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# The Well-Crafted Word

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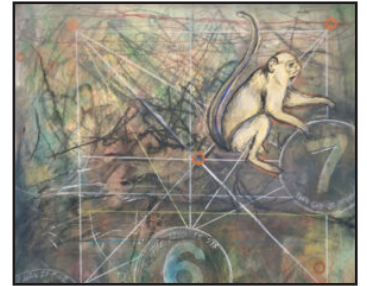
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## \$100 and Under Exhibit November 1 - December 1

Opening Reception: Friday, November 1, 7-9pm

This November Del Ray Artisans is bringing back our popular *\$100 and Under* exhibit concept from 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2022 showcasing members' original artwork, all priced at \$100 and under. The art will be sold on an art-to-go basis, with buyers taking art home when purchased during the exhibit from November 1 – December 1, 2024.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, November 1 between 7-9pm to meet curators Dale Spivey and Kurt Peterson and the artists.



*"This Monkey Has Gone to Heaven"*  
by Karen Schmitz



*Vivienne Lukacs (courtesy of Karen Schmitz)*

### **Vivienne Lukacs' Memorial Celebration of Life, Wednesday, November 6, 11am-3pm**

Friends and family are invited to a special *Under the Sea* themed celebration of life on Wednesday, November 6 for Mary Vivienne Lukacs, an

early member who helped make Del Ray Artisans a thriving organization. We gather at the gallery from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to remember and honor Vivienne, who will be buried earlier in the day at Arlington National Cemetery. Please bring a potluck dish, dessert, or drink, as well as memories of Vivienne to share that day.

Vivienne, who died July 16, 2023, at age 90, was active for years with Del Ray Artisans as an artist and served as Director of Membership and Volunteers, Off-Beat Auction coordinator and an instructor for the Youth Art Camp. She was an active volunteer who often pressed her husband Richard into service on behalf of the organization. She will be buried next to him at Arlington National Cemetery.

Vivienne's daughter, Laura West, welcomes friends to the 8:15am interment at the cemetery as well as to the gallery celebration. Vivienne loved the seashore, and the celebration of her life will pay homage to that love.

Laura West and Karen Schmitz, Del Ray Artisans Director of Grants and Sponsorship, are organizing the celebration at the gallery. For more information, Laura can be reached at [beautywest1@gmail.com](mailto:beautywest1@gmail.com), and Karen can be reached at [kschmitzart@gmail.com](mailto:kschmitzart@gmail.com).



*Nicole Mahoney helps a young artist with Gelli Prints, (courtesy of Karen Schmitz)*

### **Arts Day Success!**

With sunny skies the Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day brought hundreds of smiling faces to the Four Mile Run Conservatory on Saturday, October 12, for a fun day of free art making and music. The traditional Guatemalan band Marimba Maya Awal broadcasted Live on Facebook and now has over 48 thousand views!

Collaboration partner Casa Chirilagua's students translated Spanish/English for the instructors in this diverse Central American community.

Thanks to the art instructors: Roxanne Bradley-Tate & Christian Melgar (Brite Kites), Susanne Jones & Denise Bentley (Worry Dolls), Morgan Parr & Esther Iverem (ColorWOW), Eileen O'Brien & Nicole Mahoney (Gelli Prints), and Debbie & Patrick Mezzetta (Paper Flowers).

Thank you to the hands-on volunteers: Sandra Alama, Alexandra Benson, Steve Botts, Guy Jones, Olga Kardo, Ginny Loving, Susan Pawlukiewicz, and Mary Pike. Thanks for additional support from Sean Crumley, Juan Noboa, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Pat Miller, Margaret Slipek, Terry Blatt and Dan Witmeyer. Special thanks to David Amoroso for assisting Program Manager Karen Schmitz with plenty of positivity!

### **Welcome New Members**

<b>Sandrika Berthias</b>	<b>Olga Kardonova</b>	<b>Elizabeth Pohland</b>
<b>Natasha Clark</b>	<b>Kari Mcnair</b>	
<b>Kimberly Gevinson</b>	<b>Francis Noon</b>	

## Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 20. Here is a summary of the President's address.

