



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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Curses! Foiled Again! The Art of Swords and Sorcery October 6-28, 2023

Opening Reception on Friday, October 6th, 7-9pm

Come see daring swordswomen, haggard bog witches, bebies of mythical beasts, and many more artist interpretations of the fantastic! Taking inspiration from the texture of a dragon's skin, the swirling cloak of a sorceress, the shriek of a hydra, and a technical manual of swordplay, curator Dr. Erica Hughes presents an otherworldly collection of local art in the *Curses! Foiled Again! The Art of Swords and Sorcery* exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, October 6, 7-9pm to meet the curator and the artists. Fantasy costumes encouraged!



"Snarler" by Erica Hughes

HalloWEIRD Art Market 2023 in Colasanto Park

Postponed due to Tropical Storm

New Date: Sunday, October 15th, 10am-4pm (Rain or Shine)



Browse Halloween-inspired creations that are spooky, creepy, crawly, and goth-like. Or, maybe you like art that focuses on the upbeat, fun side of the season (e.g., costumes, hot cider, hay rides, autumn colors). You can see that too! The market offers diverse, original handcrafted artwork from talented local artists in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. There is something for everyone!

Annual Member Meeting with Elections

Thursday, October 19, 7-9pm

If you are interested in running for a Board Position or have questions, contact Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org. You are welcome to run for any position on the Board, except for the advisory position. The 2024 Board will begin its one-year term on January 1, 2024.



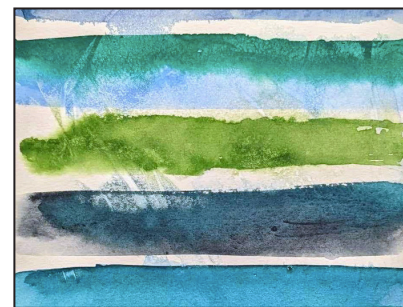
Welcome New Members

- Caron Arntson
- Carolyn Sheredy Barone
- Russ Billen
- Cristin Guinan-Wiley
- Ellen Hamilton
- Lorraine Kestle
- Pat Miller
- R. Morgan Parr
- Tiara Safic-Martin

12 Elements of Nature Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria runs through Jan 27, 2024

The *12 Elements of Nature* exhibit features 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members exploring all 12 elements of nature: Earth, Water, Wind, Fire, as well as Thunder, Ice, Force, Time, Flower, Shadow, Light, and Moon. This exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke St, Alexandria VA) features art in the lobby and side hallways and is viewable online or in person during business hours (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 12pm-6pm). Please notify the front desk you are there to see the exhibit.

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww



"Water Hues" by Eileen M. O'Brien

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Housemates

Open to Del Ray Artisans members

Digital Entry Deadline: Tuesday, October 10 by midnight



Members: Portray your pet(s) or human housemates in the media of your choice: painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, fiber art, or other art forms. Capture the personality, beauty, craziness and love that housemates bring into our lives.

The *Housemates* call for entry is only open to Del Ray Artisans members. If you are not a member, you may join Del Ray Artisans and then enter.

"Charlie's Photo Op"
by Robyn Seaton McGarry

Local Artisan Showcase 2023-2024

Gallery Without Walls at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

November 20, 2023 - November 16, 2024



Open to Del Ray Artisans members

Digital Entry Deadline:

Sunday, October 29 by midnight

Seeking 2-dimensional artwork for Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls annual exhibit in the exam rooms at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. Most subjects are welcome, with pieces featuring animals preferred.

"Movie Night" by Annemarie Kuhns

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Thursday - Star Wars Day In A Neighborhood Far Far Away Thursday, October 5, 6-8pm

Grab your lightsaber and join the Del Ray community on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6pm to dusk for Star Wars: In A Neighborhood Far Far Away, featuring live music by The B-Sides; costume contests; a selfie station with out of this world props; photo ops from the local chapter of the 501st Legion; kids' activities, and more. Come as your favorite Star Wars character and enter to win a prize for best costume; judging will take place at 7pm in Pat Miller Neighborhood Square.

Stop by Del Ray Artisans gallery between 6-8pm for our outdoor activity.



"Little Pine's Halloween" Reading and Meet the Author: Nina Tisara Saturday, October 21, 5-7:30pm



Meet mosaic artist/photographer and Alexandria legend Nina Tisara at her reading of the story she wrote for her children when they were young. It tells of a young pine tree who plans a Halloween party for his neighbor trees, but worries that his pine needles won't turn pretty colors like theirs. The front and back covers show mosaics Tisara recently made to illustrate the story.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Sketchers

Sunday, October 8, 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).

