



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

June 2024

The Well-Crafted Word

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

DelRayArtisans.org

All About Love Exhibit runs June 7 - 30 Opening Reception: Friday, June 7, 7-9pm



"All About Love" by TJ Feeley

Come celebrate visual depictions of love at the *All About Love* exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery. In this exhibit, local artists explore the concept of love in all of its forms: romantic love, love for one's parents and siblings, love of pets, young love, enduring couples, strong friendships, soulmates, and more.

While the ancient Greeks identified eight major types of love (erotic, affectionate, familial, playful, enduring, obsessive, unconditional, and self-compassionate), humans have an infinite number of ways to love. Love is one of the most important forces in the world—having been the theme of countless works of literature, film, architecture, and even war (i.e., Helen of Troy). As Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. noted "...Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Come see how artists portray what love means to them. Curator: TJ Feeley

FIRST THURSDAY, June 6

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 June is Jump into Summer. Visit the gallery between 6:30-8pm to make some groovy origami art with tie-dyed paper. All are welcome. This artful activity is family-friendly and free! Plus check out Del Ray Artisans' Happy 275th Anniversary to the City of Alexandria #ALX275 installation on the pool fence.



Creative Summer Programs 2024

Join Del Ray Artisans during our Creative Summer Programs! This series runs June 1–August 31 and includes creative workshops, classes, demonstrations, and talks. Choose what fits you best and schedule your own "stay-cation" this summer! Register in advance for workshops. Find the upcoming events in this newsletter and on the DRA website.

Welcome New Members

Stephen Botts
Ruth Farber
Jennie Haskamp
Mallory Henig
Charlotte Rubicam
Jennifer Van Pernis
David Wardrick

Hands-On Help: Instagram for Artists Follow-up (DRA Member Benefit) Wednesday, June 12, 6-9pm



Thank you to Dina Wise for her member benefit presentation on Instagram last month.

A recording of the program is available to members in the June 1st newsletter announcement email or by request sent to Technology@DelRayArtisans.org. If you are interested in hands-on assistance, please join our [drop-in meeting](#) at the gallery on Wednesday, June 12th from 6-9pm. Come with specific questions about the app or listen in on FAQs and walk-throughs!

Volunteer Opportunities

Del Ray Artisans success depends on volunteers to participate and support its annual programs and everyday operations.

Volunteer in the Gardens (June 15 and July 20, 8-10am), at the **Yard Sale** (July 14-20), during the **Summer Art Market** (July 13-14), or layout this **monthly newsletter!** Contact Morgan at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org.

Looking for volunteers to wheel the DRA **trash and recycling** to the curb on Wednesdays (trash pickup is Thursday). If you live in the neighborhood and can help out DRA please contact Kurt at Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org

Complete the Interests Survey at delrayartisans.org/volunteer

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe



Summer Art Market

Open to All Area Artists

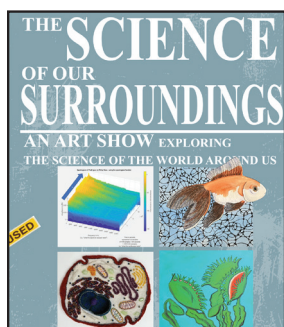
Deadline: Saturday, June 15, 2024 by midnight

Apply now for our 3rd annual indoor *Summer Art Market!* Different artists will be selected for each market day (Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 from 10am-4pm). Seeking a range of media including ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, and more.

The Science of our Surroundings:

Open to All Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: **August 2-31, 2024**

Digital entry deadline: Wednesday, July 10 by midnight



Science is in everything we do and see. Create something that celebrates your favorite part of this expansive subject. What science inspires you? Diagrams, vocabulary, photography, scientific illustration, contraptions, etc. Share your favorite elements of science, be it current or nostalgic—and the sky's the limit!

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

Curators: Aaron and Amanda Fletchersmith

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 Board Members



Kate Gibney is the Director of Memberships for Del Ray Artisans and also the chair for DRA's Web Posting Committee. She is a self-taught artist and focuses on jewelry art and acrylic paintings. Beads rolling around on the floor after completing a project are the norm and she feels pride in wearing "colorful clothing" in public covered with acrylic paint from an early morning pour, stating "I'm an artist" upon checkout at the store. In her spare time, she tries to keep her two beloved cats out of trouble in her studio filled with beads and wire, all being potential cat-astrophes.

Party for the Arts at Canal Center Gallery



"Fireworks"
by TJ Feeley

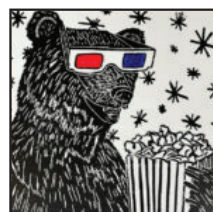
Del Ray Artisans' members are featured in Alexandria Arts Alliance's 2024 Party for the Arts exhibit as a part of our Gallery Without Walls program. This juried exhibition at the Canal Center Gallery (11 Canal Center Plaza, Alexandria VA) features all local visual artists—and their love for Alexandria expressed through art! Join us for the closing reception on Friday, June 28, 4-8pm.