Del Ray Artisans' mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community. We support the development of artists at all levels, including new and emerging artists and artisans. We are the membership – and the members are the organization. There is no single owner; it's a nonprofit managed and grown by us all. For a few stats:

As of October 20, we stand at 263 current members – of those 25 are patron level, 17 supporter level, and 221 artist level (3 family, 11 dual, 119 individual, 78 senior, and 10 student memberships). We have two part-time office staff who keep our sales system up to date, print wall tags, write checks, and several other critical support functions. All our Board members, curators, and recurring program organizers are volunteers. Beyond these lead roles we rely on members and other volunteers to keep the gallery open so people can see the exhibit. We rely on volunteers to take out the trash/recycling, wash the kitchen towels, distribute exhibit postcards, share DRA info on social media, weed the gardens, and a million other to-dos that need to be done. Thank you all for your role in making the organization successful.

Last year Del Ray Artisans sold 362 pieces of art in the 10 months that art exhibits are hosted (excluding art markets). This year to-date, we have sold 369 pieces of art with 5 weeks of exhibit time remaining. At the current rate, we are averaging 18 artwork sales and 22 gift shop sales per month. We have also been doing an amazing job with workshops and recurring programs. This year there have been 231 workshop registrations to-date (last year there were 150). Thank you to the curators and program organizers for donating their time and passion for the benefit of the creative community.

Our Treasurer, Rita Schooley, reports that we are healthy financially. We are on track with our budget for the year and may make a small profit which can be moved into reserves. At the next member meeting in February, we will have the 2024 year-end financials for review. This year, through grant awards, we were able to fund the STEAM-tastic new youth program, as well as Chirilagua Neighborhood Arts Day, a community art-making event one mile north of our gallery. This year Del Ray Artisans received our largest donation ever (\$10,000) designated to Youth Art Programs from Genesis Inspiration Foundation through a recommendation from Kevin Reilly, Owner / President, Alexandria Hyundai and Genesis of Alexandria. We are grateful for Kevin and Genesis Inspiration Foundation's support. This donation will help fund STEAM-tastic starting immediately and art camp next summer, as well as with the return of the Alexandria City High School Student Show in May 2025.

Del Ray Artisans was featured 3 times on local television this year: (1) the WUSA 9 morning show, Get Up DC, featured our STEAM-tastic: Satellites in Outer Space workshop, (2) Turkish-American Television through Fairfax Public Access featured our STEAM-tastic: From Cells to Biomes – Fluid Pours workshop; and (3) Fox5 Zip Trip visit to Alexandria featured Del Ray Artisans as one of the "5 Must Stops" in Del Ray this summer.

Thank you all for your membership, time, and energy. This organization is successful because of you! It's an honor to serve as Del Ray Artisans' President.

— Dawn Wyse Hurto, [president@delrayartisans.org](mailto:president@delrayartisans.org)



Members express gratitude for the donation from Genesis Inspiration Foundation (2024 Annual Meeting)

### 2025 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the members elected to serve on the 2025 Board of Directors. The term runs January 1-December 31, 2025.

**President** - Dawn Wyse Hurto

**Vice President** - Lesley Hall

**Secretary** - Margaret Slipek

**Treasurer** - [vacant]

**Assistant Treasurer** - Stephen Lally

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**Facilities** - Ellen Kozicki

**Fundraising** - [vacant]

**Membership** - Kate Gibney

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If you are interested in the Treasurer or Fundraising position, contact [volunteers@delrayartisans.org](mailto:volunteers@delrayartisans.org). The current Treasurer is available to train, and the Fundraising position has support as well. Please feel free to reach out to any of the directors and shadow them if you are considering running for a position in the future.



