



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

August 2023

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Treasures of the DMV runs August 4–26, 2023

Opening Reception on Friday, August 4 from 7–9pm

Celebrate the wonders of DC, Maryland, and Virginia by visiting the *Treasures of the DMV* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery. In this exhibit, local artists highlight both famous and overlooked regional gems and reveal a sense of place and time in our modern world of shifting meanings through paintings, fiber art, sculptures, mixed media works, photography, and more.



"TREASURES OF THE DMV"
by Ronald Reel

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, August 4 between 7-9pm to meet curator Ronald Reel and the artists. Mark your calendar now or set a reminder through [Eventbrite: treasures-of-the-dmv.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/treasures-of-the-dmv-tickets-48444444444).

First Thursday - August 3, 6-8pm

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. Join us from 6-8pm for our outdoor activity: Aloha Thursday! We welcome you to Del Ray Artisans with a lei and encourage you to visit our outdoor Luau Selfie Station Inside the gallery get a sneak peak of the upcoming exhibit. Del Ray Artisans gallery is open 12-9pm on First Thursdays from April through September, except closed on Thursday, July 6.

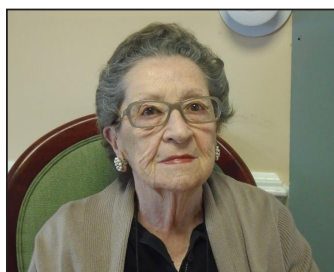
Mary Vivienne Lukacs

June 19, 1933-July 16, 2023

DRA Darling Mary "Vivienne" Lukacs peacefully passed on July 16, 2023, at age 90. She will be remembered for her years of dedication as the Director of Membership & Volunteers and much more. She literally recruited many new members including Theresa Kulstad and Karen J. Schmitz right off the sidewalk in front of the gallery.

Founding Member Kathryn A. Brown recounts the years Viv was the major force behind DRA's Off-Beat Auction Fundraisers, coordinating artists creatively repurposing donated furniture. Viv was also an active artist with the "Decoupage Divas" and an enthusiastic cardmaking party participant.

In the fall she will be interned next to her late husband Richard at Arlington Cemetery with a celebration ceremony with her children: Lisa, Stephen, Laura, Linda, family & friends. Journey well Viv with love from your DRA family.



Welcome New Members

- Bhavani Arabandi
- Andrea Cook
- Evelyn Cook
- Monjari Gillian
- Maria Kinnane
- Michal Mahgerefteh



Pie Contest, Indoor Picnic, and Summer Member Meeting

Sunday, August 13, 5-7pm

Join fellow members at the annual Pie Contest, Indoor Picnic, and Summer Member Meeting on Sunday, August 13 from 5-7pm. Prepare a savory or sweet entry for the pie contest or sign up to be a judge. There will be prizes for both sweet and savory pies.

We'll have an indoor picnic and enjoy (after the pie contest judging) pies for dessert!

Preceding the picnic will be a short meeting with information on upcoming events and the fall exhibit schedule.

RSVP by August 10 to be entered into a drawing for prizes. at: [summer-member-meeting.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-member-meeting-tickets-48444444444)

Calls for Entry
Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

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



"Jardin des Plantes, Paris"
by Alexandra Schmeling

Details coming soon



Curses! Foiled Again!
The Art of Swords and Sorcery
October 6-28

Digital Entry Deadline: Sunday, September 10 by midnight

Explore the visual aspects of swords, sorcery, and the fantastical. The exhibit is open to all area artists. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee. Entry details coming soon.

Recurring Programs
DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing
Gesture and Short Pose
Tuesday, August 15 from 7-9pm

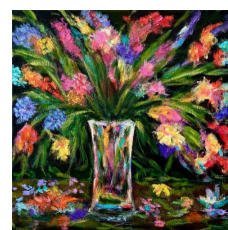


Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint our nude model. Traditional drawing media (such as pencils, pens, and charcoal) are welcome; pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. Do not bring acrylics or oil paints. We don't supply easels, but you are welcome to bring your own. 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

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.