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

Color Explosion Workshop - Saturday, June 8, 9am-noon



Explore the properties and possibilities of using color in all types of art. Learn color optics and how our brain “sees” colors, the cultural and emotional aspects of color, demystifying mixing and matching colors, and creating fun and practical optical color illusions in collage.

Instructor: Ellen Rosenthal; \$15 Del Ray Artisans member / \$25 Non-member; plus a \$5 Supply fee; Register by midnight on June 4.

Soft Pastel Workshop - Saturday, June 15, 6:30-8:30pm



Learn the basics of creating dreamy landscapes using soft pastels, an often overlooked medium. This is a great introduction to the basics of color blending, layering, texture, harmony, and balance. As a bonus, we will experiment with Pan Pastel, a new form of soft pastel, with no extra supply fee.

Instructor: Karina Mosser; \$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on June 12.

Playing with Resin - Monday, June 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 June 14.

Introduction to Stone Carving Workshop - Saturday, June 22, 9am-noon



Learn basic sculpting techniques by carving in soapstone—a beautiful, soft stone that is ideal for your first stone sculpture. You will sketch an idea in three dimensions to picture what it will look like; then sculpt, sand and finish the artwork. You'll use tools such as knives, rasps and saws; and then finish and polish your work. Soapstone finishes beautifully!

Instructor: Jonathan Ottke; \$55 Del Ray Artisans member / \$65 Non-member; plus a \$25 Supply fee; Register by midnight on June 16.

Make Your Own Glass Mosaic Lamp Workshop - Saturday, June 22, 6-9pm



Craft your very own stunning Turkish lamp using glass mosaic techniques! All materials provided, including vibrant glass tiles and beads. The lamp is approximately 4.3 inches wide by 11 inches tall. When registering, choose the color theme for your mosaic: rainbow, orange, or blue. Register early for the widest selection.

Instructor: Erica Hughes; \$25 Del Ray Artisans member / \$35 Non-member; plus a \$65 Supply fee; Register by midnight on June 21.

Mix and Match Upcycle Earrings - Sunday, June 23, 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 June 20.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

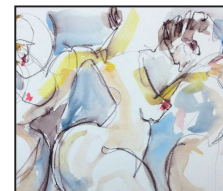
Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, June 9, 1-3pm



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, June 18 and 25, 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, June 19, 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, June 29, 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

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.:
"Pelican" - Annemarie Kubns; "Joshua" - Kathy A Turner;
"Squirrel babies" - Ariane D'Souza
Bottom row, l. to r.:
"Farmers Market Bouquet" - Ellen F. Rosenthal;
"Dance to the Nurses" - Carol Lee Morgan



Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

2024 Board of Directors

- **Dawn Wyse Hurto, President**
President@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Lesley Hall, Vice President**
VP@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Rita Schooley, Treasurer**
Treasurer@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Stephen Lally, Assistant Treasurer**
ATTR@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kathryn A. Brown, Secretary**
Secretary@DelRayArtisans.org

Directors

- **Bill Cabrera, Archives**
Archives@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Lori Fredricks, Communications**
Communications@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Sean Crumley, Community**
Community@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Amy Kitchin Hower, Curating**
Curating@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kurt Peterson, Facilities**
Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Margaret Slipek, Fundraising Events**
Fundraising@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Karen Schmitz, Grants & Sponsorship**
Grants@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kate Gibney, Membership**
Membership@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Kelly M. MacConomy, Outreach**
Outreach@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Erica Hughes, Programs**
Programs@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Dina Wise, Technology**
Technology@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Morgan Parr, Volunteers**
Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Sandra Alami, Youth Programs**
Youth@DelRayArtisans.org

Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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**
Curator: TJ Feeley
- 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
- 12 Hands-on Help: Instagram for Artists, 6-9pm
- 15 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 15 Soft Pastel Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm
- 15 Summer Art Market Applications Due
- 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

June continued

- 28 Party for the Arts Closing Reception,
4-8pm at Canal Center Gallery
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 30 Gallery Open, 12-6pm;
Artist Appointments Only, 6-8pm

July 2024

- 1 Artist Appointments Only, 6-8pm
- 2 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 8-12 5-day Figure Drawing Bootcamp, 9am-3pm
- 9 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 "The Science of our Surroundings" Call for
Entry Deadline
- 11 First Thursday, (Gallery Closed)
- 13 2025 Art Exhibit Call for Proposals Deadline
- 13-14 Summer Art Market, 10am-4pm
- 14, 15, 18, 19 Drop off donations for DRA Yard Sale
- 20 Volunteers in the Garden, 8-10am
- 20 DRA Yard Sale (Indoors), 8am-1pm
- 27 Unlock Your Creativity Potential: Affirmation
Card Workshop, 10am-noon
- 28 Gallery Closed to the Public,
Artist Appointments Only, 12-4pm

For more events: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar/

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**
Gallery@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Liz Martinez, GWW Curator**
GWW@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Gardens Committee**
Gardens@DelRayArtisans.org
- **Sunshine Committee**
Sunshine@DelRayArtisans.org

Special thanks to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.





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