



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

September 2024

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Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric Exhibit September 6-28

Opening Reception: Friday, September 6, 7-9pm

Fiber art fascinates by taking art outside the frame—it is unique, dimensional, and tactile. Draped, stitched, or embellished fabric sparks creativity and delights the senses, as itself and when depicted in other visual art forms. The *Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans focuses on fiber and fabric art but also highlights their influence on other mediums as well. This exhibit showcases art from local area artists. Judy Gula, owner of Artistic Artifacts, selected the artist awards.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, September 6 between 7-9pm to meet the curators, Liz Martinez and Robyn Seaton McGarry, or come for a sneak peek on First Thursday, September 5 during our family-friendly activity from 6:30-8pm.



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



HalloWEIRD Art Market in Colasanto Park, Saturday, September 21, 10am-4pm

Come to the 3rd annual HalloWEIRD outdoor art market on **Saturday, September 21, from 10am-4pm** to browse Halloween-inspired creations that are spooky, creepy, crawly, and goth. Maybe you like the upbeat, fun side of the season, like costumes, hot cider, hay rides, autumn

colors. You can see art celebrating that too! The market offers diverse, original handcrafted artwork from talented local artists in a wide range of media, including ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more.

This is an outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event in Colasanto Park adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA (corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon avenues). The market is **FREE** to browse and open to the public.

Seeking Outdoor Arts Day Instructors & Volunteers

Del Ray Artisans is organizing Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day on Saturday, Oct 12, 12-4pm outside at the Four Mile Run Conservatory in collaboration with Casa Chirilagua. The event is a free, art-making day made possible through the Arts 275th Commemorative Program Grant from the City of Alexandria and is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. Volunteers are needed from 11am-2pm and 2-5pm to support the event. Please contact Morgan at Volunteers@DelRayArtisans.org to sign up.

The event Program Manager, Karen Schmitz, is seeking artist instructors to lead hands-on, family-friendly art activities and help develop a diverse program, including drawing, mini-art flags, mixed media, painting, fiber arts and more. Instructor compensation offered, supplies provided. For details, please contact Karen at Grants@DelRayArtisans.org and see the Call for Instructors at delrayartisans.org/event/community-arts

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Volunteer in the Gardens Sunday, September 22, 9-11 am

Join the Gardens Committee to spruce up the landscaping around the gallery.

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

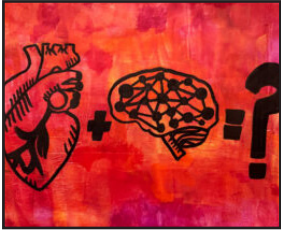
Complete the Interests Survey at delrayartisans.org/volunteer

Welcome New Members

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CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe



*"Sum of its parts?"
by Nicole Mahoney*

Artificial or Intelligence?

Open to All Area Artists

Exhibit Dates: October 4–26, 2024

Digital Entry Deadline: Tuesday, September 10 by midnight

This show invites artists to explore what the future might look like with artificial intelligence (AI), what we gain and lose, and whether or not machine learning feels artificial or intelligent at the present moment.

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.

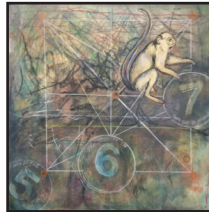
\$100 and Under

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

Exhibit Dates: November 1 - December 1

Application Deadline: Thursday, October 10 by midnight

Members are invited to submit their best work priced at \$100 or less. For this exhibit, artists may submit up to 4 artworks, and the commission has been reduced to 10%. All media and all themes are welcome.



"This Monkey Has Gone to Heaven" by Karen Schmitz

Calls for Entry: Gallery Without Walls Exhibits

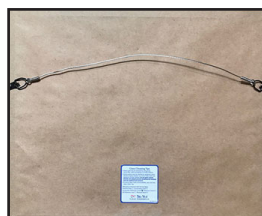
Stay tuned for calls for entry for exhibits at VCA Old Town and VCA Alexandria. Artwork submitted for consideration in these environments should be family-friendly. Due to new guidelines for a pet fear-free environment, we cannot accept realistic depictions of dogs, cats, or birds.

Call for Instructors: STEAM-tastic Workshop Proposals

Del Ray Artisans is offering a new youth program of interactive classes about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) 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. The instructor will be offered compensation for two sessions (one for youth ages 6-10 and another for ages 10-15).

Artwork Presentation Guidelines

Be sure that your artwork is properly prepared for display for every exhibit. Remember to have screw eyes and wire on the back of 2-D pieces for hanging (do not use "sawtooth" hangers), paintings on canvas must have finished edges or be framed, and make sure the frame is sturdy and looks nice. For details and tips, visit delrayartisans.org/exhibits/art-guidelines/.



#ALX275 installation through October 28

The "Happy 275th Anniversary to the City of Alexandria" installation will remain on the Colasanto Center pool fence for two more months. Take a photo, share on social media and tag: #ALX275 #DelRayArtisans Details at delrayartisans.org/event/alk275.

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

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

Rejuvenation at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital runs through October 19, 2024



Detail of "Butterfly" by Nancy M. Patrick

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.