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesday, October 17, 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, October 24, 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.

Nature Journaling Club

Saturday, October 28, 10am-noon

Nature journaling refines our powers of observation, appreciation for nature, drawing skills, and mindful presence.

Open to all experience levels as we meet to sketch, connect, and learn together! Meet at 10am in front of Del Ray Artisans.



Creative Book Club

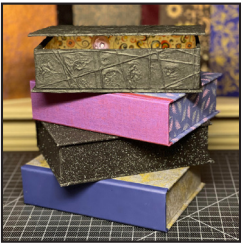
Saturday, November 12, 10am-noon

This book is "Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York" by Alexander Nemerov. The club is drop-in, free and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other creative people.

CREATIVE FALL WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

What's In The Box? A 2-day Box Making Workshop Wednesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 12, 6-9pm



In this two-day novice level workshop you will create your own hinged lid box using book board, book cloth, decorative papers, and archival glue. There will be a myriad of combinations of papers and cloths to choose from to create your own distinctive box. The supply fee includes all materials for the finished box. The tools will be provided for use during the workshop and, if desired, are available for purchase for \$30 following the workshop.

Instructor: Cristin Guinan-Wiley; \$80 DRA member / \$95 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply fee; Register by midnight on October 8.

Create your own Imaginary Creature Saturday, October 14, 9am-noon

Build and design your own 3D/mixed media imaginary creatures inspired by Pedro Linares Lopez. Lopez, a Mexican cartoneria artisan, created Papier-mâché figurines that he coined alebrijes after imagining them in a fever dream.

Instructor: Kelsey Joyce; \$50 Del Ray Artisans member / \$60 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply fee; Register by midnight on October 10.



Soapy Sorcery Workshop Thursday, October 26, 6-9pm



Join instructor Suzan Ok Shumate in a fantasy-themed soap-making workshop. Using the melt and pour technique, create beautiful

dragon eggs, unicorns, mermaids, fairies, ghosts, and other spellbinding soaps. From the materials provided, choose your themes, colors, and scents for several bars of soap. After you have poured your soaps, you will have the option of decorating a wooden chest to store or gift your soaps.

The supply fee includes all the materials to make a treasure chest of soap bars.

Instructor: Suzan Ok Shumate; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply Fee; Register by midnight on October 21.

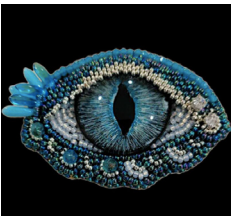
Fencing Demonstration and Mini Lessons Sunday, October 15, 10am-noon

Come see free fencing demonstrations in the tennis courts behind the gallery and register for a free 30-minute mini lesson for beginners.

Instructor: Mark & Erica; Free; Children Ages 6+ and adults; Register by midnight on October 10.



Here There be Dragons! A 2-Day Bead Workshop Saturdays, October 21 and 28, 9am-noon



In this 2-day intermediate level beadwork workshop, you will create your own dragon's eye pendant or brooch by combining bead embroidery and peyote stitch bead weaving. Sign up early, and the instructor will personalize the supply kit with your favorite colors allowing you to make the perfect dragon! The supply fee includes all the materials to make a similar piece but not identical to the photo. Each piece will be one-of-a-kind. Sign up today as space is limited.

Instructor: Amy Castine; \$120 Del Ray Artisans member / \$150 Non-member; plus a \$30 Supply Fee; Register by midnight on October 15.

Witches' Brew: The Art of Healing Herbs Workshop Sunday, October 22, 10am-noon



Spell jars, also known as witch bottles, have been used for centuries. Have you made your own spell bottle? After learning about the history of these magical items and the objects that get used in them, you will have the opportunity to make your own spell bottle to take home. Crystals, herbs, flowers, and bottles will be provided as Natasha gives you guidance to make sure yours is extra powerful!

Instructor: Natasha Nacre; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply Fee; Register by midnight on October 18.

ART ON THE AVENUE with CHALLENGE ROYALE: Outdoor Costume Party and Duel Saturday, October 7, 10am-noon

Visit Del Ray Artisans during the annual Art on the Avenue festival for artist demonstrations, and the *Curses! Foiled Again! The Art of Swords and Sorcery* CHALLENGE ROYALE—costumes encouraged!

To participate in the challenge, **meet at 10am** in front of the gallery and present your pool noodle or inflatable 'sword' for inspection and registration. The challenge begins at 11am on the playing fields of the Mount Vernon Rec Center next to the gallery. When challenged by another costumed participant, you may yield or duel! This is a kid-friendly event for ages 6+.

