



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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DelRayArtisans.org

The Art of Tea Exhibit runs May 3 - June 2 Opening Reception: Friday, May 3, 7-9pm



"Floral Infusion"
by Suzan Ok Shumate
and Sue Shumate

Step into a world where art intersects with tea. Through *The Art of Tea* exhibit, artists explore the culture of tea, a drink that dates back thousands of years to China's Shang Dynasty. From tea cups and tea pots to the Mad Hatter or Boston Tea Party, this exhibit intrigues and delight, like an herbal infusion on a sunny morning.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, May 3 between 7-9pm to meet curators Suzan Ok Shumate and Sue Shumate and the artists. Thank you to McD Mateos McDonald's for sponsoring the reception.

The exhibit runs May 3-June 2. Gallery hours are First Thursday (April-September) 12-9pm, Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 12-6pm. On the last day of the exhibit (Sunday, June 2) the gallery is open 12-4pm.

Welcome New Members

Kebao Li
Catherine Rubin

MEMBER MEETING & BENEFIT PROGRAM

Instagram for Artists

Thursday, May 16, 7-9pm

Join us in-person or via Zoom for a FREE program of interest for DRA members. We'll start with refreshments and a brief business meeting, then dive into Instagram for Artists! Dina Wise will walk you through Instagram, including building posts, stories, reels, and more. She'll discuss the importance of captions, hashtags and @tags; setting up collaborations; and how to photograph and edit art to create the perfect post. Don't miss this presentation! Zoom information will be emailed to all members in advance of the meeting. Questions? Contact Dina at technology@delrayartisans.org.

FIRST THURSDAY, May 2

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 May is Dog Days of Del Ray. Join us from 6:30-8pm for our family-friendly activity (color your own dog mask!) inside the gallery; and then try your hand at a game of outdoor lawn darts FETCH games using soft and safe dartboard balls. Bring along your four-legged BFF! Plus get a sneak peek at the upcoming exhibit.

SPRING ART MARKET

Saturday, May 11, 10am-4pm

This market that gives you the chance to purchase original handcrafted artwork from talented local artists in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. Plus community partner McD Mateos McDonald's joins the fun with face painting and balloons for children!

The event is held rain or shine, FREE to browse, and open to the public. Drop in anytime during the event to meet the artists.



Spring Art Market is in Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA.

We did it! Thank you!

Together, we raised \$12,215 during Spring2ACTion (\$5,190 designated to the John W. Hiller Photography and Film Scholarship and \$7,025 in general funds). Thank you so much for your generous monetary gifts, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations. Your involvement is vital to the success of our nonprofit arts organization.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

All About Love

Open to All Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: June 7-30, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Friday, May 10 by midnight



"All About Love" by TJ Feeley

While the ancient Greeks identified eight major types of love, humans have an infinite number of ways to love. Enter artwork that explores the concept of love in any of its forms: romantic love, love of family, love of pets, young love, enduring love, strong friendships, soulmates, and more.

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

Curator: TJ Feeley

Call for Proposals

2025 Art Exhibits at Del Ray Artisans

Proposal Deadline: Saturday, July 13, 2024 by midnight

Del Ray Artisans is seeking exhibit proposals for next year's calendar. Del Ray Artisans strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. Experienced and first time curators welcome! The Exhibit Selection Committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Board for final approval.

Get To Know The New Board Members



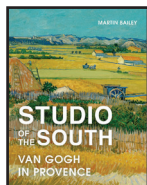
Meet DRA's new Director of Volunteers Morgan Parr. Morgan has been educating preschoolers since 2016. She has a masters in Early Childhood Education and completed her undergrad in Arts & Visual Technology. She is a Virginia native and a single mom. Morgan has spent the last several years focusing on both her personal and professional development in the realm of diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and anti-bias and anti-racist education.



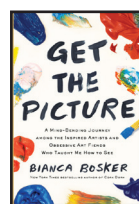
Sandra Alami is a child and adolescent therapist. She is excited to serve as the Del Ray Artisans' Youth Programs Director for the 2024-2025 calendar year. In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time outdoors, and knitting.

Book-related Events at delrayartisans.org/book-club

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. Creative Book Club is a drop-in program that meets once a quarter. Facilitator: Rusty Lynn



Author Presentation: Bianca Bosker - Get the Picture Thursday, May 23, 7-9pm

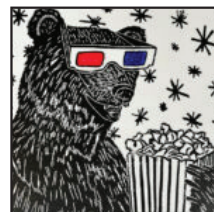
New York Times bestselling author of *Cork Dork* presents a mind-bending journey among the inspired artists and obsessive art fiends who taught Bianca how to see. Register in advance. Organized by the Friends of the Duncan Library.

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww
Come see Del Ray Artisans art exhibits hosted outside our gallery.

Art Exhibits

at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
run through November 16, 2024



"Movie Night"
by Annemarie Kuhns

The *Original Expressions* exhibit features 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). This

open theme exhibit in the lobby and side hallways is available for walk-in viewing. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.

The concurrent exhibit, *Local Artisan Showcase*, is an annual exhibit in the exam rooms. The artwork is viewable online or in-person by appointment only (Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm). Contact Stephanie Frederick at sfrederick97@gmail.com to schedule an on-site viewing appointment.

Rejuvenation

at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital
April 22-October 19, 2024



"Butterfly"
by Nancy M. Patrick

The *Rejuvenation* exhibit is Del Ray Artisans' first exhibit in the lobby and hallway at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital and features artwork exploring the concept of rejuvenation (the action or process of giving new energy or vigor to something).

