



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

February 2024

The Well-Crafted Word

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DelRayArtisans.org

Visible Touch: A Look at Texture

February 2–24, 2024

Opening Reception on Friday, February 2, 7–9pm



"Flower Bust" by Lesley Hall

Come see the *Visible Touch: A Look at Texture* exhibit featuring works by local artists that explore texture through physical form and visual illusion. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, February 2 between 7-9pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery to meet curators Dawn Wyse Hurto and Lesley Hall and hear live guitar music by [Bob Graboyes](#).

Texture is one of the fundamental elements of art. In anticipation of how texture can prompt a desire to touch, visitors are allowed to touch some of the art. (Pieces that allow touching are marked.) Artists have also shared statements on how they created the various textures. Enjoy the visual and the tactile experience of this exhibit!

Welcome New Members

Amy Anda

Timothy Duncan

Vicki Einsel

Kazuko Fuller

Claudia Heath

Martha Kaplan

Ellen J. Kozicki

Karen Leonard & Olivia Crolle

Christian A. Melgar

Karina Mosser

Anna Glynn Young Schalk

Ashley Smith

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



Come to the FREE FUN-4-Hour "I Likey" Card Making Party just in time for Valentine's Day! Hostess Karen Schmitz welcomes all levels of "cardie" enthusiasts to drop-in (no registration and no experience 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.

Volunteers needed to help with event & clean-up. Please contact Karen at kschmitzart@gmail.com

Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap

Sunday, February 18, 4–6pm Free; Open Only to Members



Save the date for the first member meeting of 2024.

Bring the supplies you no longer need and be ready to find a treasure in other's discards.

We'll begin with a short meeting, and then select "new to you" art supplies. Looking forward to seeing you at the gallery!

If you have any questions, please reach out the Membership Director, Kate Gibney, at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org.

Creative Book Club Saturday, Feb 3, 10am-noon



The book for this discussion is *Muse: Uncovering the Hidden Figures Behind 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

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

The Power of Two

Open to Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: March 1–30, 2024
Digital entry deadline: Saturday, February 10 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

Call For Artists: Alcove Gift Shop

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members - March 1–April 27, 2024
Application deadline: Sunday, February 11 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 now](https://DelRayArtisans.org) to enter.

Same But Different

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members - Exhibit Dates: April 5–27, 2024
Digital entry deadline: Sunday, March 10 by midnight

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 are welcome. The exhibit is open only to Del Ray Artisans members. If you are not a member, you may [join Del Ray Artisans](https://DelRayArtisans.org). Entry details coming soon.

Curators: Pinar Artuk-Boegel and Barbara Cooper

The Art of Tea

Open to Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: May 3–June 2, 2024
Digital entry deadline: Wednesday, April 10 by midnight

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.

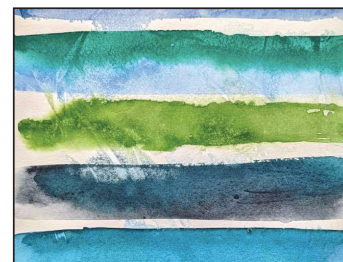
The exhibit is open to all area artists. Del Ray Artisans members pay a discounted entry fee. Entry details coming soon.

Curators: Suzan Ok Shumate and Sue Shumate

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

12 Elements of Nature Art
Exhibit at VCA Alexandria
Animal Hospital
extended through March 30



"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.

CREATIVE WINTER WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

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.

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.

Flowers Everywhere Workshop - Saturday, February 17, 6-7:30pm



Learn how to level up grocery store arrangements. Explore the difference in quality between wholesale and retail blooms. Create a masterpiece to take home at the end of the workshop. The supply fee includes use of tools during the workshop, a selection of seasonal organic floral matter, and a vessel.

Instructor: BWS Johnson; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$45 Non-member; plus a \$25 Supply fee; Register by noon on February 15.

Ceramic Turtle Workshop - Saturday, February 24, 5-8pm



Design and create a one-of-a-kind keepsake turtle. Students will use stoneware clay to hand-build a turtle by forming shapes from soft clay in different patterns and learn how to make limbs and head to complete their turtle. We will use a variety of basic clay techniques that are the foundation for all clay work.

Select a glaze color or two and the instructor will dry and fire each turtle and return the finished pieces for pick up at the gallery. Adults and participants ages 13+ are welcome.

Instructor: Diana Manchak; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on February 17.

Introduction to Rubber Stamp Carving Workshop

Monday, March 11, 6-9pm



Learn how to use carving tools to create hand-carved stamps out of rubber! Practice techniques for chopping and slicing your own reusable custom stamps. Students will take home carving tools, rubber blocks, and a brayer. Dexterous children 6-13 allowed with an adult.

Instructor: Erica Hughes; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$45 Non-member; plus a \$25 Supply fee; Register by midnight on February 28.

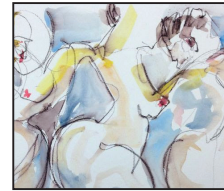
RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesdays, February 6 and 20, 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 Urban Sketchers

Sunday, February 11, 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.

Partners in Art Evening

Wednesday, February 21, 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, February 24, 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.



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Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
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Gallery Hours: Top row, l. to r.: "On the Dunes of the Cape" - Kelly MacConomy;
Thursday 12-6pm "Karen & Erin" - Karen Schmitz;
Friday 12-9pm Bottom row, l. to r.:
Saturday 12-6pm "Silence is Golden" - Ilona Lantos;
Sunday 12-6pm "Phases" - Pinar Artuk-Boegel; "Flower Train" - Tracy Wilkerson



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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 - 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
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 - 10 *The Power of Two* Call for Entry Deadline
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 - 24 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
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Artist Appointments Only

March 2024

- 1-30 **EXHIBIT: The Power of Two**
Curators: Karen & TJ Feeley
- 1 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
 - 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
 - 5 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
 - 9 Creative Flower Photography Workshop, 9:30am-noon
 - 10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
 - 10 *Same But Different*
Call for Entry Deadline
 - 11 Intro to Rubber Stamp Carving Workshop, 6-9pm
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 - 30 **EXHIBIT: 12 Elements of Nature at VCA Alexandria ends**
 - 31 Closed to the Public
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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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Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice (January 5–27, 2024)

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.

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Spring Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, May 11, 10am-4pm)



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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, 10am-4pm both days)

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, Sept 21, 10am-4pm)

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

Referred by (optional) _____

☐ \$ 40

☐ Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____

☐ Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____

☐ Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs
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If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

		12-hour Volunteer requirement									
			Member-only programs and events	Reduced workshop, classes and program fees	Monthly online "The Well-Crafted Word" newsletter	Inclusion in 2 member shows annually	Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls	No charge for entry into Members-only shows	No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets)	Recognition in the Gallery	Appreciation Gift and Event
Membership Categories		Cost	Membership Benefits								
Artist											
Individual	\$ 60	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Dual (2 adults, same address)	\$ 90	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Family (2 adults, 4 children, same address)	\$ 110	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Senior (Age 62 and over)	\$ 45	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Student (Full-time status)	\$ 30	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Supporter											
Supporter	\$ 40		•	•	•						
Patron (Includes family membership)											
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online