## CALLS FOR ENTRY

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

### Artists Favorites at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

Exhibit Dates: December 2, 2024–September 6, 2025

Application Deadline: Friday, November 8 by midnight

Seeking 2D artwork on any subject matter. The curators prefer art that helps soothe in a stressful environment. Also, due to new guidelines for a fear-free space, we cannot accept artwork that has realistic depictions (such as unaltered photographs or other life-like artwork) of dogs, cats, and/or birds. Stylized or abstract pieces with these subjects are allowed.

Must be a Del Ray Artisans member to enter; 2-dimensional works only. No entry fee; pieces previously shown are welcome.



### Alcove Gift Shop at Del Ray Artisans

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

January 3 – March 1, 2025

Application Deadline: Monday, December 9 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 independent of the monthly exhibits and is only open to Del Ray Artisans members.

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Explore not only how ideas or objects are comical, but also what properties of a joke give it wings....perhaps literally.

### MeWOW: Fabulous Felines at Del Ray Artisans

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February 7 – March 1

Application Deadline: Sunday, January 12 by Midnight

Celebrate the slinky beauty and mysterious world of cats.

### 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/](https://delrayartisans.org/exhibits/art-guidelines/).



"Recharge" by  
Liz Martinez

## GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at [DelRayArtisans.org/gww](https://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

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. Both exhibits end on Saturday, November 16.

**Tumbling Through the Seasons at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital**  
October 28, 2024 – May 31, 2025



"Fireweed" by  
Heidi O Vatanka

The *Tumbling Through the Seasons* exhibit features 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital. This exhibit features artwork celebrating the seasons, from April Showers Bring May Flowers to a Winter Wonderland and everything in between.

VCA Old Town Animal Hospital is located at 425 N Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. There is a parking lot behind VCA Old Town accessible from Princess Street. The animal hospital is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-7pm, Saturday 8am-3pm. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.



"Sunflower Splashes" by  
Tiara Safic-Martin

## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

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

### 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.*

### First Crochet Hat Workshop - Monday, November 4 and 11, 7-9pm



You will learn to work in the round and create a few new stitches for this fun project, "Itsa Beanie" by West End Fibers. You'll have a new hat in just two weeks (2 sessions, 2 hours each).

*Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; plus students must bring supplies; Register by midnight November 1.*

### First Knitted Hat Workshop - Wednesday, November 6 and 13, 7-9pm



You will learn to work in the round and knit ribbing for this fun project, "Simple Hat – the World's Simplest!" by Stuart Moulder. You'll have a new hat in just two weeks (2 sessions, 2 hours each).

*Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 Non-member; plus students must bring supplies; Register by midnight November 2.*

### Intro to Tunisian Crochet: Cockatiel Cowl (Three 1.5-hour classes) November 7, November 12, November 14, 7-8:30pm



Tunisian crochet combines crochet and knitting, then produces a finished fabric that can look woven, knitted, or crocheted. Seems like magic, right? It is certainly fun. 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; Register by midnight November 3.*

### Decorated Letters Workshop - Sunday, November 17, 1-3:30pm



Create large letters and decorate inside and around them with Zentangles, patterns, texture, color, and gold. Final pieces are a 3.5" square or larger.

Materials fee includes white and black paper and Gelly Roll pens, along with other materials provided by the instructor to use in class.

*Instructor: Jenny Nicholson; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus a \$15 Supply Fee; Register by midnight November 15.*

### Playing with Resin - Sunday, November 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.

*Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by November 15.*

### Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture - Monday, November 18, 6:30-8:30pm



Do you like working with resin but want to get a little more creative? In this class, we will discuss advanced resin techniques such as layering, tilting, building in three dimensions, adding lights, and more. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; Register in advance; walk-ins welcome, space permitting*

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

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

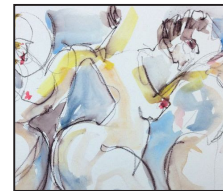
### Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, November 10, 1-3pm



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, November 5 and 19, 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, November 20, 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.

