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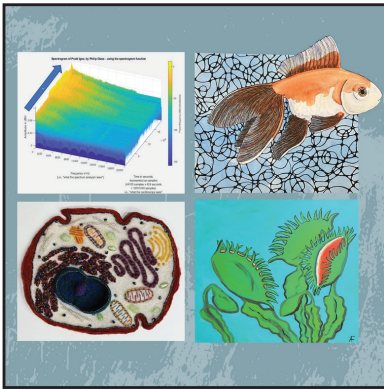
August 2024

# The Well-Crafted Word

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

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

## The Science of our Surroundings Exhibit runs August 2-31 Opening Reception: Friday, August 2, 7-9pm



Artwork by A & A Fletchersmith

Come experience *The Science of our Surroundings* to see how our artistic community has explored concepts of science! Join us for the opening reception on Friday, August 2, 7-9pm and sign the "science textbook" guest book. Visit during the sneak peek on First Thursday, August 1, 6:30-8pm and go on a Science Scavenger Hunt! In this exhibit, you'll see photography, experiments, paintings, sculptures and media that illustrate the science of our surroundings.

Curators: Aaron and Amanda Fletchersmith

## Welcome New Members

Rahul Bardhan

Anna Hailstone

Madelyn Johnson

Kara Macek

Nawal Noon

Anastasia Travieso-Diaz

Jennifer Van Oss

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Volunteer in the Gardens

(August 17, 8-10am), or assist with this **monthly newsletter!**

Contact Morgan at [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org)



## Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap Sunday, August 11, 4-6pm

Save the date for the third member meeting—and second art supplies swap—of 2024! Bring the supplies you no longer need and be ready to find treasure in other's discards. We'll begin with a short meeting, and then select "new to you" art supplies. To volunteer to help set up or donate munchies, contact Morgan at [Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org).



## Super Summer Rummage Sale a Big Success

The indoor rummage sale in July raised more than \$3,000 for DRA! The Board of Directors sends heartfelt appreciation to all the wonderful volunteers who helped achieve this result. So many people donated items to sell that we extended the sale to a second day. Kudos go to the organizers: DRA Fundraising Director Margaret Slipek, Facilities Director Kurt Peterson, and VP Lesley Hall. Thank you to all the outstanding volunteers who helped with pricing, organizing, and selling the merchandise—with their "can do" spirit and positivity, it was an uplifting experience from start to finish. A special "shout out" goes to Gordon Frank for designing the flyer and everyone who helped promote the sale. After the sale ended, the left-over books went to the Friends of Duncan Library and other merchandise went to Goodwill. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time, energy, and resources to make the Super Summer Rummage Sale a big success!

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, please contact Kurt at [Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org)

Looking for someone who loves to garden and take the lead and run/organize the DRA Garden Committee. We have 18 volunteers who love to play in the dirt. We meet once a month March thru October with 8-12 volunteers showing up each month and volunteers watering once a week when needed. If interested please contact Kurt at [Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Facilities@DelRayArtisans.org)

**Complete the Interests Survey** at [delrayartisans.org/volunteer](http://delrayartisans.org/volunteer)

## CALLS FOR ENTRY

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

### Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric

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

Digital Entry Deadline: Saturday, August 10 by midnight



Seeking artwork that features Fiber and Fabric as a major component in construction and/or as part of the subject matter. Use only Fiber or Fabric to unleash and inspire your creativity, or as the focus in other mediums, including photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, and more. The exhibit is open to all area artists.

Curators: Liz Martinez and Robyn McGarry

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

### HalloWEIRD Art Market in Colasanto Park

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.



### 2025 Wall Calendar

Deadline: Sunday, August 18 by midnight

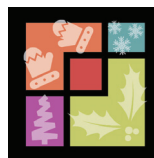
Members: Submit your best work to the 12th annual Del Ray Artisans' wall calendar. All entries are to be received digitally, and no physical pieces of art will be collected. There is no entry fee and open theme. Your Del Ray Artisans membership must be up-to-date.

### Call for Artists: Holiday Market

First 3 Weekends in December

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 10 by midnight

Apply now for our 29th annual Holiday Market. Different artists will be selected for each weekend (Dec 6-8, 13-15, and 20-22). Open to all local artists; members receive priority and a discount.



