



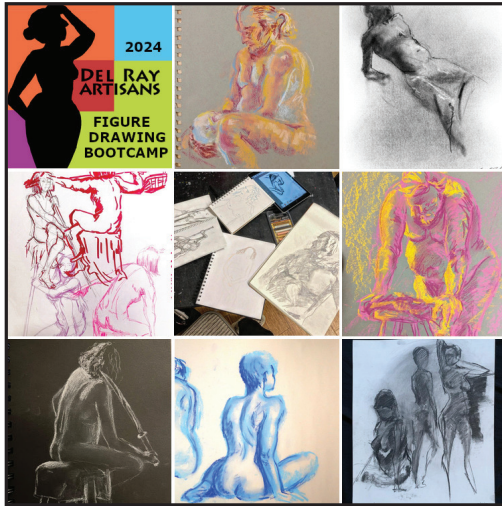
Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

July 2024

# The Well-Crafted Word

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

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



## 5-day Figure Drawing Bootcamp Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12, 9am-3pm each day

Struggling to kickstart your daily drawing routine? Dive into our 5-day Figure Drawing Bootcamp, where we embrace art through dynamic poses and quick gestures ranging from 30 seconds to 20 minutes. Each day features two unique models, ensuring an engaging experience, with an hour break for lunch from 11:30am-12:30pm.

We're offering a discounted weekly rate for DRA members! Just \$200 for 5 days + the option to sell your work at the DRA Life Drawing booth during the market. Non-members will pay \$250 for the 5-day pass. Anyone can drop-in on day(s) they select for \$55 each.

Questions? Contact Life Drawing Coordinator, Brando Gould at [lifedrawing@delrayartisans.org](mailto:lifedrawing@delrayartisans.org) and Technology Director, Dina Wise at [technology@delrayartisans.org](mailto:technology@delrayartisans.org). Details at [delrayartisans.org/figure-drawing-bootcamp](http://delrayartisans.org/figure-drawing-bootcamp).

## Summer Art Market

Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14, 10am-4pm  
Inside the Gallery

Join us for Del Ray Artisans' 3rd annual Summer Art Market! This two-day, indoor market gives you the chance to purchase original handmade artwork from talented local artists. Each day is a different group of local artists with original work in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more. Perfect for gifts or treat yourself!

The Summer Art Market is open to the public and free to browse. View the list of artists featured on each day at [delrayartisans.org/summer-art-market-2024](http://delrayartisans.org/summer-art-market-2024)



## Rummage Sale Fundraiser to Benefit Del Ray Artisans Nonprofit

Saturday, July 20 8am-1pm, Inside the Gallery

Support Del Ray Artisans and go home with new-to-you, used treasures from our rummage sale on Saturday, July 20, 8am-1pm. Donated items for the sale are welcomed and appreciated! Drop off times at the gallery for donations are: July 14 (5-8pm), July 15 (5-7pm), July 16 (1-5pm), July 18 (12-8pm), and July 19 (12-8pm).

Donations may include household items, clothing, office supplies, jewelry, toys, books, sports equipment, handheld tools, small appliances, and more. Please do not drop off hazardous materials, broken items, or anything that requires two people to move (no large furniture or large electronics). If you have questions about donations or would like to help, please contact Margaret Slipek at [fundraising@delrayartisans.org](mailto:fundraising@delrayartisans.org).

**Save the date and your art supplies:** The next member meeting will be an art supplies swap (second swap this year!) on Sunday, August 11, 4-6pm.

## Welcome New Members

Denise Bentley, Bee Schaefer, and Kelly Snyder

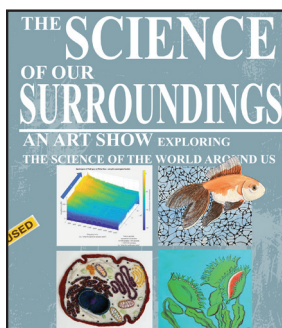
## CALLS FOR ENTRY

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

### 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.

Curators: Aaron and Amanda Fletchersmith

### Alcove Gift Shop (August-September 2024)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 10 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 only open to Del Ray Artisans members.

