

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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Artificial or Intelligence? Exhibit October 4-26

Opening Reception: Friday, October 4, 7-9pm

People have very different perspectives on AI's possibilities and perils. This exhibit explores what the future might look like with AI. Consider what we may gain and lose, and how AI impacts artists' creative practice and day-to-day lives. Participate in our conversation and decide for yourself whether machine learning feels artificial or intelligent at the present moment.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, October 4 between 7-9pm to meet curators Nicole Mahoney and Nancy Galib and the artists.



"Sum of its parts?" by Nicole Mahoney

AI & Artists: A Discussion On What Artists Should Know, Saturday, October 19, 6:30-8pm @ Torpedo Factory Art Center, Grand Hall

AI (Artificial Intelligence) is changing the landscape of all industries, including the arts. Should artists embrace, feel comfortable with, or reject AI? Is AI a tool for good, or a threat to creative ownership? Hear from three leading experts in the field of arts and technology, patents, and copyright, moderated by Phyllis Serbes of Panthion AI, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting human creativity and fostering relationships with generative AI.

This discussion shall be immediately followed by a performance by Laptop Orchestra in Waterfront Park as part of the City's Site See public art program.

For more information about this program, visit delrayartisans.org/event/ai-and-artists/



Photo from Roxanne Bradley-Tate, Brite Kite Instructor

Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day, Saturday, October 12, 12pm-4pm

Come enjoy Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day—our free, outdoor, community art-making event on Saturday, October 12, 12-4pm at the Four Mile Run Conservatory (4109 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA). Artist instructors will lead hands-on art activities for all ages, including ColorWOW drawing, brite kites, paper flowers, gelli prints, and Guatemalan worry dolls. Live music will

be performed by the band Marimba Maya Awal to get your toes tapping.

Program Manager Karen Schmitz is seeking volunteers for two shifts: 11am-2pm (also assists with set-up) and 2pm-5pm (also assists with take down). If you are interested but unable to lift things like chairs, that is OK! Engagement with the community is the biggest priority! To sign up, email volunteers@delrayartisans.org.

Del Ray Artisans is collaborating with Casa Chirilagua for this event and received funding in part through the Arts 275th Commemorative Program Grant from the City of Alexandria and the National Endowment for the Arts. More details at delrayartisans.org/event/community-arts.

Art on the Avenue Saturday, October 5, 10am-6pm

Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts all along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. There will be entertainment for all ages, art activities, food, and 300+ artists displaying and selling their work. Be sure to visit the artwork booths of DRA members and our STEAM-tastic: Design a Robot activity in the Kids Art Corner. Directly in front of the gallery, Del Ray Artisans will present artist demonstrations and sell upcycled tote bags to support our nonprofit organization. Art on the Avenue is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association (Del Ray Artisans is a member). Details at delrayartisans.org/art-on-the-

avenue-2024

Welcome New Members

Sarah Romer Reena Vadehra

Riham Alreshad Deborah Dillard

Fin Jullien **Ben Connors**

Isable Montenegro **Nicole Tobin**

2024 Annual Meeting: Sunday October 20 from 4-6pm

All members are encouraged to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 20 from 4-6pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery. We have a full agenda

planned. Del Ray Artisans President Dawn Wyse Hurto will present a special message about the organization; the membership will vote on the slate to elect the 2025 Board of Directors; and this will be your opportunity to hear information about all the exhibits and programs planned for 2025. More information to follow on the slate of candidates and voting procedures.



Blast from the Past - 2012 Annual Meeting (Photo courtesy of Lesley Hall)

Volunteer Opportunities

Del Ray Artisans is a volunteer-run organization. We need your help! Currently seeking volunteers for these roles and tasks:

- Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, 2025 Board of Directors Do you have experience with accounting, finance, or are a detail-oriented person? The current Treasurer is available to train and support remotely. (ASAP to join the slate)
- **Fundraising, 2025 Board of Directors** Plan and implement fundraising events or activities during the year, such as DRA's Spring2ACTion campaign and rummage sale with support of volunteers. (ASAP to join the slate)
- **Art on the Avenue** Artist demos & volunteers for DRA's booth (10/5, shifts between 11am-7pm)
- **Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day** volunteers for booth (10/12, shifts between 11am-5pm)
- Curating Support Seeking members who have experience in curating shows at DRA to help coach and support our 2025 line-up of curators. Different roles on this team include: postcard design, ABC licensing, help with Google Drive files, utilizing Jotform form builder, hosting procedures, exhibition hanging, and more!
- **Garden Committee** The committee meets the third Saturday of the month from March-October to work on the garden. Also seeking someone to take the lead on this 18-person committee. Join us next on 10/19, 9-11am.
- **Grant Writer** Create proposals for general operating grants and seek out other funding opportunities. The current Grant Writer is available to train and support. (Next grant deadline is early 2025)
- Outdoor Market Coordinator Organize the Spring Art Market and autumn HalloWEIRD for 2025. The current organizers are available to train and support.
- **Outreach Support** Help implement DRA's First Thursday (April Sept) activities and/or attend DRBA meetings on behalf of DRA
- STEAM youth workshops ongoing need

For more info or to sign up, contact Morgan Parr at volunteers@delrayartisans. org. Please continue to check delrayartisans.org/volunteer for new opportunities and complete the volunteers interest form so that the volunteers director can connect you with opportunities that match your interests and meet your twelve hour member requirement.

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2025 Wall Calendars

Del Ray Artisans' 2025 wall calendar featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members is available for pre-order until October 10 at just \$18/calendar. Regular price \$20/calendar. Pre-ordering the calendar helps our organization estimate how many calendars to order. If you pre-order, you will be notified when the calendars arrive (between Oct 20 – Nov 15), so you can come pick up your purchase.

Thank you to our 2025 calendar sponsors: Daniela Spigai, Realtor® / ADVISORY at Compass, Artifacts Inc., Let's Meat on the Avenue, McD Mateos Community Partners, and The Zebra Press! And special thanks to all the artists who donated the use of their work for this fundraiser. Order at delrayartisans.org/2025-calendar-preorder-deadline



Cover art: "2024 Spring in Alexandria" by David Wardrick

Upcycled Banners

We have upcycled our past art exhibit banners into tote bags, aprons, wine

gift bags, and pencil pouches—the ultimate recycle/ reuse transformation! Each item is unique. Come to the gallery soon for the widest selection. All proceeds support Del Ray Artisans nonprofit.



CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Tumbling Through the Seasons at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members Exhibit Dates: October 28, 2024 – May 31, 2025 Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 8 by midnight

Seeking 2D artwork celebrating the seasons, from April



"Faerie Night" by Kathy Turner

Showers Bring May Flowers to a Winter Wonderland and Kathy Turner everything in between. This exhibit is a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. No entry fee; pieces previously shown are welcome. NOTE: Due to new guidelines for a fear-free space, VCA cannot accept artwork that has realistic depictions of dogs, cats, and/or birds. Stylized or abstract pieces with these subjects are allowed.

\$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



#ALX275 installation through October 28

Come see the "Happy 275th Anniversary to the City of Alexandria" installation on the Colasanto Center pool fence through October 28. Take a photo, share on social media and tag: #ALX275 #DelRayArtisans Details at delrayartisans.org/event/alx275.

Paws in the Park, Sunday, October 13, 11pm-4pm

Join us at the Paws in the Park outdoor festival in Oronoco Bay Park (100 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA). This event is fun for the whole family, featuring entertainment, activities, animal-themed vendors, and, of course, a whole lot of adorable adoptables. Del Ray Artisans will have a tent with pet-inspired artwork from member artist Joyce Wagner, as well as information about current and upcoming events. Paws in the Park is organized by and benefits the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Details at delrayartisans.org/paws-in-the-park-2024

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/.



CREATIVE BOOK CLUB

Details at delrayartisans.org/event/book-club-nov-2024/

"Bright Stars: Great Artists Who Died Too Young" by Kate Bryan Saturday, November 16, 10am-noon

The club is free and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other creative people.