Coming this September

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

Creative Canvas Workshop

Saturday, September 2, 9am-noon

Learn how to reuse everyday objects and discover new ways to approach a canvas. The canvas you choose can greatly affect how viewers interpret the artwork created. During this workshop you will learn how to creatively choose a canvas to amplify the message you are trying to communicate or add desired aesthetic appeal, as well as create a painting on the object. All supplies included. Instructor Kelsey Joyce will bring a bunch of objects to choose from and encourages you to bring your own!



Instructor: Kelsey Joyce; \$35 DRA member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on August 28.

Beaded Lanyard Thingies Workshop

Saturday, September 9, 9am-noon

Join instructor Amy Castine for a great introduction to off loom bead weaving as you learn to make your own lanyard/glasses keeper. This versatile beaded rope is a useful and beautiful way to hold some of the necessities of life while adding your personal style to any outfit. You will also have a chance to do a little beginner wire wrapping and make a lovely pendant to transform your lanyard into a necklace. Sign up today as space is limited! The supply fee includes all the materials to make a similar piece—but not identical—to the photo. For more information: DelRayArtisans.org/event/beaded-lanyard/



Instructor: Amy Castine; \$60 DRA member / \$80 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on September 4.

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.



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

Nature Journaling Club

Saturday, August 26, 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.

DEL RAY ARTISANS

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124

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

Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12–6pm
Friday 12–9pm
Saturday 12–6pm
Sunday 12–6pm

Top row, l to r:
"Fun at the Beach" – Diana Manchak;
"Brushing Up" – Jenny Nicholson;
"Orchid Still Life" – Ellen Rosenthal
Bottom, r:
"Shenandoah Sunset" – Russ Mardon



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

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 (Cancelled)
- 10 *Farther Afield* entry deadline
- 12 Creative Canvas Workshop
- 13 Member Meeting, 5–7pm
- 14 2024 Exhibits Committee Meeting
- 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

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
 - 9 Beaded Lanyard Thingies Workshop 9am–noon
 - 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)
- Check our website for more, upcoming events:
DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

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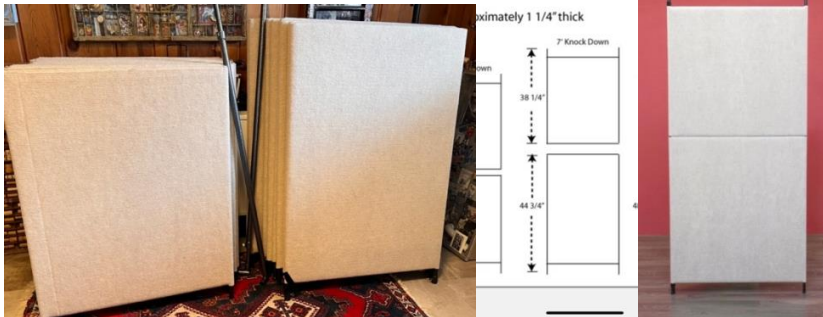
Special thanks to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.





CLASSIFIEDS FOR DEL RAY ARTISANS MEMBERS

Pro Panels Knock Down Panels and Accessories
both sides usable – carpeted cover – steel frame – lightweight



18 knockdown units – 9 pairs, 30" wide = \$160/pair	\$1440
2 support bars: \$60 each	\$120
1 L stiffener adjustable: \$30	\$30
6 standard stiffeners: \$12 each	\$72
28 couplers: \$5 each	\$140
4 tent hooks: \$22 each	\$88
2 risers: \$20 set	\$20
9 velcro strap fasteners: \$1.50 each	\$13.50
4 thumb screws (tightens support bars) \$1.00 each	\$4.00
19 connectors: \$1.25 each	\$23.75
Accessory bags:	
small (couplers, connectors) \$10.00	\$10.00
medium (stiffeners) \$15.00	\$15.00
large (tent hooks) \$20	\$20.00

TOTAL LIST PRICE: \$1,996.25

SALE PRICE (rarely used, like new): \$1200

Contact: asgraboyes@gmail.com

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Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

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 ____/____/____

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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

Additional member benefits listed online