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The Power of Two March 1–30, 2024 Opening Reception on Friday, March 1, 7–9pm



"The Power of Two" by Karen and TJ Feeley Come see *The Power of Two* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery opening on March 1, 2024 to meet curators Karen and TJ Feeley and the artists. This exhibit features any two related items in one piece of art, such as two of a kind, two complementary items, duos, twins, parents and children, and lovers. Through the exhibit you'll recall some famous twos: "Double your pleasure, double your fun" (Wrigley's Doublemint Gum); "Two great tastes that taste great together" (Reese's peanut butter cups); "Double Vision" (Foreigner); and the pairs on Noah's Ark.

Visible Touch: Congratulations & Special Thanks

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the *Visible Touch* exhibit (Feb 2-24). Special thanks to Director of Curating Amy Kitchin Hower, Karen Schmitz for organizing the "I Likey" Card Making Party, and Bob Graboyes (youtube.com/@RFGraboyes) for the live reception music. Congratulations to the Curators Choice Award winners: You're Text by Ed Conley, Sunset Rain by R. Morgan Parr, Buddy by Nancy M. Patrick, The Cat's Trophy Case by Kathy A Turner, and Water Lilies by Christine Vinh. For the People's Choice award, 194 ballots were counted and there was a tie: Touch the Rainbow by Lesley Hall and Sunflower Splashes by Tiara Safic-Martin. Félicitations! —Dawn Wyse Hurto & Lesley Hall, curators



Sunflower Splashes by Tiara Safic-Martin

"Touch the Rainbow" by Leslie Hall



Welcome New Members

Shanya Camp Nicole Garvin Charlotte Gnessin Courtney Pippin-Mathu Deborah Schiavone

Banner Cleaning Volunteers

Meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 6pm at the gallery to help prep past exhibit banners for reuse. — Margaret Slipek, Fundraising@ DelRayArtisans.org

Cherry Bomb Volunteers

Meet on Friday, March 8 at 3pm to help decorate the gallery exterior for the 2024 National Cherry Blossom Festival: Petal Porches (March 20-April 14). Our "porch" theme is Cherry Bomb. No decorations on the upper half of the walkway railing to keep the gallery accessible. Want to create large spherical cherries? Run your weather-proof designs by me before starting. We also need a volunteer to program a looped video of fireworks and cherries. —Erica Hughes, Programs@DelRayArtisans.org

"I Likey" Card Making Party Thank You



Card by Theresa Kulstad

Founding Member, Kathyrn Brown loved attending the "I Likey" Card Making Party on February 3 and says: "It was a raging success!!! The attendance was overwhelming with 60+ kids and adults. The preparation was awesome, the volunteers were continuously helpful. There were long-time members, brand new members, art campers, folks who heard about this thru Eventbrite - all stripes coming together in a cacophony of creativity."

Eco-packaged, handmade cards are sold in the gallery for \$3-10. Cards are also mailed by the Sunshine Committee to members; send card requests to Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org.

Party Host, Karen Schmitz gives a BIG SWAK to volunteers: Dan Witmeyer, Andreas Barrett, Karen Leonard, Susan Pawlukiewicz, Jahed Nazari, Caron Arntson, Rachel Adox, Lucie Specht, Rakhee Vemulapalli, Robyn McGarry, Shivang Patel, and Becky Rife (for all her cool donated materials).

CALLS FOR ENTRY Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Same But Different

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



"Springtime in Maryland" by Archa Malhotra Explore notions of identity, distinctions and similarities in our natural and manmade world. Look at the interconnectedness of humanity by examining the uniqueness of things that may appear to be the same. 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 and then enter.

Curators: Pinar Artuk-Boegel & Barbara Cooper

Call for Artists Del Ray Artisans' Spring Art Market Appliation deadline: Sunday, March 24 by midnight

Join Del Ray Artisans in its tradition of outdoor art markets and sell your original handmade artwork to the local community. This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery, on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 10am to 4pm.

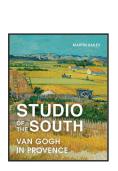
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Fi	ne Art * Jewelry * Fine Crafts * and More
	Original handcrafted work from local artists!
	Colasanto Park next to Del Ray Artisans gallery 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
S	hop for: Mother's Day * Graduation * Birthdays
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The 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



Creative Book Club Saturday, May 18, 10am-noon

Join us to discuss *"Studio of the South: Van Gogh in Provence"* by Martin Bailey. The book tells the story of Van Gogh's stay in Arles.

