



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

July 2023

The Well-Crafted Word

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Del Ray Artisans' Summer Art Market July 8-9 from 10am-4pm

Del Ray Artisans' Summer Art Market is a two-day, indoor market showcasing artwork in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. Shop original work from local artists—perfect for gifts or treat yourself! Different artists are featured each day, so visit the gallery both days.



Artists featured on Saturday, July 8: Victoria Barnes, Ken Beerbohm, Lynn Chadwick, Maxine Cholmondeley, Gretchen D'Amore, Eleftheria Easley, Charles Farmer, Gordon Frank, Calina Franzosa, Alanna Graboyes, Lesley Hall, Diana Manchak, Eileen O'Brien, Mary Pike, and Cynthia Schoeppe.

Artists featured on Sunday, July 9: Saba Akram, B A Hlioui, Sherri Hunt, Stephen Lally, Megan Elaine, Liz Martinez, Madeleine Meredith, Miyoung Obenschain, Edith Graciela Sanabria, Ann Cameron Siegal, Reena V, Joyce Wagner, Tracy Wilkerson, Tamara Wilkerson, and Carol Wu. DelRayArtisans.org/summer-art-market-2023

Welcome New Members

Patricia Clarkson, Selina Donahue,

Ida C Fehrenbach & KC Baker,

Sherri Hunt, Archana Kanodia,

Maddy Meredith, Myania Moses,

Susan Pawlukiewicz, Mary Pike,

Paddy Waldner

Rod Whyte

Art Camp 2023

Register Now - Choose July 17-21 or July 24-28

Art Camp Needs Kids & Volunteers



Del Ray Artisans needs a few more campers (ages 8-12 years old) for "Kids Just Want To Have Fun" Summer Art Camp. All art supplies included! Choose week July 17-21 or July 24-28.

Art Camp Coordinator Karen Schmitz has been developing a diverse immersive creative journey including: printmaking, drawing, painting,

journaling, and so much more with professional local artists including:

Artist Guy Jones will be instructing kids with an inspirational drawing lesson and a Cherokee sing-a-long; Amanda Fletchersmith has kids making "Tall Creatures"; Debbie Mezzetta teaches paper arts "Flower Power"; Camp Coordinator Schmitz shows some magic with animal inspirations; and Suzan Ok Shumate finishes Fridays with soapmaking.

Volunteers are needed to assist instructors during morning (9am-12pm+) or afternoon sessions (1-4pm). This is a rewarding way for members to achieve their required 12 hours of volunteer time each year by inspiring youth and being inspired by young campers. Volunteers provide helpful hands for instructors while learning new art making skills along with kids having art fun.

There will be an online photo album available later in August highlighting kids creativity for parents, friends, members and the community to enjoy.

For camp registration: DelRayArtisans.org/art-camp-2023

For volunteering contact Karen Schmitz: kschmitzart@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER!

DRA is looking for a few good people!

Del Ray Artisans is a community of artists and non-artists who understand and appreciate the impact that the Arts have on our community as a whole. By using the Arts to reach out to everyone, we can build a stronger, more vital place to live and work. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and needed to forward this mission.

- Help with exhibit installations & opening receptions, contact: President@DelRayArtisans.org
- Work in our garden, contact: Gardens@DelRayArtisans.org
- Guide children with arts and crafts projects, contact: Programs@DelRayArtisans.org
- Write, edit, or proofread DRA materials, contact: President@DelRayArtisans.org

Calls for Entry

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Treasures of the DMV - August 4–26

Digital Entry Deadline: Monday, July 10 by midnight

Celebrate the wonders of the DC–MD–VA area! Explore DC, Maryland, and/or Virginia—both the famous and the overlooked, natural and abstract—from the



"Treasures of the DMV" by Ronald Reel

artist's perspective. Such images may be real or imagined, creating a sense of place and time in our modern world of shifting meanings, through painting, fiber, sculpture, multimedia, and photography, using stark black and white, or vivid colors, or collage. Monuments, architecture, museums, and natural wonders, including flora and fauna, our parks, rivers, and shores, are among the contemplated subjects which are endemic to our region.

The exhibit is open to all area artists. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee.