The festival runs 10am-6pm. Be sure to visit the artwork booths of Del Ray Artisans members.

For a list, go to DelRayArtisans.org/art-on-the-avenue-2023.



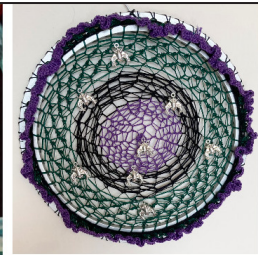
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Gallery Hours:

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

Top row, l. to r.:
"Jabberwocky" - Amanda Fletchersmith;
"Goth(ic) Zen" - Liz Martinez;
"Great Horned Owl" - Annemarie Kuhns;
Bottom, r.:
"Fall Colors - Wet" - Marlin G. Lord;



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

October 2023

- 1 Artwork pick up & drop off, noon-6pm
- 5 First Thursday, 12–9pm gallery open & 6–8pm outdoor activity
- 6–28 **EXHIBIT: Curses! Foiled Again! The Art of Swords and Sorcery**
Curator: Erica Hughes
- 6 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 7 Challenge Royale: Costume Party & Duel
- 7 Art on the Avenue, 10am-6pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm
- 9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 2024 Wall Calendar Pre-Order Deadline
- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Housemates* Call for Entry Deadline
- 11 & 12 What's in The Box? 6-9pm
- 14 Magical Creatures Workshop, 9am–noon
- 15 Fencing Demonstrations & Mini Lessons, 10am–noon
- 15 HalloWEIRD Art Market, 10am–4pm (outside, rain or shine)
- 15 Paws in the Park (Oronoco Bay Park) 11am–4pm
- 17 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Annual Member Meeting with Elections, 7-9pm
- 21 & 28 Here There Be Dragons Workshop, 9am - noon
- 21 "Little Pine's Halloween" Reading & Meet the Author Nina Tisara, 5-7pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

October 2023 (continued)

- 22 Witches' Brew Workshop, 10am-12pm
- 24 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 26 Soapy Sorcery Workshop, 6-9pm
- 28 Nature Journaling Club 10am–noon
- 29 "Local Artisan Showcase" GWW
Call for Entry Deadline
- 29 Artwork pickup & drop off, noon-6pm

November 2023

3–26 EXHIBIT: Housemates

- Curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
 - 4 Meet & Greet: King Street Cats, noon-4pm
 - 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
 - 7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
 - 11 Local Artisans Showcase 2022-23, VCA ends
 - 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm
 - 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
 - 18 Creative Book Club - "Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York" by Alexander Nemerov 10am-noon
 - 18 Meet & Greet: Aussie Rescue of the Mid-Atlantic, 1-4pm
 - 20 Local Artisans Showcase 2023-24, VCA begins
 - 23 Gallery Closed on Thanksgiving
- 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.

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Art on the Avenue 2023

CHALLENGE ROYAL Check-in & Artist Demos in front of the gallery!

To participate in the *Curses! Foiled Again!* CHALLENGE ROYALE—costumes encouraged—meet at **10am in front of the gallery** and present your pool noodle or inflatable ‘sword’ for inspection and registration. The kid-friendly (ages 6+) challenge begins at 11am on the fields next to the gallery.

Come see the artist demos: 11am–2pm Mosaics by Nina Tisara and 2–5:30pm batik silk painting by Cheryl VanderMolen Neway. Del Ray Artisans is selling 30th Anniversary T-shirts, handcrafted greeting cards, and (of course) artwork! Proceeds support our nonprofit arts organization.

Inside the gallery, enjoy the Art Exhibit and Alcove Gift Shop.

Inside Del Ray Artisans gallery come see the *Curses! Foiled Again! The Art of Swords and Sorcery* exhibit featuring local artist interpretations of the fantastic. This exhibit runs October 6–28, 2023. Also check out our Gift Shop inside the Alcove containing handcrafted work by local artists and artisans.

