



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

April 2024

# The Well-Crafted Word

a monthly publication of Del Ray Artisans . . . since 1992

[DelRayArtisans.org](http://DelRayArtisans.org)

## Same But Different April 5–27, 2024

Opening Reception on Friday, April 5, 7–9pm



“Springtime in Maryland”  
by Archa Malhotra

To celebrate International Diversity Month, this art exhibit highlights the beauty and richness of diversity through artists’ interpretations of the concept Same But Different. This Del Ray Artisans members showcase explores notions of identity, distinctions and similarities in our natural and manmade world. Through a variety of mediums, styles, and perspectives, the *Same But Different* exhibit invites the viewers to look at the interconnectedness of humanity by examining the uniqueness of things that may appear to be the same.

Curators: Pinar Artuk-Boegel and Barbara Cooper

### FIRST THURSDAY, April 4

Activity 6:30-8pm - Gallery Hours 12-9pm

Del Ray celebrates First Thursday, a Del Ray community event on the first Thursday of the month between April-September. The neighborhood theme in April is Del Ray in Bloom. Join us from 6:30-8pm for our family-friendly activity: decorating upcycled flower containers! Plus get a sneak peek at the upcoming exhibit.



### 18 Del Ray Artisans members represent at Artomatic! Now-April 28, 2024, 2100 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Check out their spaces along with approx 1,000 other artists, take in a band performance, shop in the marketplace – so much to see and do! [artomatic.org](http://artomatic.org)

Fridays & Saturdays 12pm–12am; Sundays 12-9pm; Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-9:30pm

Metro is encouraged due to limited downtown parking. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase on the 3rd, 5th, and 8th floors.

John T. Allen - 7095

Brenda Chandler - 7079

Molly Fitzgerald - 5047

Marcelle Fozard - 4043

Gordon Frank - 6126

Joyce Frank - 5102

Brando Gould - 7083

Edith Graciela Sanabria - 304 & 4139

Betsy Jones - 4015

Linda Lowery - 7082

Julia D'Ambrosi Major - 7080

Samantha Nichols - 7097

Eileen M. O'Brien - 6040

Ken Reed - 7094

Cheryl VanderMolen Neway - 5001 & 829

Viki Walchak - 317

Tamara Wilkerson - 5071

Tracy Wilkerson - 6054

## Welcome New Members

Charles Dervarics

KC Hodge

Dias Katague

Elizabeth Lederer

Alicia Llanillo

Julia D'Ambrosi Major

Jennifer Mills

Maria Antonia Oanes

Jennifer Pernis

Jennifer Tallorico

Jeff D. Ventura



### Spring2Action 2024 Donate April 10-24

Starting Wednesday, April 10 through Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (Giving Day) our community comes together to support the amazing work of Alexandria nonprofits through Spring2Action, hosted by ACT for Alexandria. Please remember Del Ray Artisans is one of those worthy causes!

During Spring2Action, please show your support for Del Ray Artisans’ exhibits, programs, youth and outreach activities which help members of our community grow as individuals and as artists.

For details and to donate, visit [www.spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans](http://www.spring2action.org/organizations/del-ray-artisans)

## CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at [DelRayArtisans.org/cfe](http://DelRayArtisans.org/cfe)

### Gallery Without Walls

#### Rejuvenation at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members - Exhibit Dates: April 22-October 19, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Wednesday, April 3 by midnight



"Cherry Blossom" by Sunny Chen

Seeking 2D artwork exploring the concept of rejuvenation (the action or process of giving new energy or vigor to something). Spring is the season of rejuvenation when the earth celebrates a regeneration of nature! The art world saw a rejuvenation during the Renaissance. Rejuvenation may be experienced through reinventing ourselves or through renewal or recovery.

### Alcove Gift Shop

May 3-June 2, 2024

Application deadline: Sunday, April 14 by midnight

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members



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 items.

### The Art of Tea

Open to All Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: May 3-June 2, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Wednesday, April 17 by midnight



"Floral Infusion"  
by Suzan Ok Shumate  
and Sue Shumate

Step into a world where art intersects with tea. Explore the culture of tea, a drink that dates back thousands of years to China's Shang Dynasty. Channeling your inner Zhou Fang, Matisse, Cassatt, or van Rijsselberghe, depict themes and stories surrounding this aromatic beverage. From tea cups and tea pots to the Mad Hatter or Boston Tea Party, this exhibit promises to intrigue and delight, like an herbal infusion on a sunny morning. 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.

Curators: Suzan Ok Shumate & 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](http://delrayartisans.org/book-club)

## GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/gww](http://DelRayArtisans.org/gww)

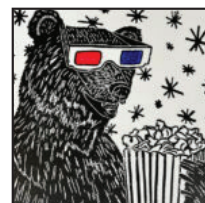
### Local Artisan Showcase

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 [sfrederick97@gmail.com](mailto:sfrederick97@gmail.com) to schedule an on-site viewing appointment at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA. The artwork is also viewable online.