### Artificial or Intelligence?

Exhibit Dates: October 4–26, 2024

Digital entry deadline: Tuesday, September 10 by midnight

Details will be on our website soon. Curators: Nicole Mahoney and Nancy Galib



### Get to Know The Board DRA Technology Director, Dina Wise

At 30, rainbow-haired DRA Technology Director, Dina Wise, made the leap from a career in Computer Engineering to a Life (of) Drawing! Working as a Live Sketch Artist, she combines bright colors & careful observations into quick caricatures of anyone who dares linger near her. Find her drawing in the wild on the DC Metro and doodling diners as an Artist in Residence at Palette 22!

## 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

The *Rejuvenation* exhibit is in the lobby and hallway at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital. 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

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.

### #ALX275 installation through September 1

Come see the "Happy 275th Anniversary to the City of Alexandria #ALX275" installation on the Colasanto Center pool fence. Take a photo, share on social media and tag: #ALX275 #DelRayArtisans

The installation is 40 feet wide by 7 feet tall and was created using natural and synthetic yarn, fabric trim, mylar, plastic, and vinyl. River Towers Condominium Association donated knitted and crocheted pieces from a yarn bomb formerly at the condominium complex and DRA artists reformed them into "candles" to celebrate the City's anniversary. Details at [delrayartisans.org/event/alx275](http://delrayartisans.org/event/alx275).

# CREATIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS

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Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer](http://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer)

Creative Summer Programs runs through August 31 and includes creative workshops, classes, demonstrations, and talks. Register in advance for workshops.

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

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

Explore beyond single crochet and learn to work in the round and create a few new stitches to make this fun hat. *Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; Bring own supplies; Register by August 1.*

### **Life Drawing: Gesture & Short Pose Sessions - Tuesdays, August 6 & 20, 7-9pm**

Bring your supplies to draw or paint our nude model at the gallery. We don't supply easels, but you are welcome to bring your own. Drop-in; all skill levels welcome.

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

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

Explore projects beyond flat knitting and learn to work in the round and knit ribbing to make this fun hat. *Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; Bring own supplies; Register by August 4.*

### **Unleash Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Class - Thursday, August 8, 6-8pm**

Learn essential techniques, such as color mixing, brushwork, and layering, while creating your own vibrant masterpiece. *Instructor: Edom Alagaw; \$32 Del Ray Artisans member / \$42 Non-member; Bring your own supplies; Register by August 3.*

### **Del Ray Sketchcrawl - Sunday, August 11, 1-3pm**

Meet up, go out, and sketch! We'll start at the gallery and end at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. *Instructor: Joan Bicklehaupt; \$15 Del Ray Artisans member / \$25 Nonmember; bring your own supplies; Register by August 8.*

### **Create an Art Inventory System in Excel - Thursday, August 15, 6:30-8:30pm**

Learn how to build your art inventory 'system' using an Excel file and a file folder holding your art photos. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; Bring a laptop with Excel, your art inventory list and photos; Register by August 12.*

### **Partners in Art Evening - Wednesday, August 21, 7-9pm**

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.

### **Playing with Resin - Sunday, August 25, 6-9pm**

Learn how to prep and mix resin, and how to use it as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. 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 August 23.*

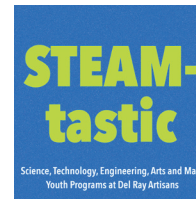
### **Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture - Monday, August 26, 6:30-9:30pm**

Learn about advanced resin techniques, layering, tilting, building in three dimensions, adding lights, and more. This is a lecture so we will not be creating anything during the class. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; Register by August 23.*

### **Nature Journaling Club - Saturday, August 31, 10am-noon**

Open to all experience levels as we meet to sketch, connect, and learn together! Meet at 10am in front of Del Ray Artisans.

## STEAM-tastic for Kids & Teens [DelRayArtisans.org/youth](http://DelRayArtisans.org/youth)



Del Ray Artisans announces FREE, interactive classes about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, taught by professionals from each field! Geared toward kids and teens, each lesson has a short talk or demonstration and a hands-on craft project. Family members are welcome to attend, listen, and learn. Register in advance; drop-ins allowed, space permitting.

### **Paleolithic Archaeology - Cave Painting**

**Ages 6-10: Saturday, 8/3, 10-11:30am**

**Ages 10-15: Sunday, 8/4, 10-11:30am**

Learn about techniques used to locate and excavate some of the oldest hominid sites! Wear clothing that can get dirty.

*Instructor: Dr. Erica Hughes*

### **Satellites in Outer Space**

**Ages 10-15 - Antenna Pointing:**

**Saturday, 8/17, 5-7pm**

**Ages 6-10 - Satellite Construction:**

**Sunday, 8/18, 10am-noon**

Learn about satellites in outer space and what's involved in pointing an antenna at a satellite and the concept of orbits.