### Creative Book Club

#### Saturday, November 16, 10am-noon

#### "Bright Stars: Great Artists Who Died Too Young" by Kate Bryan

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







# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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### Submission Deadline:

15th of the month  
KC Hodge, Newsletter Editor  
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### Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12–6pm  
Friday 12–9pm  
Saturday 12–6pm  
Sunday 12–6pm

Top row, l. to r.:  
"Invasion: Consequence of War" -  
Amy Kitchin Hower;  
"Sky's Over Del Ray" - Betsy Jones;  
"Elephant Swimming" -  
Nancy M. Patrick  
Bottom row, r.:  
"Whispered Dream" - Camille  
Kouyoumdjian



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## Calendar

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- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm (RSVP in Advance)
- 21 2025 Curators Orientation, 6:30-8:30pm
- 28 Gallery Closed on Thanksgiving

### December 2024

- 1 Alcove Gift Shop 2024 at Del Ray Artisans closes
- 1 Artist Appointments: Unsold Artwork Pick Up, 6-8pm
- 3 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 6-22 HOLIDAY MARKET:** 29th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market, Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 11am-5pm
- 9 Alcove Gift Shop Call for Artists Deadline
- 10 Board Meeting and Holiday Gathering, 7-9pm
- 17 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 23-1/1 Gallery closed to the public**
- 29 *Visual Humor* Artwork Drop Off, 12-4pm

**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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### **Fairy Tales Around the World (March 7–29, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Monday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, March 2 by appointment*

**Curator: Courtney Pippin-Mathur**

Open to all area artists. Faraway lands, perilous journeys with magical characters and amazing creatures? Celebrate the stories that shaped us, from local legends to mythical beasts, from heroes to villains, and everyone in between.

### **Synchronous: Volunteer Appreciation Exhibit (April 4–26, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Monday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 30 by appointment*

**Curator: Volunteers Director**

Only open by invitation to outstanding Del Ray Artisans member volunteers to honor those who have made exceptional time contributions to support our nonprofit. Open theme.

### **ACHS Student Show (May 2–24, 2025)**

*Receiving Sunday, April 27 by appointment*

**Curators: ACHS Teachers and Youth Programs Director**

Only open to Alexandria City High School art, photography, and graphics students. Details TBD.

### **Spring Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, May 10, 10am-4pm)**



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### **Sing Me a Sea Shanty (May 30–June 29, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Saturday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 25; Reception Friday, June 6, 7-9pm*

**Curators: Tiara Safic-Martin and TJ Feeley**

Open to all area artists. The sea is awe-inspiring and man's relationship with it has been tumultuous. For centuries the sea has inspired stories, lore, myth, legends, and songs. Explore all things nautical.

### **Summer Art Market (Indoors - July 12–13, 10am-4pm both days)**

### **Lovely As a Tree (August 1–30, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Thursday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, July 27 by appointment*

**Curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry**

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Trees: environmentally crucial, providers of shade, shelter, habitat, food, and beauty. Celebrate trees and their fascinating parts through painting, photography, wood sculptures/decorative items, assemblages, ceramics, and more.

### **Second Time Around (September 5–27, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Sunday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 31 by appointment*

**Curators: Leslie Nicholls and Tracy Wilkerson**

Open to all area artists. Seeking art that focuses on sustainable creativity and enhancing the artistic environmental ethos.

### **HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, Sept 20, 10am-4pm)**

### **Bump in the Night (October 3 – November 1, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Wednesday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, September 28 by appointment*

**Curator: Morgan Parr**

Open to all area artists. Drawing inspiration from Spike Milligan's poem "Bump" and the old Cornish Litany about ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts, reveal the source of frightening, unexplainable noises heard at night and the experiences behind "things that go bump in the night."

### **The Mini World: Small Works of Art (November 7–30, 2025)**

*Entry deadline Friday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, November 2 by appointment*

**Curators: Betsy Jones, Kellie Sansone, and Mallory Henig**

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Celebrating small works of art (8x10" and smaller).

