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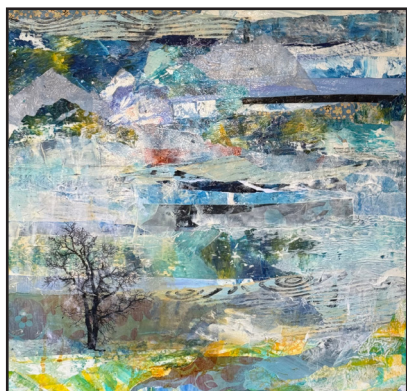
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Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice

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 conveys environmental issues through the universal languages of image and feeling with the goal of encouraging action towards a just, climate-friendly future. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 5, 7-9pm to meet curator Camille Kouyoumdjian and the artists.

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. CPJ provides a platform for youth of all backgrounds to share climate justice-related art, writing, and photography with their peers internationally.

If you missed the webinar with CPJ Executive Director Arielle Kouyoumdjian last month, view at youtube.com/@delrayartisans

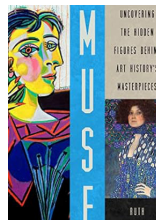


Welcome New Members

Blake Brown
Susan Curda
Anthony Murray

Creative Book Club

Saturday, January 20, 10am-noon



The book for this discussion is *Muse: Uncovering the Hidden Figures Behind Art History's Masterpieces* by Ruth Millington.

It explores the persons who were the inspiration for 29 artists over the past five centuries. Some are those we probably already know and others are quite surprising to discover. The Creative Book Club is drop-in, free, and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other creative people. Details at delrayartisans.org/book-club

President's Letter

Thank you to the membership for voting in the 2024 Board of Directors. You'll find these outstanding volunteers listed on page 4. Special thanks to outgoing President Dale Spivey and Volunteers Director Joshua Oliveira for your years of service on the Board.

The new year is packed with creative activity! We have 10 monthly exhibits, 2 outdoor markets, and 2 indoor markets planned. See the attached insert for the exhibit schedule and stay tuned for additional exhibits being planned through our Gallery Without Walls program.

In 2024 Del Ray Artisans will host two life drawing sessions per month; Partners in Art Evening has been moved to the third Wednesday of the month; Del Ray Urban Sketchers and Nature Journaling Club continue their monthly schedule; and Creative Book Club remains once per quarter.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 wall calendar fundraiser and 30th anniversary t-shirt fundraiser. Calendars are sold out. Just a few t-shirts remain, including a limited number of hand-dyed t-shirts courtesy of Lesley Hall.

Happy New Year! —Dawn Wyse Hurto, 2024 President



Board members (outgoing and incoming) and their partners
Photo courtesy: Sean Crumley



2024 Calendars Sold Out!

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. Thank you to the artists for the use of their work for this fundraiser.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

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

The Power of Two

Open to area artists - Exhibit Dates: March 1–30, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Saturday, February 10, 2024 by midnight



"The Power of Two" by Karen and TJ Feeley

Artists are invited to enter works that feature any two related items in one piece of art. For example, artwork could focus on two of a kind, two complementary items, duos, twins, parents and children, lovers or any other combination of two.

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

Curators: Karen and TJ Feeley

"I Likey" Card Making Party - February 3, 4-8pm



Come to the FREE FUN-4-Hour "I Likey" Card Making Party on Saturday, February 3 from 4-8pm. Just in time for Valentine's Day! Hostess Karen Schmitz welcomes all levels of "cardie" enthusiasts to drop-in (no registration required).

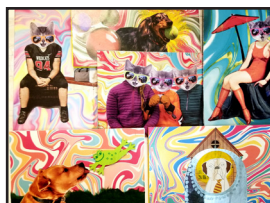
There will be plenty of art making materials, cards, envelopes, and ephemera available. The event is open to all ages and skill levels to make artful greeting cards. Donations appreciated for any cards you make that you are taking home. Card makers can also donate "All-Occasion" cards to the gallery to benefit Del Ray Artisans.

Card Making Parties are FUN:

- Learn & share art techniques/mini-demos/prizes
- No experience needed just bring a positive "art-itude"
- Meet & mingle with new people, artists & DRA members
- See the *Visible Touch* art exhibit

Volunteers needed to help with event & clean-up.

Please contact Karen at kschmitzart@gmail.com



RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Urban Sketchers

Sunday, January 14, 1-3pm

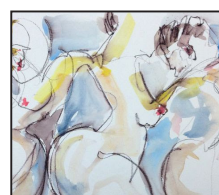


Bring your supplies and join Joan Bickelhaupt outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. This is a free, drop-in program that meets outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesdays, January 16 and 23, 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

Wednesday, January 17, 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, January 27, 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 WINTER WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

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

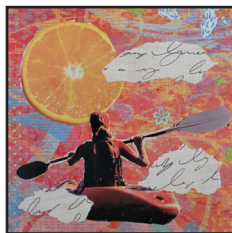
Learn to make your own recycled, hand-painted papers and use them in a collage. Collect landscape photos of places that are meaningful to you (preferably images you've taken yourself) and bring them to the class along with old magazines, photocopied photos, newspapers, maps, and other paper materials. 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.

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



"Earth's Abundance"
Camille Kouyoumdjian

New Year, New Flow: A Creative Reset Workshop Thursday, February 8, 6-8pm



"Journey II"

by Sharon J. Burton

Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey into the heart of your creativity? Whether you are an artist, writer, musician, or work in another creative field, join us for a two-hour workshop designed to inspire, energize, and guide you toward a year of meaningful creative accomplishments.