Visit these Del Ray Artisans members during Art on the Avenue:

- W-215 - **Mary Pike** (Accessories & Bags)
- W-214 - **Corrin Pumphrey** (Painting)
- W-192 - **Patti Durbin** (Mixed Media)
- W-190 - **Jenny Nicholson** (Mixed Media)
- W-182 - **Joyce Wagner** (Jewelry)
- W-164 - **Tara Barr** (Painting)
- W-163 - **Lynn Chadwick** (Jewelry)
- W-137 - **Betsy Jones** (Mixed Media)
- W-124 - **Alexandra Schmeling** (Painting)
- W-84 - **Diana Papazian** (Jewelry)
- W-53 - **Daniel Horowitz** (Photography)
- W-52 - **Annette Kramer** (Jewelry)
- W-49 - **Robin Reid** (Glass)
- W-47 - **Diana Manchak** (Pottery)
- W-12 - **Victoria Barnes** (Photography)
- E-173 - **Annemarie Kuhns** (Paper)
- E-126 - **Edith Sanabria** (Painting)
- E-103 - **Stacy Laine** (Jewelry)
- E-79 - **Rita Cohen** (Fiber)
- E-61 - **Stephen Lally** (Pottery)
- E-54 - **Kellie Sansone** (Painting)
- E-51 - **Laurel Prucha Moran** (Painting)
- E-50 - **Bridget Anthony-Hlioui** (Pottery)
- E-49 - **Ellen Hamilton** (Accessories)
- E-34 - **Bhavani Arabandi** (Pottery)

Del Ray Artisans Gallery

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Free admission, Open to the public

Thursday: Noon to 6pm

First Thursday (Apr-Sept): Noon to 9pm

Friday: Noon to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 6pm

(Hours differ in July and December)



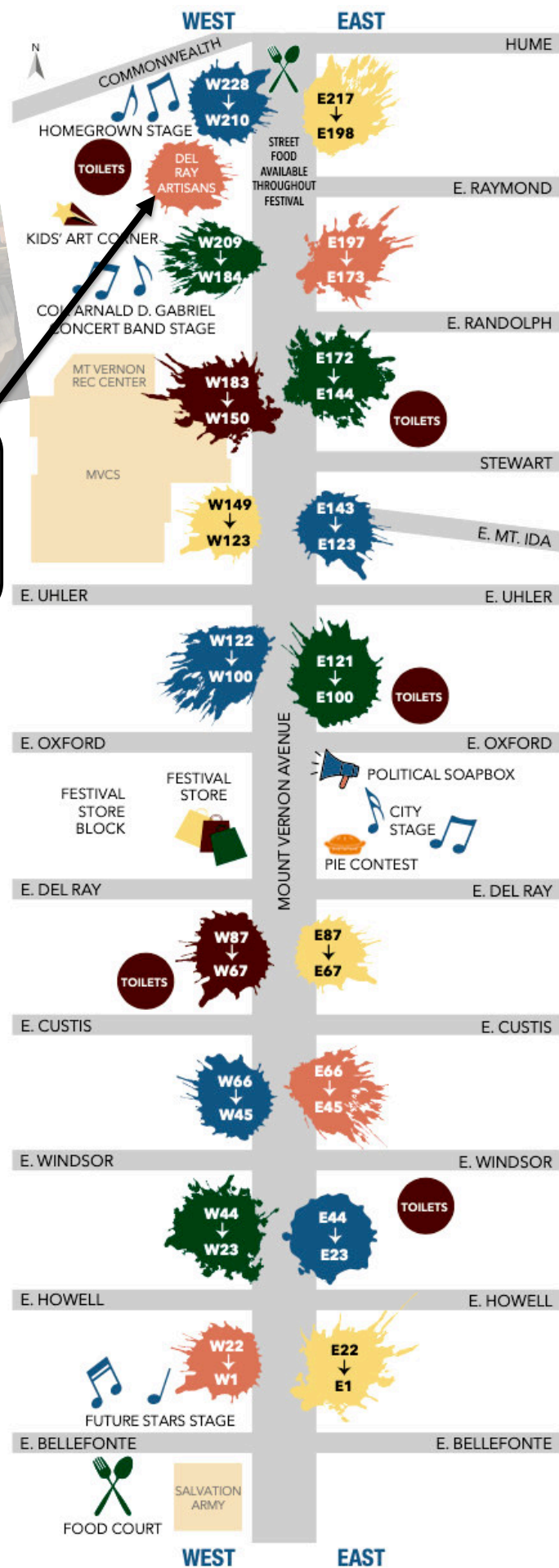
Stop in to see the art exhibit!

Art on the Avenue

A REGIONAL MULTICULTURAL ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray on **Saturday, Oct 7 from 10am-6pm**, you'll find **Art on the Avenue**, a multicultural arts festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts in Alexandria, Virginia.

Art on the Avenue is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association. For more information, visit www.artontheavenue.org





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

Membership Categories and Benefits

Additional member benefits listed online