Proposal for 2024 Art Exhibits

Proposal Deadline: Saturday, July 15, 2023 by midnight

Del Ray Artisans is seeking exhibit proposals for next year's calendar. Del Ray Artisans strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. Experienced and first time curators welcome! The Exhibit Selection Committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Board for final approval.

Alcove Gift Shop - August 4–September 30

Application Deadline: Monday, July 17 by midnight

Members: Apply to sell your work in Del Ray Artisans' Alcove Gift Shop. Seeking jewelry, fiber art, wood craft, ceramics, smaller 3-D items, unframed 2-D works (between 8" x 10" and 18" x 24" including mat to safely fit in our print racks). As pieces are sold they may be replaced with similar work for no additional fee. Only open to Del Ray Artisans members.

HalloWEIRD Art Market - September 23, 10am-4pm

Application Deadline: Saturday, August 5 by midnight



Apply now for the 2nd annual HalloWEIRD outdoor art market centered around the theme: Halloween. Showcase your spooky, creepy, crawly, disturbing, goth pieces or focus on the upbeat, fun side of the season (costumes, hot cider, hay rides, autumn colors, etc). This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery.

Farther Afield - September 1–30

Digital Entry Deadline: Thursday, August 10 by midnight

Take us on a trip to experience sights far and wide through your eyes and experience (real or wishful). Depict a scene from a day trip or from halfway across the world—the distance is up to you! Looking forward to experiencing new cities, states, countries, and continents through your art. All media are welcome.

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"Jardin des Plantes, Paris"
by Alexandra Schmeling

First Thursday, July 6 (Gallery closed)

Del Ray Artisans gallery is closed to prepare for the Summer Art Market. For details on the neighborhood First Thursday festival, go to vistadelray.com.

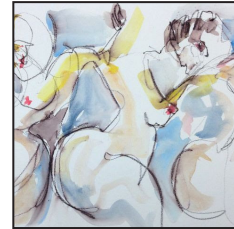
Recurring Programs

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesday, July 11 from 7-9pm



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; pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. Do not bring acrylics or oil paints. We don't supply easels, but you are welcome to bring your own. Drop-in; all skill levels welcome.

Partners in Art Evening

Tuesday, August 22 from 7-9pm

Calling fellow artists, beginners to professionals, you are invited to join our art-support group, to share artistic goals, techniques, and the local art scene. Participants may show one or two artworks, any medium, in any stage, for advice and feedback. RSVP in advance.

Celebration at VCA Alexandria runs through September 9



"Flowers Partying (who put vodka in the water?)"
by M. Reday Cook

This Gallery Without Walls exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke St, Alexandria VA)

features art in the lobby and side hallways exploring the theme of celebration. View online or in person during business hours (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 12pm-6pm) and notify the front desk you are there to see the exhibit. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

Creative Summer Programs

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer

Hands-on Introduction to Polymer Clay Workshop

Saturday, July 1, 10am-2pm



Enjoy an introduction to polymer clay and the tools used to shape it. Learn some basic techniques and how to combine them for more complex forms. The instructors will also demonstrate or discuss more advanced techniques. Participants will make a small piece of jewelry, bowl, bottle or sculpture project. After the workshop, participants will take home their finished item and a few tools so they can continue to work with this creative medium on their own.

Instructors: Audrey Kremer with Ken and Susan Reed;

\$40 DRA member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$20 Supply Fee; Registration closed.

Turtle Magic Clay - Saturday, July 15, 1-4pm (New date!)



Children ages 6-11 are invited to design and create a one-of-a-kind keepsake turtle using stoneware clay to hand-build and form shapes from soft clay in different patterns. Learn how to make limbs and head using a variety of basic clay techniques that are the foundation for all clay work. Students will select a glaze color or two and the instructor will dry and fire each turtle and return the finished pieces for pick up at the gallery. *Instructor: Diana Manchak; \$40 DRA member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on July 8.*

Ceramic Turtle - Saturday, July 15, 6-9pm (Offered again!)