Reset, refocus, and reignite your creative spark. Join us and step into the new year with purpose, inspiration, and a community of fellow creatives cheering you on.

Instructor: Sharon J. Burton; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus bring your own notebook or journal and a writing tool; Register by midnight on February 4.

Playing with Resin Workshop - Monday, February 12, 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).

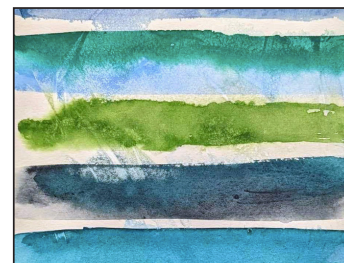
Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register in advance; walk-ins accepted only if space permits.



GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

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

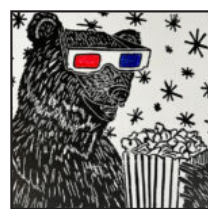


"Water Hues" by Eileen M. O'Brien

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

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 mixed media works of art.

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 is also viewable online.



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Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
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Gallery Hours:

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

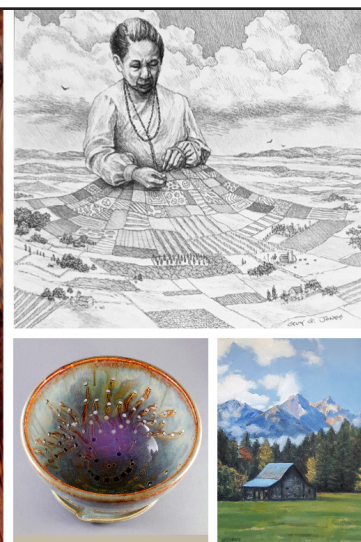
Top row, l. to r.: "Wings of a Dove" - Sue Shumate;

"Star Woman" - Guy Jones;

Bottom row, l. to r.:

"Smiling Berry Bowl" - Diana Manchak;

"Dreaming of the Mountains of My Youth" - Maria Kinnane



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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
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- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 20 Creative Book Club, 10am-noon
- 23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
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- 27 **EXHIBIT: *12 Elements of Nature* at VCA Alexandria ends**
- 28 Closed to the Public
Artist Appointments Only

February 2024

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Artist Appointments Only
- Check our website for more, upcoming events:
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Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

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Entry deadline Sunday, December 17, 2023; Receiving Sunday, December 31 by appointment

Curator: Camille Kouyoumdjian

Open to all area artists. 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.

Visible Touch: A Look at Texture (February 2–24, 2024)

Entry deadline Wednesday, January 10, 2024; Receiving Sunday, January 28 by appointment

Curators: Dawn Wyse Hurto and Lesley Hall

Open to all area artists. Seeking 2D and 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.

The Power of Two (March 1–30, 2024)

Entry deadline Saturday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, February 25 by appointment

Curators: Karen Feeley and TJ Feeley

Open to all area artists. Feature any two related items in one piece of art. Artwork could focus on two of a kind; two complementary items; duos; two friends; two lovers; parent & child; any combination of two.

Same But Different (April 5–27, 2024)

Entry deadline Sunday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 31 by appointment

Curator: Pinar Artuk-Boegel

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Enter artwork highlighting the varieties in a group; there are always distinctions in a bunch. This subject is broad and open to interpretation to show diversity. All media types welcome.

The Art of Tea (May 3 – June 1, 2024)

Entry deadline Wednesday, April 10; Receiving Sunday, April 28 by appointment

Curators: Suzan Ok Shumate and Sue Shumate

Open to all area artists. Explore the culture of tea, a drink that dates back thousands of years, and depict themes and stories surrounding this aromatic beverage. All media are welcome including art that weaves tea into the creations.

Spring Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, May 11, 2024)



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All About Love (June 7–30, 2024)

Entry deadline Friday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, June 2 by appointment

Curator: TJ Feeley

Open to all area artists. What does love mean to you? Seeking artwork that explores the concept of love in all of its forms.

Summer Art Market (Indoors - July 13–14, 2024)

The Science of our Surroundings (August 2–31, 2024)

Entry deadline Wednesday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, July 28 by appointment

Curators: Aaron Fletchersmith and Amanda Fletchersmith

Open to all area artists. Focus on science and science diagrams showing anything scientific that you, as an artist, love.

Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric (September 6–28, 2024)

Entry deadline Saturday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, September 1 by appointment

Curators: Liz Martinez and Robyn Seaton McGarry

Open to all area artists. Celebrate fiber and fabric. Seeking a wide range of mediums—from a physical quilt to a painted still life featuring yarn—and everything in between.

HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, September 21, 2024)

Artificial or Intelligence? (October 4–26, 2024)

Entry deadline Tuesday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, September 29 by appointment

Curators: Nicole Mahoney and Nancy Galib

Open to all area artists. Explore AI including how it makes people feel and the place technology should have, with the respect to art.

\$100 and Under (November 1 – December 1, 2024)

Entry deadline Thursday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, October 27 by appointment

Curators: Dale Spivey and Kurt Peterson

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Enter artwork (in any medium) priced at \$100 or less.

29th Annual Holiday Market (Indoors - December 6–22, 2024)



Name			
Title	First	M.I.	Last

Address _____

Phone		
Home	Cell	Work

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

Referred by (optional) _____

Add a Donation

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Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans

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