### **30th Annual Holiday Market (Indoors - December 5–21, 2025)**



NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.

## January 2025

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curator: Erica Hughes

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- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
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- 23 Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 4–6pm**
- 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

## March 2025

- 2 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

### **7–29 EXHIBIT: *Fairy Tales Around the World***

curator: Courtney Pippin-Mathur

- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub in Del Ray
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 *Synchronous* entry deadline (only open by invitation)
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

## April 2025

- 3 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)

### **4–26 EXHIBIT: *Synchronous: Volunteer***

#### ***Appreciation Exhibit***

curator: Volunteers Director

- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 7 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 9 Spring2ACTION
- 12 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 15 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 16 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 22 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 27 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

## May 2025

- 1 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)

### **2–24 EXHIBIT: *ACHS Student Show***

curators: ACHS teachers and Youth Programs Director

- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 6 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 Spring Art Market, 10am–4pm (outside, rain or shine)**
- 10 *Sing Me a Sea Shanty* entry deadline
- 11 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 4–6pm**
- 20 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 25 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off (time TBD)

### **30–June 29 EXHIBIT: *Sing Me a Sea Shanty***

curators: Tiara Safic-Martin and TJ Feeley

- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 31 GWW EXHIBIT: *Tumbling Through the Seasons* at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital ends**

## June 2025

- 3 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 5 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 6 *Sing Me a Sea Shanty* Exhibit Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 17 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 18 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 24 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 29 Unsold artwork pick up, 4–8pm

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## July 2025

(Open during Summer Art Market; Other hours TBD)

- 3 First Thursday (Gallery Closed)
- 5–6 Rummage Sale
- 7–11 Figure Drawing Week
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Lovely As a Tree* entry deadline (only open to DRA members)
- 12–13 Summer Art Market, 10am–4pm** (indoors)
- 14–31 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 14–18 Art Camp Week 1**
- 21–25 Art Camp Week 2**
- 27 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm

## August 2025

### 1–30 EXHIBIT: *Lovely As a Tree* (Members Exhibit)

curator: Robyn Seaton McGarry

- 1 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 4 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 5 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 7 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 9 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 10 *Second Time Around* entry deadline
- 12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 17 Member Meeting, 4–6pm**
- 19 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 26 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 31 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

## September 2025

- 4 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)

### 5–27 EXHIBIT: *Second Time Around*

curator: Leslie Nicholls and Tracy Wilkerson

- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 *Bump in the Night* entry deadline
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub in Del Ray
- 16 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 20 HALLOWEIRD Art Market, 10am–4pm** (outside, rain or shine)
- 23 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 28 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

## October 2025

### 3–Nov 1 EXHIBIT: *Bump in the Night*

curator: Morgan Parr

- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 4 Art on the Avenue, 10am–6pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 9 Figure Drawing Session (Costumed), 7–9pm
- 10 *The Mini World: Small Works of Art* entry deadline (only open to DRA members)
- 11 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 15 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 16 Figure Drawing Session (Costumed), 7–9pm
- 21 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 23 Figure Drawing Session (Costumed), 7–9pm
- 25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 26 Annual Member Meeting & 2026 Board Elections, 4–6pm**
- 28 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 30 Figure Drawing Session (Costumed), 7–9pm

## November 2025

- 2 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

### 7–30 EXHIBIT: *The Mini World: Small Works of Art* (Members Exhibit)

curators: Betsy Jones, Kellie Sansone, and Mallory Henig

- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 13 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 27 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up, 4–8pm

## December 2025

(Open only during Holiday Market & programs)

- 2 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 5–21 Holiday Market**, Fridays 6–9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am–6pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
- 10 January 2026 exhibit entry deadline
- 16 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 22 Gallery Closed Now – 1/1/2026

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### Gallery Hours (except in July & Dec)

First Thursday (Apr–Sept) 12–9pm, Thursday 12–6pm, Friday 12–9pm, Saturday & Sunday 12–6pm

Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA 22301



# 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