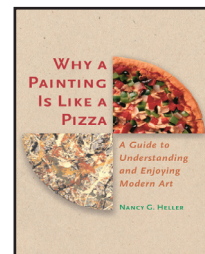
Bring your supplies and join Joan Bickelhaupt outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. This is a free, drop-in program that meets outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub (2300 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA). More info at [DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking](https://DelRayArtisans.org/sketchbooking)

## Life Drawing Session Tuesday, April 18, 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)

## 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)



## Partners in Art Evening Tuesday, April 25, 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)



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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 & 30)

#### Submission Deadline:

15th of the month  
Jenny Nicholson, 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.

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### Calendar

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

#### April 2023

- 2 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm
- 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
- 9 *Celebration* GWW Call for Entry deadline
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 *Prints in May @ DRA* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm (online)
- 12–26 Spring2ACTion 2023 (online)
- 18 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7–9pm
- 22 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Hygge*** at VCA Alexandria ends
- 22 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 22 Reception for DRA members at Art Enables, 2–5pm
- 25 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

#### May 2023

- 4 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–9pm)
- 5–27 **EXHIBIT: *Prints in May***  
Curators: Ellen Rosenthal & Kitty Russell
- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 6 Celebrating PRINT DAY in May
- 8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm (online)
- 10 *American Patchwork* entry deadline
- 13 **SPRING ART MARKET 2023, 10am–4pm**  
**rain or shine**
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm meetup outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 16 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7–9pm
- 23 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 28 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

#### June 2023

- 1 First Thursday (sneak peek 12–9pm)
- 2–25 **EXHIBIT: *American Patchwork***  
Curator: TJ Feeley

### 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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NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.  
Face masks are recommended inside the gallery.

## April 2023

- 1 **EXHIBIT: *Fun With One*** (Members Exhibit) ends  
curators: Rusty Lynn & Kelly Postula
- 2 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork  
drop off, 12–6pm
- 6 First Thursday, 12–9pm exhibit sneak peek &  
6–8pm outdoor activity
- 7–29 **EXHIBIT: *A Tale of Two Studios*** (Del Ray  
Artisans and Art Enables Members Exhibit)  
curator: Amy Kitchin Hower
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at  
St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 9 *Celebration* GWW entry deadline
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 *Prints in May @ DRA* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 12–26 Spring2Action (Online Giving)
- 18 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 22 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Hygge*** at VCA Alexandria ends
- 22 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 22 Reception for Del Ray Artisans members  
at Art Enables, 2–5pm
- 24 Have a Heart Workshop, 6–9pm
- 25 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork  
drop off, 12–6pm

## May 2023

- 1 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Celebration*** at VCA Alexandria  
begins
- 4 First Thursday, 12–9pm exhibit sneak peek &  
6–8pm outdoor activity
- 5–27 **EXHIBIT: *Prints in May @ DRA*** (Free entry for  
High School Students)  
curator: Ellen Rosenthal
- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 6 Celebrating PRINT DAY in May, 1–3pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *American Patchwork* entry deadline
- 13 **Spring Art Market, 10am–4pm** (outside,  
rain or shine)
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at  
St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 16 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 23 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 28 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork  
drop off, 12–6pm

## June 2023

- 1 Creative Summer Programs Begins
- 1 First Thursday, 12–9pm exhibit sneak peek &  
6–8pm outdoor activity
- 2–25 **EXHIBIT: *American Patchwork***  
curator: TJ Feeley
- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 6 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 11 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at  
St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 25 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm
- 29–July 7 Gallery Closed

## July 2023

- (Open during Market hours; Other hours TBD)
- 6 First Thursday, 6–8pm outdoor activity
- 8–9 **Summer Art Market, 10am–4pm (indoor)**
- 10 *Treasures of the DMV* entry deadline
- 11 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 13–30 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 17–21 **Art Camp Week 1**
- 24–28 **Art Camp Week 2**
- 30 Accepted artwork drop off, time TBD

## August 2023

- 3 First Thursday, 12–9pm exhibit sneak peek &  
6–8pm outdoor activity
- 4–26 **EXHIBIT: *Treasures of the DMV***  
curator: Ron Reel
- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 7 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Farther Afield* entry deadline
- 13 **Member Meeting, 5–7pm**
- 15 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 22 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 27 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork  
drop off, 12–6pm
- 31 Creative Summer Programs Ends



**Calendar of Events:** We wanted you to have this handy calendar even though events may change and new ones will be added throughout the year. Please check the online calendar for the most up-to-date schedule: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar)

## September 2023

- 1–30 EXHIBIT: *Farther Afield***  
curator: Alexandra Schmeling
- 1 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 7 First Thursday, 12–9pm gallery open & 6–8pm outdoor activity
- 9 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Celebration*** at VCA Alexandria ends
- 10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 10 *Curses! Foiled Again! The art of swords and sorcery* entry deadline
- 11 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 16 Stretchy Bracelets with Healing Properties Workshop, 6–9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 23 **HalloWEIRD Art Market, 10am–4pm** (outside, rain or shine)

## October 2023

- 1 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm
- 6–28 EXHIBIT: *Curses! Foiled Again! The art of swords and sorcery***  
curator: Erica Hughes
- 6 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 7 Art on the Avenue, 10am–6pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Housemates* entry deadline
- 17 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 **Annual Member Meeting & 2024 Board Elections, 7–9pm**
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 29 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

## November 2023

- 3–26 EXHIBIT: *Housemates*** (Members Exhibit)  
curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 11 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Local Artisan Showcase 2022–2023*** at VCA Alexandria ends
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm outside at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 20 **GWW EXHIBIT: *Local Artisan Showcase 2023–2024*** at VCA Alexandria begins
- 23 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm
- 30 Gallery closed for Holiday Market prep

## December 2023

- (Open during Market hours, Closed Monday–Thursday)
- 1–17 Holiday Market**, Fridays 6–9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am–6pm
- 5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 January 2024 exhibit entry deadline
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
- 18 Gallery Closed Now – 1/3/2024

**Gallery Hours** (except in July & Dec)

**First Thursday** (Apr–Sept) **12–9pm**

**Thursday 12–6pm**

**Friday 12–9pm**

**Saturday & Sunday 12–6pm**



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

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| <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: |
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If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)

## Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online