



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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Housemates - November 3-26, 2023 Opening Reception on Friday, November 3, 7-9pm



"Charlie's Photo Op"
by Robyn Seaton McGarry

Have you ever had a housemate who made you laugh, drove you crazy, made you shake your head in wonder or filled your heart with love? Do your housemates have fur, feathers, scales, fins or are they actually people? In the *Housemates* art exhibit, the members of Del Ray Artisans share their housemates through many creative forms: painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, ceramics, or whatever medium brings to life their pets or human housemates. Lucky us, we get to share and enjoy them.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, November 3, 7-9pm to meet curator Robyn Seaton McGarry and the artists.

At the gallery or online (residents of Virginia, Maryland, and DC only) get [raffle tickets](#) between October 29–November 19, 2023 for a chance to win

a crocheted blanket by the curator. The raffle benefits Del Ray Artisans nonprofit, and winner will be drawn on Sunday, November 19 at 3pm.

Del Ray Artisans is also hosting Meet and Greet events with two volunteer rescue groups at the gallery:

- [King Street Cats \(KSC\)](#) on Saturday, November 4, 12–4pm
- [Aussie Rescue of the Mid-Atlantic \(ARMA\)](#) on Saturday, November 18, 1–4pm

Both organizations will provide information about their purpose, rescue parameters and adoption process. Who knows? You may even have the opportunity to meet your future housemate.

In addition, you may drop off donations for cats and dogs in the designated box in the entryway of Del Ray Artisans gallery during the *Housemates* exhibit. For cats, KSC needs washable cat toys, washcloths, paper towels, large trash bags, and litter (Fresh Step Clay or Feline Pine only, please). For dogs, ARMA needs dog toys, leashes, collars, and harnesses. Thank you for your support!

Welcome New Members

Courtney Arnold

Sarah Bever

Ed Conley

Torrence Delawie

Drea Filzen

Samantha Nichols

Sue Rosenbaum

Annual Member Meeting, 2024 Board of Directors Elections

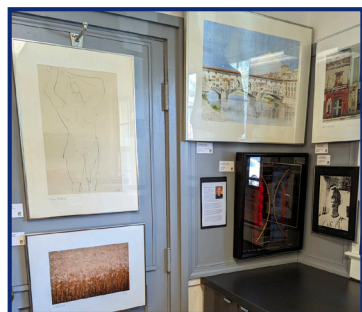
The Annual Meeting is on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm** and will be held via Zoom (online meeting).

The connection information will be sent to all members in advance. The 2024 Board of Directors slate will be emailed to members 20 days before the meeting along with a link to vote online. If you do not receive the email, contact Dawn at Technology@DelRayArtisans.org or call the gallery during staff hours on Thursdays and Fridays 12-6pm.

If you are interested in running for a seat on Del Ray Artisans 2024 Board, contact Nominations Committee Chairperson Lesley Hall at Nominations@DelRayArtisans.org. The 2024 Board begins its one-year term on January 1, 2024.

The Annual Meeting includes an address by outgoing President Dale Spivey, a presentation on the 2024 art exhibit themes by Exhibit Selection Committee Chairperson Liz Martinez, and the results of the membership vote for the Board.

Marlin Lord Mini Exhibit through November 26, 2023



Eight artworks by Marlin Lord are for sale to benefit Del Ray Artisans. Del Ray Artisans Board Emeritus and Founding Member Marlin G. Lord passed away on October 18, 2022 at 84 years old. A gifted, accomplished architect and photographer, Marlin left his mark upon the city in ways seen and unseen. To learn more about Marlin's art and life, visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/marlin-lord/

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice

Open to area artists & high school students

Exhibit Dates: January 5–27, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Sunday, December 10, 2023 by midnight



Through your art raise awareness about climate change and its impact on marginalized communities. This exhibit is in partnership with the Changing Planet Justice Foundation.

All media are welcome. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee. Free entry for high school students. Curator: Camille Kouyoumdjian

"Still Standing" by Camille Kouyoumdjian

Call for Entry Terms & Conditions

For years to help cover exhibit costs Del Ray Artisans has requested a 20% donation of the sales price from artists who sell items through the DRA gallery and Gallery Without Walls exhibits. Beginning with the 2024 exhibits, in an effort to make processes more consistent, the standard Call for Entry will be updated from a 20% donation to a 20% commission (to match the terms of Alcove Gift Shop) for all art exhibits. As an advantage for relevant artists, commissions are a business expense. DRA covers all credit card processing fees, so the artist will receive a check for 80% of the price they set for their artwork within two weeks of the close of the art exhibit.

The terms have not changed for taxes associated with sales. As a reminder: Artists are responsible for all taxes associated with sales, including sales tax. Factor your tax burden into the price of your artwork. Del Ray Artisans does not collect taxes separately at the point of purchase.

SAVE THE DATES

Del Ray Artisans' 28th Annual Holiday Market

December 1–23, Fridays 6–9pm,

Saturdays & Sundays 11am–6pm

Join us for the 28th annual Holiday Market! The Holiday Market is open for the first three weekends in December (Dec 1–3, Dec 8–10, and Dec 15–17), plus this year we will also be open Friday, Dec 22 3–9pm and Saturday, Dec 23 11am–6pm for last minute shoppers.



The Market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists presenting a variety of media, including fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, mosaics, painting, paper crafting, photography, pottery/ceramics, sculpture, watercolor, wood turning, and more! **Different artists are featured each weekend!** In addition, 2024 wall calendars featuring art by Del Ray Artisans members will be available for purchase.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesday, November 7, 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.

Del Ray Sketchers

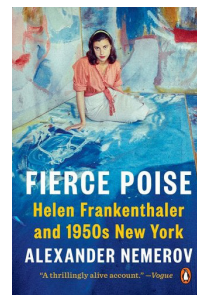
Sunday, November 12, 1–3pm



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.