### Call for Proposals

#### 2025 Art Exhibits at Del Ray Artisans

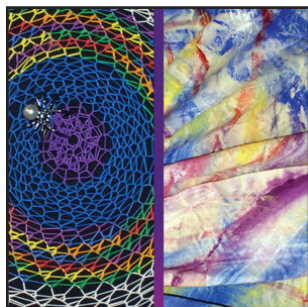
Proposal Deadline: Saturday, July 13 by midnight

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!

### Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric

Open to All Area Artists - Exhibit Dates: September 6-28, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Saturday, August 10 by midnight



"Ode to Arachne" by Liz Martinez (left) and "Homage" by Robyn McGarry (right)

### HalloWEIRD Art Market

Event Date: Saturday, September 21, 10am-4pm

Application Deadline: Saturday, August 10 by midnight

Apply now for our 3rd annual outdoor art market centered around the theme: Halloween. This is a family-friendly, rain-or-shine event.

## GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/gww](http://DelRayArtisans.org/gww)  
Come see Del Ray Artisans art exhibits hosted outside our gallery.

### Rejuvenation

at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital  
run through October 19, 2024



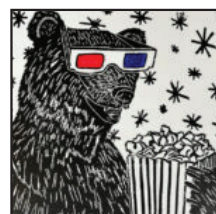
"Butterfly"  
by Nancy M. Patrick

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.

### 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](mailto:sfrederick97@gmail.com) to schedule an on-site viewing appointment.

## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

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

### Chain Mail Bracelet - Sunday, July 7, 10am-noon



Learn how to make your own chain mail bracelet. The weave is very beginner-friendly. Learn the basics of using pliers to connect one ring at a time and the proper way to open and close rings. Build the pattern and choose from a rainbow of options to make a unique two-color bracelet.

*Instructor: Janna Marks; \$30 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply fee; Register by midnight on July 3.*

### Introduction to Tunisian Crochet: Cockatiel Cowl

**Mondays, July 8, 15, and 22, 7:00-8:30pm (3 classes)**



Tunisian crochet combines crochet and knitting, then produces a finished fabric that can look woven, knitted, or crocheted. Come learn the basics and leave with a lovely cowl. No previous knitting or crocheting experience required.

*Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$90 Del Ray Artisans member / \$100 Non-member; Bring own supplies (list on website); Register by midnight on July 1.*

### Playing with Resin - Sunday, July 21, 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 July 18.*

### Unlock Your Creative Potential: Affirmation Card

**Saturday, July 27, 10am-noon**



Discover the power of positive affirmations in boosting your creativity and self-confidence. Learn how to craft affirmations that resonate with your artistic goals and aspirations. Through hands-on activities and guided exercises, create beautiful affirmation cards that serve as daily reminders of your creative potential.

*Instructor: Sharon J. Burton; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply fee; Register by midnight on July 23.*

### First Crochet Hat: "Just-Like-That Hat"

**Mondays, August 5 and 12, 7-9pm (2 classes)**



Explore beyond single crochet and learn to work in the round and create a few new stitches for this fun hat.

Skills required: Basic crochet knowledge. Skills learned: Working in the round, half double crochet, double crochet, front and back post stitches, increases, decreases.

*Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; Bring own supplies (list on website); Register by midnight on August 1.*

### First Knitted Hat: "Simple Hat - the World's Simplest!"

**Wednesdays, August 7 and 14, 7-9pm (2 classes)**



Explore projects beyond flat knitting and will learn to work in the round and knit ribbing for this fun hat. You'll have a new hat in just two weeks. Skills required: Basic knitting knowledge. Skills learned: Working in the round, ribbing, increases, and decreases.

*Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; Bring own supplies (list on website); Register by midnight on August 4.*

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

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

Del Ray Urban Sketchers, Nature Journaling Club, and Partners in Art are not held in July. The gallery is closed to the public on First Thursday, July 11. Join us for a Science Scavenger Hunt on First Thursday, August 1 from 6:30-8pm.



Creative Summer Programs runs now through 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.

### Life Drawing

**Gesture and Short Pose**

**Tuesdays, July 2 and 9, 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.

### Creative Book Club discussion:

**"Caravaggio and the Creation of Modernity" by Troy Thomas**  
**Saturday, August 17, 10am-noon**



"Considered one of the founders of modern painting, Caravaggio is famous for defying convention in his radically new realistic art. This book explicitly focuses on his works' inherent tensions, contradictions and ambiguities, key aspects of his modernity." - Reaktion Books Ltd, Publisher  
If you have questions, please contact our book club leader Rusty Lynn at [rustylynn@earthlink.net](mailto:rustylynn@earthlink.net)



# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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2704 Mount Vernon Avenue  
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:**

No art exhibit in July.  
Open for programs  
and Summer Art Market  
on July 13-14 from  
10am-4pm.

*Top row, l. to r.: "American Woman" - Gail Goriesky;  
"Mighty" - Evelyn Rose Cook;  
Bottom row, l. to r.: "Trash and Treasures" - Nancy Kline;  
"Great Depths" - Nicole Mahoney*



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**

**July 2024**

- 1 Artist Appointments Only, 6-8pm
- 2 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 7 Chain Mail Bracelet Workshop, 10am-noon
- 8-12 5-day Figure Drawing Bootcamp, 9am-3pm
- 8 Introduction to Tunisian Crochet: Cockatiel Cowl Workshop, 1st of 3 classes, 7-8:30pm
- 9 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 "The Science of our Surroundings" Call for Entry Deadline
- 10 Alcove Ghiffit Shop Call for Artists Deadline
- 11 First Thursday, (Gallery Closed)
- 13 2025 Art Exhibit Call for Proposals Deadline
- 13-14 Summer Art Market, 10am-4pm**
- 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 Drop off donations for DRA Yard Sale (see website calendar for specific times)
- 15 Introduction to Tunisian Crochet Workshop 2nd of 3 classes, 7-8:30pm
- 20 Volunteers in the Garden, 8-10am
- 20 DRA Super Yard Sale Fundraiser (Indoors), 8am-1pm
- 21 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 22 Introduction to Tunisian Crochet: Cockatiel Cowl, 3rd of 3 classes, 7-8:30pm
- 27 Unlock Your Creative Potential: Affirmation Card Workshop, 10am-noon
- 28 Gallery Closed to the Public, Artist Appointments Only, 12-4pm

More information at: [DelRayArtisans.org/calendar](http://DelRayArtisans.org/calendar)

**August**

- 1 First Thursday Activity: Science Scavenger Hunt 6:30-8pm (Gallery Open 12-9pm)
- 2-31 EXHIBIT: The Science of our Surroundings**  
Curators: Aaron and Amanda Fletchersmith
- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 5 First Crochet Hat: "Just-Like-That Hat" Workshop - Class 1 of 2, 7-9pm
- 6 & 20 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 7 First Knitted Hat: "Simple Hat - the World's Simplest!" Workshop - Class 1 of 2, 7-9pm
- 8 Unleash Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Class, 6-8pm
- 10 "Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric" Call for Entry Deadline
- 11 Del Ray Sketchcrawl, 1-3pm (meet at gallery)
- 11 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 4-6pm
- 12 First Crochet Hat: "Just-Like-That Hat" Workshop - Class 2 of 2, 7-9pm
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 14 First Knitted Hat: "Simple Hat - the World's Simplest!" Workshop - Class 2 of 2, 7-9pm
- 17 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 17 Creative Book Club, 10am-noon
- 18 2025 Wall Calendar Call for Entry Deadline
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 25 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon

**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