VCA Old Town is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-7pm, Saturday 8am-3pm, at 425 N Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The parking lot is accessible from Princess Street. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops



Block Printing 2.0 Workshop: Beyond the Basics **Saturday, May 4, 9am-noon**

This workshop is for those who have the basics of single ink block printing, but want to do more. We'll go beyond the basics by learning about enhancing designs with linear art techniques, exploring ways to add additional color and interest through double-ink and simple reduction ink printing, and using post-printing enhancement techniques, such as collage and mixed media.

Instructor: Ellen Rosenthal; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; plus students must bring supplies (see website for details); Register by midnight on May 1.



Zen Brush Calligraphy **Sunday, May 5, 9:30am-noon**

Join us for a cup of green tea, jasmine pearls, genmaicha, or other teas (tea provided) and learn about the four treasures of East Asian style calligraphy (brush, ink, ink stone, and paper). We will practice with the brush and explore personal expression using sumi ink on rice paper. The final project will be a

weathergram to hang outside and a small booklet of our practice. All art materials are included in the supply fee.

Instructor: Jenny Nicholson; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus a \$20 Supply fee; Register by midnight on May 3.



Paint Your Own Tessellated Tea Mug **Sunday, May 19, 10am-1pm**

Tessellation is a method of artistic decoration that has been used for centuries in the Islamic world to decorate ceramics, architecture, and textiles. Learn to paint a tessellated pattern on a mug. The supply fee includes one ceramic bisque mug, food safe underglazes, glaze, and firing services. Finished pieces will be ready for pick-up at the gallery approximately two weeks following the workshop. All skill levels.

Instructor: Bridget Anthony-Hlioui; \$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$35 Non-member; plus a \$45 Supply fee; Register by midnight on May 14.



Playing with Resin - Monday, May 20, 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 May 17.



Morning Tea - Saturday, May 25, 10am-noon

Attendees will enjoy an artist-themed experience of high tea, learn about different teas, and take in the atmosphere of tables decorated to represent different artists (Vincent van Gogh, Georgia O'Keefe, Claude Monet).

Join fellow tea and art lovers for a relaxing morning of conversation over loose leaf infusions, scones, savories, and sweets. Dress up in your favorite hats and gloves, or feel free to dress casually.

Organizers: Suzan Ok and Sue Shumate; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; Register by midnight on May 17.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

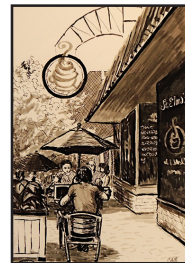
Life Drawing **Gesture and Short Pose** **Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, 7-9pm**



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, May 12, 1-3pm**

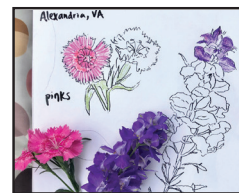


Bring your supplies and join Joan Bickelhaupt outside to produce still life, figure, or architecture subjects in your sketchbook. This is a free, drop-in program that meets outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Partners in Art Evening **Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 25, 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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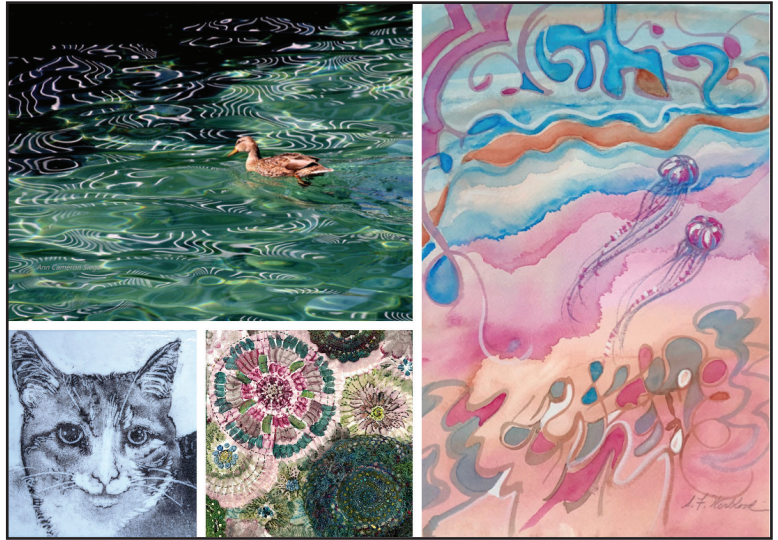
Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
Jenny Nicholson, Newsletter Editor
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.:
"Natural light rays on ducky pond" - Ann Cameron Siegal;
"Jellyfish" - Serene F. Werblood
Bottom row, l. to r.: "Fearless" - Dawn Wyse Hurto;
"Adding Texture" - Christine Vinh



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

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 Block Printing 2.0 Workshop, 9am-noon
- 5 Zen Brush Calligraphy Workshop, 9:30am-noon
- 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, 7-9pm
- 18 Volunteer in the Gardens, 9-11am
- 18 Creative Book Club, 10am-noon
- 19 Paint Your Own Tessellated Tea Mug Workshop, 10am-1pm
- 20 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 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

June 2024

- 1 Board Retreat, 9am-noon
- 2 Gallery Open, 12-4pm:
Artist Appointments Only, 4-8pm
- 6 First Thursday Activity, 6:30-8pm
- 7-30 **EXHIBIT: All About Love**
Curators:
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Color Exploration Workshop, 9am-noon
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 17 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 18 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
(RSVP in Advance)
- 22 Introduction to Stone Carving Workshop,
9am-noon
- 22 Make Your Own Glass Mosaic Lamp
Workshop, 6-9pm
- 23 Mix & Match Upcycle Earrings Workshop,
10am-noon
- 25 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 30 Gallery Open, 12-6pm;
Artist Appointments Only, 6-8pm

For more 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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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) _____

- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Patron | Artist | Supporter |
| <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/

If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: 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
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