"Sunflower Splashes" by Tiara Safic-Martin

The concurrent exhibit, *Local Artisan Showcase*, is an annual exhibit in the exam rooms.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

Let's Explore Slow Stitching - Sunday, September 8, 12:30-2:30pm



Hand stitching techniques covered include modern hand stitching / embroidery, sashiko and boro stitching or visible mending. Participants will learn the basic stitches along with recommended notions / tools to use in starting a slow stitch practice. Various fabrics, needles, and threads will be provided to try.

Instructor: Christine Vinh; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by September 5.

Introduction to Crochet - Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 7-8:30pm

Introduction to Knitting - Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26, 7-8:30pm



Learn the basics and create a pair of fingerless mitts.

Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$75 Del Ray Artisans member / \$85 Non-member; Bring own supplies; Register 3 days in advance

STEAM-tastic: Painting with Virtual Reality - Saturday, September 14, 9am-10:30am (Ages 6-10); 11am-12:30pm (Ages 10-15)



Dive into Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) to bring your artistic visions to life. Explore Tilt Brush VR, where you can paint with light, craft sculptures out of thin air, and unleash your creativity in a fully immersive 3D environment.

Instructor: Dr. Hurriyet Ok; Free, donations appreciated; Register by September 13; drop-ins allowed space permitting.

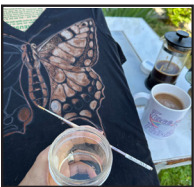
Beaded Lanyard Thingies - Sunday, September 15, 6-9pm



Learn loom bead weaving and make your own lanyard/glasses keeper. Explore wire wrapping and make a lovely pendant to transform your lanyard into a necklace.

Instructor: Amy Castine; \$60 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by September 13.

Painting with Bleach - Friday, September 20, 7-9pm



Learn to paint with bleach on fabric by drawing a design with chalk on fabric and using paint brushes, spray bottles, and stencils to create fun designs and images.

Instructor: Erica Exline; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by September 17.

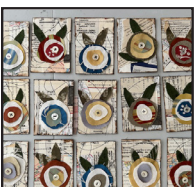
Unleash Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Thursday, September 26, 6-8pm



Learn essential techniques, such as color mixing, brushwork, and layering. Our step-by-step instruction ensures a fun and supportive environment to explore your artistic potential. Perfect for all skill levels.

Instructor: Edom Alagaw; \$32 Del Ray Artisans member / \$42 Non-member; Bring own supplies; Register by September 21.

Intro to Art Trading Cards - Fabric French Roses Saturday, September 28, 12-2:30pm



Create Art Trading Cards (ATCs) featuring a fabric French Rose and vintage book page collaged background. These 2.5 x3.5" mini art pieces are such fun to create and trade.

Instructor: Sue Rosenbaum; \$32 Del Ray Artisans member / \$42 Non-member; plus a \$20 supply fee; Register by September 25.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, September 8, 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, September 17 and 24, 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.

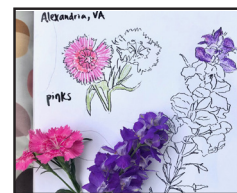
Partners in Art Evening

Wednesday, September 18, 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, September 28, 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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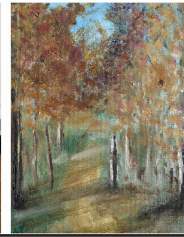
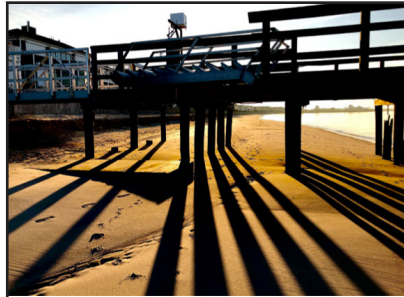
Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

Submission Deadline: 15th of the month
KC Hodge, Newsletter Editor
Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

First Thursday 12-9pm (Apr-Sept)
Thursday 12-6pm
Friday 12-9pm
Saturday 12-6pm
Sunday 12-6pm

Top row, l. to r.:
"Lewes, DE Pier" - Bill Moffett;
"Masha" - Heidi O Vatanka
Bottom row, l. to r.:
"Rays of Sunshine" - Joyce Wagner;
"Autumn Trail" - Joan Wages



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

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
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- 17 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
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- 20 Painting with Bleach Workshop, 7-9pm
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More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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- 28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 28 Intro to Art Trading Cards - Fabric French Roses, 12-2:30pm
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- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Art on the Avenue 10am-6pm
- 7 Partners in Art, 2-4pm (Full)
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 10 *\$100 and Under* - Call for Entry Deadline
- 12 Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day, 12-4pm at Four Mile Run Conservatory
- 13 Paws in the Park, 11am-4pm in Oronoco Bay Park
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- 16 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 19 Volunteer in the Gardens, 9-11am
- 19 GWW EXHIBIT: *Rejuvenation* at VCA Old Town ends
- 22 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 27 Artist Appointments Only, 12-6pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!
Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

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- Liz Martinez, GWW Curator
GWW@DelRayArtisans.org
- Gardens Committee
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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) _____

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|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 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:

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| <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