*Instructor: Aaron Fletchersmith*

### **From Cells to Biomes – Fluid Pours**

**Ages 6-10: Saturday 8/31, 9am-11am**

**Ages 10-15: Saturday 8/31, 11am-1pm**

Use acrylic pouring to create colorful, abstract paintings that look like cells, plants, or biomes. Wear clothes that can get paint on them.

*Instructor: Suzan Ok Shumate*

### **Creative Book Club Discussion:**

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



Book club is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, contact Rusty Lynn at [rustylynn@earthlink.net](mailto:rustylynn@earthlink.net)

# DEL RAY ARTISANS

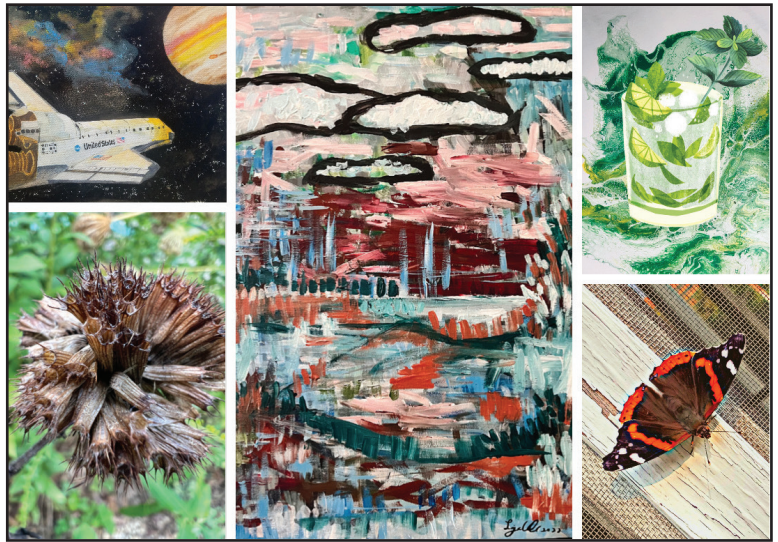
Nicholas A. Colasanto Center  
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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124  
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

**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.:  
"A Space Odyssey" - Thom Louther;  
"Time" - Liza Uddin; "Mint Mojito" - Suzan Ok Shumate  
Bottom row, l. to r.:  
"Grandular Globe Thistle, DRA Gallery" - Gale Goldfarb;  
"Red Admiral Butterfly at Rest" - Barbara Smith



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**

**August 2024**

- 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
- 3 STEAM-tastic: Paleolithic Archaeology – Cave Painting (Ages 6-10), 10-11:30am
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- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 5 & 12 First Crochet Hat: "Just-Like-That Hat" Workshop, 7-9pm
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- 10 *Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric* Call for Entry Deadline
- 10 HalloWEIRD Art Market Applications Due
- 11 Del Ray Sketchcrawl, 1-3pm (meet at gallery)
- 11 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 4-6pm
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Create an Art Inventory System in Excel, 6:30-8:30pm
- 17 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 17 Creative Book Club, 10am-noon
- 17 STEAM-tastic: Satellites in Outer Space – Antenna Pointing (Ages 10-15), 5-7pm

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

- 18 STEAM-tastic: Satellites in Outer Space – Satellite Construction (Ages 6-10), 10-noon
- 18 2025 Wall Calendar Call for Entry Deadline
- 20 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 22 2025 Exhibit Committee Meeting, 7-9pm
- 25 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 26 Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture, 6:30-8:30pm
- 31 STEAM-tastic: From Cells to Biomes – Fluid Pours (Ages 6-10), 9-11am
- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 31 STEAM-tastic: From Cells to Biomes – Fluid Pours (Ages 10-15) 11am-1pm

**September 2024**

- 1 Artist Appointments Only, 12-6pm
- 5 First Thursday Activity 6:30-8pm (Gallery Open 12-9pm)
- 6-28 EXHIBIT: *Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric* - Curators: Liz Martinez & Robyn Seaton McGarry
- 6 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm
- 9 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 Holiday Market 2024 Application Due
- 14 STEAM-tastic: Painting with Virtual Reality (Ages 6-10), 9-10:30 am (Ages 10-15), 11am-12:30pm

**Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!**  
Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/membership](http://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) \_\_\_\_\_

- |  |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <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