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



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

Detail of "Butterfly" by Nancy M. Patrick

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 Hopital 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



"Sunflower Splashes" by Tiara Safic-Martin

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.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

STEAM-tastic: Design a Robot at Art on the Avenue (Ages 6+) - Saturday, October 5, I I am-4pm



Design your own robot during our drop-in activity in the Kids Art Corner at Art on the Avenue. The Kids Art Corner is located outdoors in the Mount Vernon Recreation Center fields. Come anytime between 11am-4pm to draw, paint, collage, or sculpt your own robot.

Instructor: Suzan Ok Shumate; Free, donations appreciated; Drop-in, this is a self-paced activity



Playing with Resin - Sunday, October 6, 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.

Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50

Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by October 3.

STEAM-tastic: Museum Fluid Collections - Saturday, October 19, (Ages 6-10) 9-10:15am, (Ages 10-15) 10:30-11:45am



Join expert Cristin Guinan-Wiley as she provides insights into the Fluid collection stored at the Smithsonian's Museum support center. Through this hands-on workshop, you will learn about the different chemicals used for preservation of specimens over the past 150 years, as well as how it is done today.

Instructor: Cristin Guinan-Wiley; Free, donations appreciated; Register by October 18; drop-ins allowed space permitting



Neurographic Art - Wednesday, October 23, 6-8pm

A neuron is a cell that carries messages between the brain and other parts of our body and that is the basic unit of our central nervous system. Graphic is the artistic use of pictures, shapes and words. This activity helps you to connect with the art making process and allows your mind to relax.

Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; plus a \$5 supply fee; Register by midnight on October 20.

Pastel with Mixed Media - Saturday, October 26, 6:30-8:30pm



Learn to take advantage of all paint types, including how to enhance pastel painting with elements of acrylic, ink, paint markers, and other mediums to achieve the exact effects you desire. This workshop is a great introduction to the basics of color blending, layering, texture, harmony, and balance.

Instructor: Karina Mosser; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by midnight October 23.

Unlock Your Creative Potential: Affirmation Card Workshop Saturday, November 2, 10am-noon



In this workshop, you'll discover the power of positive affirmations in boosting your creativity and self-confidence. You'll learn how to craft affirmations that resonate with your artistic goals and aspirations.

Instructor: Sharon J. Burton; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$15 supply fee; Register by midnight October 29.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, October 13, 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, October 15 and 22, 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. Dropin; all skill levels welcome.

Partners in Art Evening Wednesday, October 16, 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, October 26, 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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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.:

"UFO" - Gordon Thomas Frank;

"Portrait of a Raven" - Linda Lowery

Bottom row, l. to r.:

"Beachfront in Poland" - Kathryn A.

Brown;

"Face Jug Cyclops" - Stephen Lally;

"Blue Matters" - Pamela C Day



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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- 6 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 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 / Día de las Artes del Barrio de Chirilagua, 12-4pm
- 13 Paws in the Park, 11am-4pm in Oronoco Bay Park
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- 19 AI & Artists: A Discussion On What Artists Should Know, 6:30-8pm at Torpedo Factory
- 20 2024 Annual Member Meeting & 2025 Board of Directors Election, 4-6pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

- 22 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 23 Neurographic Art Workshop, 6-8pm
- 26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-noon
- 26 Pastel with Mixed Media Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm
- 27 Artist Appointments Only, 12-6pm
- 28 Happy 275th Anniversary to the City of Alexandria #ALX275 installation ends

November 2024

1-12/1 EXHIBIT: \$100 and Under

Curators: Dale Spivey & Kurt Peterson

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- 28 Gallery Closed on Thanksgiving

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 House	ehold Members				
Business/Organi	ization				
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If you have any questions, please email the Membership Director at: Membership@DelRayArtisans.org

Membership Categories and Benefits											
		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
Membership Categories	Cost		Membership Benefits								
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 me	embership))									
Silver (\$ 140 tax-deductible)	\$ 250		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Gold (\$ 390 tax-deductible)	\$ 500		•	•	•	٠	•	•		•	•
Platinum (\$ 890 tax-deductible)	\$ 1,000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional member benefits listed online