Creative Book Club

Saturday, November 18, 10am–noon



"Fierce Poise" by Alexander Nemerov is an in depth look at the life and loves of Helen Frankenthaler, who took the New York art scene by storm. When she began on October 26, 1952, she poured

turpentine thinned paint onto her large canvas laid out on the floor of her studio. The painting she made that day, "Mountains and Sea," became the hallmark of her new, radical style of painting. An approach that was to become known as Color Field Painting. You can see that painting at the National Gallery here in WDC. Helen had come back to NYC after graduating from Bennington in May, 1950 with her desire to become a famous artist in the soon-to-be-center of the world's art scene. The book's primary focus is on what happened to Helen in the New York art scene in the 1950's.

CREATIVE FALL WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

Native Species Walk at Winkler Botanical Preserve Sunday, November 5, noon-2pm



Join a naturalist for a native species walk at Winkler Botanical Preserve, a hidden gem in our city. We will walk the preserve and identify the abundant native species growing along the trail. Participants are encouraged to sketch or take notes and photographs to use as reference images for artwork or just come along to learn more about Northern Virginia's biodiversity. Meet at 5400 Roanoke Ave, Alexandria, VA just before noon on the front porch of Catherine's Lodge.

Coordinators: Meredith D'Amore and Pamela Huffman;

\$10 Del Ray Artisans member / \$12 Non-member; Register by noon on November 3.

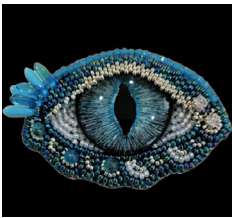
Playing with Resin Workshop Monday, November 6, 6-9pm

Learn the ins and outs of prepping for and mixing resin, and how to use it as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. There's lots of creative time during this 3-hour workshop. No need to rush, which is one of the first lessons in using resin! All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring personal embellishments for your piece(s).

Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on November 3.



Here There be Dragons! 2-Day Bead Workshop Wednesdays, November 8 and 15, 6-9pm



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 November 4.

Boho Chic Bracelet Workshop Sunday, November 12, 6-9pm



Design and make a California-inspired boho chic bracelet out of real semi-precious stones. Choose from a selection of materials such as quartz, aventurine, turquoise, jasper, amethyst, jade, lapis, agate, freshwater pearls, crystals, and accent beads and finish with a plated lobster clasp. Learn basic wire wrapping techniques to attach stones on a chain and gain skills using three essential tools: flat nose pliers, round nose pliers and cutters. Be enlightened by the healing properties and the meanings behind the stones. Create a color scheme and patterns for your boho chic bracelet that fit your individual personality.

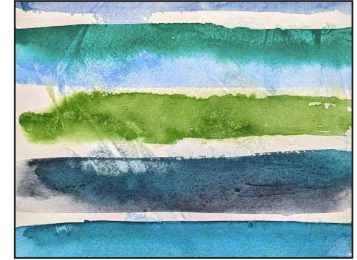
This workshop is for all levels and beginners are encouraged. The supply fee covers all materials and the use of tools during the workshop.

Instructor: Y'vonne Page-Magnus; \$20 DRA member / \$25 Non-member; plus a \$30 Supply fee. Register by midnight on November 8.

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

12 Elements of Nature Art Exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital runs through January 27, 2024



"Water Hues" by Eileen M. O'Brien

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.

Local Artisan Showcase 2023-2024

at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
November 20, 2023 -
November 16, 2024



"Movie Night"
by Annemarie Kuhns

mixed media works of art.

This annual exhibit of Del Ray Artisans' artwork is a part of our Gallery Without Walls program in partnership with VCA Alexandria and features paintings, photography, and

The artwork is viewable in-person by appointment only (Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm) because this exhibit is in the exam rooms. Contact Stephanie Frederick at stephanie.frederick@vca.com to schedule an on-site viewing appointment at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA. The artwork will also be viewable online.

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Gallery Hours:

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

Top row, l. to r.:
"SNOWBOUND" - M. Reday Cook;
"Symatree" - Scott MacConomy;
Bottom row, l. to r.:
"Barely Free" - Guy Jones;
"Bohemian Blue" - Kate Gibney



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

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3–26 EXHIBIT: Housemates

- Curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
 - 4 Meet & Greet: King Street Cats, noon–4pm
 - 5 Native Species Walk at Winkler Botanical Preserve, noon–2pm
 - 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm (Full)
 - 6 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6–9pm
 - 7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
 - 8 & 15 Here There Be Dragons! 2-day Beadwork Workshop, 6–9pm
 - 11 Local Artisans Showcase 2022-23, VCA ends
 - 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm
 - 12 Boho Chic Bracelet Workshop, 6–9pm
 - 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
 - 19 Raffle Drawing, 3pm
 - 20 Local Artisans Showcase 2023-24, VCA begins
 - 23 Gallery Closed on Thanksgiving

November 2023 continued

- 26 **Housemates** Artwork pick up, 6–8pm
- 26 Marlin Lord Mini Exhibit ends
- 28 Annual Member Meeting 2023 with Elections 7–9pm online

December 2023

1–23 Del Ray Artisans' 28th Annual Holiday Market

- 1 Holiday Market, 6–9pm
- 2–3 Holiday Market, 11am–6pm
- 5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 8 Holiday Market, 6–9pm
- 9–10 Holiday Market, 11am–6pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 15 Holiday Market, 6–9pm
- 16–17 Holiday Market, 11am–6pm
- 22 Holiday Market, 3–9pm
- 23 Holiday Market, 11am–6pm
- 24 - January 3 Gallery Closed for the Holidays

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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Title	First	M.I.	Last

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