Design and create a one-of-a-kind keepsake turtle using stoneware clay to hand-build and form shapes from soft clay in different patterns. Learn how to make limbs and head using a variety of basic clay techniques that are the foundation for all clay work. Students will select a glaze color or two and the instructor will dry and fire each turtle and return the finished pieces for pick up at the gallery. *Instructor: Diana Manchak; \$40 DRA member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Ages 12 and up; Register by midnight on July 8.*

Introduction to Intuitive Collage Workshop

Saturday, August 5, 10am-noon



Intuitive collage is a practice of using magazine images and collage to connect with your inner wisdom or intuition. Participants will be guided through a simple meditation, then given time to create a collage card, followed by journal prompts to reflect on the meaning of their piece. All supplies are included. No artistic experience is necessary. This is a great and fun way to slow down, connect with yourself creatively, and tap into your inner wisdom.

Instructor: Sharon Burton; \$35 DRA member / \$45 Non-member; Register by midnight on August 2.

Creative Card Swap (Free)

Rolling deadlines



This is a handcrafted, artful card swap between artists. A swap group is formed each time 4 artists enter, then swapping begins immediately for that group. Open to all artists with a U.S. domestic (or equivalent) address.



Nature Journaling Club

Saturday, July 29, 10am-noon



Practiced by artists and naturalists alike, nature journaling is a centuries-old exercise in refining our powers of observation,

appreciation for nature, drawing skills, and mindful presence. This group is open to all experience levels as we meet to sketch, connect, and learn together!

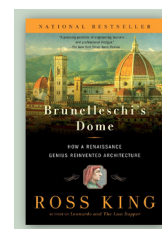
Meet at 10am in front of Del Ray Artisans on the final Saturday morning of every month.

Suggested supplies: sketchbook, pens, pencils, colored pencils, watercolor pencils, or other portable media, and a water bottle since we will be outdoors. You may also want to bring something to sit on (folding chair or blanket).

Coordinators: Stephanie Darlene Greenwald and Meredith D'Amore; Free! Donations appreciated.

Creative Book Club

Saturday, August 19, 10am-noon



"Brunelleschi's Dome" by Ross King, is about the construction of the largest dome ever built by the 15th century. It had been a challenge for the architects and

builders of the cathedral in Florence for several hundred years. So when Brunelleschi devised a plan for the building and won the job, it became a central concern in the city. Ross King is an art historian who delves into the art, as well as the political and social challenges of the period.

Facilitator: Rusty Lynn

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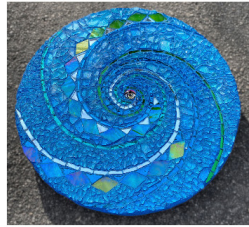
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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124

703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

No art exhibit/gallery hours in July.
Open for programs (register in advance)
and open to the public during
Summer Art Market
July 8-9 from 10am-4pm

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Jenny Nicholson, Newsletter Editor
Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org



Top row, l to r:
"Within The Eye" - Nancy Kline;
"Bobbin' Red Robin" - Rusty Lynn
"Delightful DC" - Saloma
Bottom row, l to r:
"Waterline" - Jeff Lodge;
"Watermelon" - Cecile Mines

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

July 2023

- 1 Hands-on Introduction to Polymer Clay Workshop 10am-2pm
- 6 First Thursday (Gallery closed)
- 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
- 15 Turtle Magic Clay Workshop (Ages 6-11) 1-4pm
- 15 Ceramic Turtle Workshop 6-9pm
- 15 2024 Art Exhibit proposal deadline
- 17 Alcove Gift Shop application deadline
- 17-21 **Art Camp Week 1**
- 24-28 **Art Camp Week 2**
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 30 Accepted artwork drop off, time 12-6pm

August 2023

- 3 First Thursday outdoor activity/6-8pm (sneak peek 12-9pm)
- 4-26 **EXHIBIT: Treasures of the DMV**
Curator: Ronald Reel
- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Intuitive Collage Workshop, 10am-noon
- 5 HalloWEIRD Art Market applications due
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (FULL)
- 8 Board Meeting, 7-9pm (online)
- 10 *Farther Afield* entry deadline
- 13 Member Meeting, 5-7pm
- 15 Life Drawing Session (Gesture and Short Poses), 7-9pm
- 19 Creative Book Club - *Brunelleschi's Dome* by Ross King, 10am-noon
- 22 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP)
- 26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 27 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**
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Membership Form

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____
Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

Referred by (optional) _____

Patron

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

Artist

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

Supporter

- ☐ \$ 40

Add a Donation

- ☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____
☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____
☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

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

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <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: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | |

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans

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

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

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

Additional member benefits listed online