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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.

To see which weekend each artist is present and for more information, please visit delrayartisans.org/holiday-market

Welcome New Members

Margarita Caro

Gary Goodwin

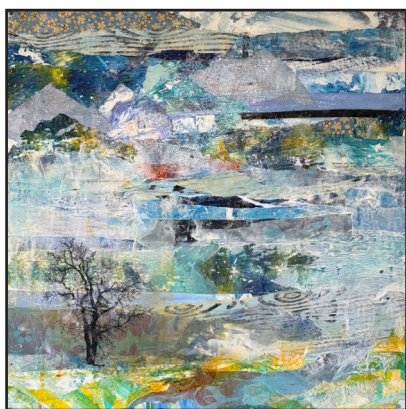
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Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice January 5-27, 2024

Opening Reception on Friday, January 5, 7-9pm



"Still Standing" by Camille Kouyoumdjian

Visit Del Ray Artisans gallery's *Visions of Resilience:*

Art for Climate Justice exhibit from January 5-27, 2024 to explore the emotionally resonant power of art to inspire and raise awareness about climate change and its impact on marginalized communities. This exhibit is being held in partnership with the [Changing Planet Justice \(CPJ\) Foundation](http://Changing Planet Justice (CPJ) Foundation), which empowers youth to lead climate action in their communities.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 5, 7-9pm to meet curator Camille Kouyoumdjian and the artists. Before the exhibit starts, join us for this special program:

Webinar with CPJ Foundation Executive Director Arielle Kouyoumdjian on Thursday, December 21 starting at 7pm - Learn about the intersections between climate change, social justice, and food security.

This program will also discuss the CPJ Youth Leadership certification and the importance of including youth voices in the climate justice dialogue. Youth and adults are invited to attend. Register at cpj-webinar.eventbrite.com.



Calendars just \$20 each!

Thank you to Calendar Sponsors: Homes of Alexandria Team of Compass (Daniela Spigai and Ellen Patrick), Artifacts Inc, Let's Meat on the Avenue, McD Mateos Community Partners, and The Zebra Press.

Del Ray Artisans' 2024 Wall Calendar showcases 4-5 pieces of art per month. Thank you to the artists for the use of their work for this fundraiser. Pre-populated events in the calendar include Del Ray Artisans events, Del Ray community events, national holidays, and major religious holidays.

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



"Still Standing" by Camille Kouyoumdjian

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

Alcove Gift Shop Call for Artists

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

Exhibit Dates: January 5 - February 24, 2024

Application deadline: Sunday, December 17, 2023 by midnight



Del Ray Artisans' Alcove is a gift shop within the gallery, where members (who apply and are accepted) display and sell their work. Unframed 2-D works are available in bins alongside jewelry, fiber art, wood craft, ceramics, and other smaller 3-D items.

The work will be displayed for two months, and as pieces are sold they can be replaced with similar work for no additional fee. This opportunity is independent of the

monthly exhibits and is only open to Del Ray Artisans members. If you are not a member, you may [join Del Ray Artisans](https://DelRayArtisans.org) now to enter.

Visible Touch: A Look at Texture

Open to area artists

Exhibit Dates: February 2–24, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 by midnight



"Touch the Rainbow" by Lesley Hall

Artists are invited to enter 2D or 3D works that explore visual or physical texture. All subject matters, including abstract works, are welcome. Texture is one of the fundamental

elements of art and refers to the perceived surface quality of the artwork.

In art, texture can be created through physical form or visual illusion.

All media are welcome. The exhibit is open to all area artists. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee. Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Lesley Hall

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesday, December 5, 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, January 14, 1-3pm

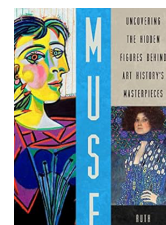


Bring your supplies and join Joan Bickelhaupt outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. This is a free, drop-in program that meets outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Creative Book Club

Saturday, January 20, 10am-noon

Muse: Uncovering the Hidden Figures Behind Art History's Masterpieces by Ruth Millington.



We instantly recognize many of their faces from the world's most iconic artworks—but just who was Picasso's 'Weeping Woman'?

Or the burglar in Francis Bacon's oeuvre? Why was Grace Jones covered in graffiti? Far from posing silently, muses have brought emotional support, intellectual energy, career-changing creativity, and practical help to artists. In *Muse*, Millington's goal is to re-claim that word in a celebratory narrative that takes ownership and demonstrates how outdated the common perception of that word is.

CREATIVE WINTER WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

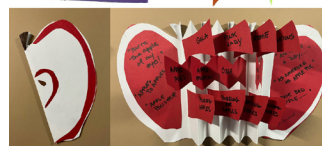
Playing with Resin Workshop Monday, December 4, 6-9pm

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 ASAP; walk-ins accepted only if space permits.