Facilitator: Rusty Lynn Details at delrayartisans.org/book-club

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 Hopital November 20, 2023 -November 16, 2024



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 of art

"Movie Night" by Annemarie Kuhns 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

Creative Flower Photography Workshop Saturday, March 9, 9:30am-noon



Learn how to improve your flower photography with simple and inexpensive tips and tricks, using everyday items. This class will teach you how to create beautiful photographs worthy of hanging in the home, whether the flowers are in a garden or if you use a bouquet of store-bought flowers. The class will also focus on some creative ideas to take your flower photography to the next level. This workshop is great for any level of photography experience, including beginners.

Instructor: Victoria Barnes; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus bring your own camera; Register by midnight on March 6.

Playing with Resin Workshop - Sunday, March 17, 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 March 15.

Collage City Spires and Skylines Workshop Saturday, March 23, 10am-noon



Explore the dynamic world of urban landscapes through the creative lens of collage. Learn about the importance of values, color theory, and layering and how to use layers to create a composition that is cohesive and conveys depth and meaning. Whether abstract or representational, each student will come away with a new understanding of how to construct a work of art that conveys the essence of their

own personal connection to a particular city. The supply fee includes all materials. A variety of mixed media tools, paints and implements will be provided, as well as archival polymer, scissors, tissue paper, design paper, art panels, reference photos, and more will be provided to compose a striking skyline.

Instructor: Camille Kouyoumdjian \$35 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$45 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply fee; Register by midnight on March 19.

Meditative Art Mandalas Workshop Thursday, April 11, 6-9pm



Drawing mandalas can be a therapeutic art form to help well-being and reduce anxiety. The design is usually symmetrical, radiating from the center of a circle, which is what you will learn to do in this class along with basic shapes and structure of the mandala, or "circle."

Instructor: Stacy Rauschs; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$50 Non-member; plus a \$20 Supply fee; Register by midnight on April 3.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, March 5 and 19, 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. Dropin; all skill levels welcome.

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, March 10, 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, March 20, 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, March 30, 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.

DEL RAY ARTISANS

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Submission Deadline: 15th of the month Jenny Nicholson, Newsletter Editor Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

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

Top row, l. to r.: "Chicken a la Bling" - Susan Fitter Harris; "The Conjuring" - Scott MacConomy; "world of stone" - Donna Lee Gallo Bottom row, r.: "Petals of Pink" - Nancy Carolina Flores



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March 2024

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- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 6 Banner Cleaning Volunteers, 6pm
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- 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, 6-9pm
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
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- 23 Collage City Spires & Skylines Workshop, 10am-noon
- 24 Spring Art Market Application Deadline
- 30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 30 EXHIBIT: *12 Elements of Nature* at VCA Alexandria ends
- 31 Closed to the Public Artist Appointments Only

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

April 2024

- 4 First Thursday Activity, 6:30–8pm
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- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
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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.

Other Key Contacts

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2024 Exhibit Schedule

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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.

Same But Different (April 5–27, 2024)

Entry deadline Sunday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 31 by appointment **Curators: Pinar Artuk-Boegel and Barbara Cooper**

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, 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)

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Membership Form

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Membership Categories and Benefits Monthly online "The Well-Crafted Word" newsletter Reduced entry fees, inc. free Gallery Without Walls No charge for entry into all shows (excl. markets) Reduced workshop, classes and program fees No charge for entry into Members-only shows Inclusion in 2 member shows annually Member-only programs and events 2-hour Volunteer requirement Appreciation Gift and Event Recognition in the Gallery Membership Categories Cost **Membership Benefits** Artist Individual \$ 60 • • . ٠ Dual \$ 90 ٠ . . . (2 adults, same address) Family (2 adults, 4 children, \$110 • . . . ٠ ٠ same address) Senior \$45 . . . ٠ (Age 62 and over) Student \$ 30 . (Full-time status) Supporter Supporter \$ 40 • • • Patron (Includes family membership) Silver \$ 250 . ٠ (\$ 140 tax-deductible) Gold \$ 500 . . (\$ 390 tax-deductible) Platinum \$ 1,000 . . . • . . . (\$ 890 tax-deductible)

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