### New Board Members

DRA is excited to welcome our newest Board of Directors members: Morgan Parr and Sandra Alami. Morgan will be in charge of recruiting and organizing our DRA volunteers while Sandra will be heading up our youth programs. We're looking forward to their fresh perspectives and innovative ideas for 2024!

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## CREATIVE WINTER WORKSHOPS

Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](http://DelRayArtisans.org/workshops)



### Mix and Match Upcycle Earrings Saturday, April 6, 10am-noon

Make your own unique, upcycled, mix and match custom earrings from upcycled and vintage materials. Learn basic jewelry making techniques, and no prior experience is necessary.

All supplies are provided but participants may bring items such as beads, or a single pair of earrings that has lost its partner.

*Instructor: Megan Levanduski; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$30 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on April 3.*



### Meditative Art Mandalas 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.*



### Gel Printing: Same But Different Edition Saturday, April 13, 10am-noon

Packing materials get a second life in this workshop that teaches you how to make wonderful prints using household items, stamps, and stencils!

Plate kits will be provided for class use only, but take-home kits may be purchased for \$20 directly to the instructor during the workshop. All other supplies are included in the supply fee, but participants may bring their own papers or paints.

*Instructor: Eileen M. O'Brien \$50 Del Ray Artisans member/ \$60 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on April 9.*



### Creative Flower Photography Sunday, April 21, 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. 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 April 18.*



### Playing with Resin - Monday, April 22, 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 April 19.*

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## RECURRING PROGRAMS

[DelRayArtisans.org/programs](http://DelRayArtisans.org/programs)

### Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, April 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.

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### Life Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, April 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.

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### Partners in Art Evening Wednesday, April 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.

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### Life Sketch Collaborations Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm

Join us live sketching the Alexandria Choral Society's "To The Sea" concert on Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church with an option to sell your work at the reception -- or live sketching the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's concert also on April 20, 7pm at the Schlesinger Concert Hall. Register in advance for either event. Contact [programs@delrayartisans.org](mailto:programs@delrayartisans.org).

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### Nature Journaling Club Saturday, April 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.

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# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 [DelRayArtisans.org](http://DelRayArtisans.org)

**Submission Deadline:** 15th of the month  
Jenny Nicholson, Newsletter Editor  
[Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org)

**Gallery Hours:**

First Thursday 12-9pm  
Thursday 12-6pm  
Friday 12-9pm  
Saturday 12-6pm  
Sunday 12-6pm

Top row, l. to r.: "My Brother Axel" - Annike Caldwell;  
"Another Long Night" - Eileen M O'Brien  
Bottom row, l. to r.: "The Beachcomber's Reward" - Liz Martinez;  
"Red Cracker Butterfly on Flowering Duranta" - Ronald Reel



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](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar)

**April 2024**

- 3 Rejuvenation GWW Call for Entry Deadline
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- 5-27 EXHIBIT: *Same But Different*  
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- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Mix & Match Upcycle Earrings Workshop, 10am-noon
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10-24 Spring2ACTion 2024
- 11 Meditative Art Mandalas Workshop, 6-9pm
- 13 Gel Printing Workshop: Same But Different Edition, 10am-noon
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 14 Alcove Gift Shop Call for Artists Deadline
- 15 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 16 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 17 *The Art of Tea* Call for Entry Deadline
- 21 Creative Flower Photography Workshop 9:30am-noon
- 22 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 23 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 28 Closed to the Public-Artist Appointments Only

**May 2024**

- 2 First Thursday Activity, 6:30-8pm
- 3-June 2 EXHIBIT: *The Art of Tea*  
Curators: Suzan Ok Shumate & Sue Shumate
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Zen Brush Calligraphy Workshop, 9:30am-noon
- 5 Printmaking Workshop TBD
- 6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 7 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 10 *All About Love* Call for Entry Deadline
- 11 Spring Art Market, 10am-4pm outdoors
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 16 Member Meeting & Benefit Program
- 18 Creative Book Club, 10am-noon
- 21 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 23 Author Presentation: Bianca Bosker Get the Picture, 7-9pm
- 25 Morning Tea, 10am-noon
- 25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon

Check our website for more, upcoming events:  
[DelRayArtisans.org/calendar](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar)

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**

Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/membership](http://DelRayArtisans.org/membership) for details.

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# Membership Form

Renewal     New Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title                      First                      M.I.                      Last

Additional Household Members \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

List artist media (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

- |  |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Patron</b>                              | <b>Artist</b>                             | <b>Supporter</b>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250 Silver     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 Gold       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 90 Dual       |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000 Platinum | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 110 Family    |                                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45 Senior     |                                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 Student    |                                |

**Add a Donation**

- Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:**

- |   |                                     |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants     | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial      | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising    | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity  |  |

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans  
 Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301  
 Or join online: [www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/membership/)

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: [Membership@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Membership@DelRayArtisans.org)

Membership Categories and Benefits											
Membership Categories	Cost	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
<b>Artist</b>											
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	•	•	•	•	•	•				
<b>Supporter</b>											
Supporter	\$ 40		•	•	•						
<b>Patron (Includes family membership)</b>											
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online