Flag Book Workshop Saturday, January 6, 10am-noon



Take a dive into the world of artists' books – works of art in book form – while creating a flag book. Flag books can look complicated, but you'll be surprised how doable they are once you learn the steps, and how delightful they are to look at and experience. Your completed flag book will be ready to enhance with any type of content: text or images. Bring these supplies of your own to the workshop:

Ruler (12" or longer), cutting board or piece of cardboard (12" x 12" or larger, scissors, pencil, metal

spoon, colored markers or colored pencils (optional).

Instructor: Ellen Rosenthal; \$18 Del Ray Artisans member / \$28 Non-member; plus a \$6 Supply Fee; Register by midnight on January 2.

EcoArt: Collage Landscapes for Climate Awareness Workshop Saturday, January 13, 10am-noon



Learn to make your own recycled, hand-painted papers and use them in a collage. Collect landscape photos of places that are meaningful to you and bring them to the class along with old magazines, photocopied photos, newspapers, maps, and other paper materials. The workshop will include a short demo on making hand-painted papers. We will go over value and color, and think about our compositions. You will then arrange your own composition with your torn papers and glue it to heavyweight paper. Bring several photocopied images of landscapes that are meaningful to you (preferably images you've taken yourself).

Instructor: Camille Kouyoumdjian; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply Fee; Register by midnight on January 10.

Creative Card Swap Reaches Milestone!

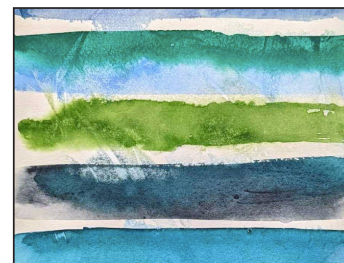
The 50th swap group has been assigned for Del Ray Artisans' Creative Card Swap. This program has generated over 600 handmade greeting cards! Thanks to over 85 different artists from all over the country who have participated. Sign up online for a one-time swap with three other artists. When your swap is completed, you may sign up again. Congratulations to these artists who have swapped 8+ times: Rusty Lynn, Karen Schmitz, Dan Witmeyer, Linda Elliff, Sharon Schaefer, Kate Gibney, and Joan Bickelhaupt.

Join in the fun by signing up at delrayartisans.org/card-swap-cfe

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

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

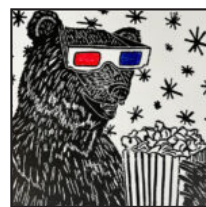


"Water Hues" by Eileen M. O'Brien

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.

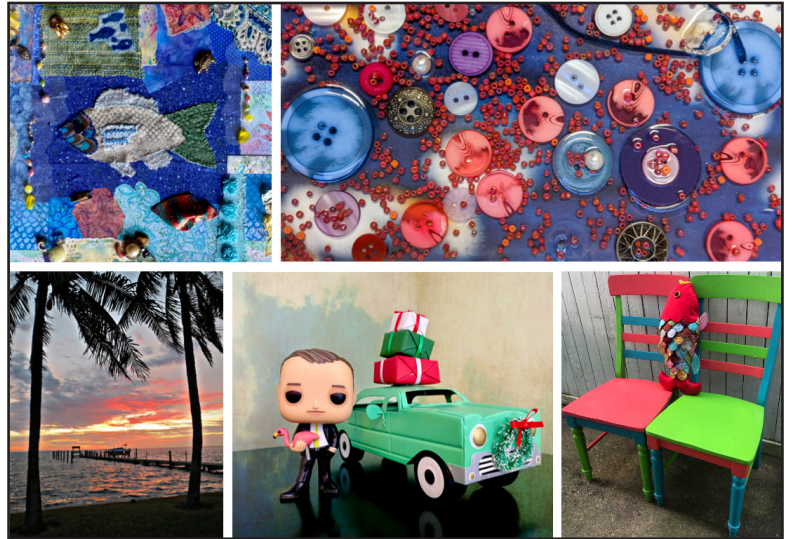
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Holiday Market: Friday 6–9pm
Saturday 11–6pm
Sunday 11–6pm
(Closed Dec 24–Jan 3)

*Top row, l. to r.: "Fishing in Busy Ocean" - Linda Elliff;
"Baby Doll" - Tracy Wilkerson;
Bottom row, l. to r.:
"Sunrise on Captiva Island" - Barbara Smith;
"A John Waters Christmas" - Gordon Thomas Frank;
"Best of Both Worlds" - Peter Michaels;*



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

December 2023

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 - 22 Holiday Market, 3–9pm
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 - 24–January 3 Gallery Closed for the Holidays
 - 31 *Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice* Artwork Drop Off

January 2024

- 5–27 EXHIBIT: *Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice***
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 - 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
 - 16 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
 - 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm (RSVP in Advance)
 - 20 Creative Book Club, 10am–noon
 - 23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
 - 27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–noon
 - 27 *Elements of Nature* at VCA Alexandria ends
 - 28 Closed to the Public
Artist Appointments Only

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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