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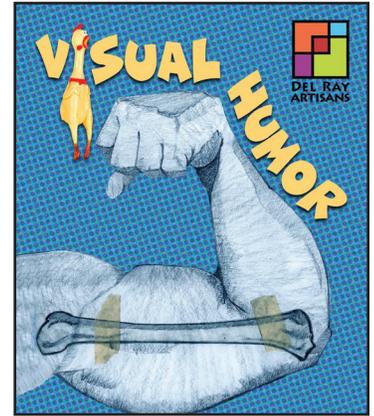
Visual Humor Art Exhibit January 3 - February 1

Opening Reception: Friday, January 3, 7-9pm

Humor is aesthetic to the extent that it arouses the viewers' imagination, provides them with insights about human existence, and provokes them to think more critically and creatively.
-M. Gordon 2012

The joy found in comedy delights all. *Visual Humor*, a lighthearted exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery, offered artists the opportunity to provoke their own creativity in search of a chuckle. *Visual Humor* explores not only how ideas or objects are comical, but also what properties of a joke give it wings.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 3 between 7-9pm to meet curator Dr. Erica Hughes and the artists.



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Message from the President

Thank you to the membership for voting in the 2025 Board of Directors. You'll find these outstanding volunteers listed on page 4. Special thanks to outgoing Directors (Bill Cabrera, Sean Crumley, Lori Fredricks, Erica Hughes, Kurt Peterson, and Karen Schmitz) for your years of service on the Board.

The Art Rx for Madison County NC Donation Drive ran November 15 through December 22, 2024. Thank you to everyone who donated. Special thanks to Betsy Lederer for organizing it and already dropping off the first batch of supplies. If you missed the donation drive and would like to help, please donate directly to the Madison County Arts Council: madisoncountyararts.com/del-ray-artisans-art-rx-donation-page



Board members (outgoing and incoming) and their partners



The new year is packed with creative activity! We have 10 monthly exhibits, 2 outdoor markets, and 2 indoor markets planned. See the attached insert for the exhibit schedule and stay tuned for additional exhibits being planned through our Gallery Without Walls program.

In 2025 Del Ray Artisans will host 2-3 figure drawing sessions per month and some additional costumed sessions in October; Partners in Art Evening, Del Ray Urban Sketchers, and Nature Journaling Club continue their monthly schedule; and Creative Book Club remains once per quarter. The recurring program organizers are all volunteers. Please thank them when you attend.

Thank you to everyone who supported the upcycled exhibit banners fundraiser and 2025 wall calendar fundraiser. Just a few calendars remain, so get yours today! Happy New Year!

— Dawn Wyse Hurto, 2024-2025 President
president@delrayartisans.org

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

MeWOW: Fabulous Felines

Open to all area artists

February 7 – March 1

Entry Deadline: Sunday, January 12 by Midnight

Let your creative cat “out of the bag” for this “paw-some” exhibit! Marvel at the power and fascination of cat imagery in art. These furry, mysterious, independent, beautiful felines have inundated history, mythology, literature, advertising, cinema, pop culture and pet owners for centuries. Artists are encouraged to submit inspirational artworks in any and all mediums.



“Birthday Happys” by
Guy Jones

Fairy Tales Around the World

Open to all area artists

March 7 – 29

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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.



“Tiny Travels” by
Courtney Pippin-Mathur

Alcove Gift Shop

Open to Del Ray Artisans members

March 7 – April 26

Application deadline will be in February (date TBD)

Del Ray Artisans’ Alcove is a gift shop within the gallery, where members (who apply and are accepted) display and sell their work. Seeking jewelry, fiber art, wood craft, ceramics, other smaller 3-D items, and unframed 2-D works that meet size requirements to fit in bins. The work will be displayed for two months, and as pieces are sold they can be replaced with similar work for no additional fee.

Synchronous: Volunteer Appreciation Exhibit

Only open by invitation to outstanding volunteers

April 4–26

Entry Deadline: Monday, March 10 by Midnight

This invitational exhibit is to honor those who have made exceptional time contributions to support our nonprofit. Open theme. Invitations coming soon.

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/.



GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

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

Tumbling Through the Seasons

at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

October 28, 2024 – May 31, 2025

The *Tumbling Through the Seasons* exhibit features

2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital. This exhibit features

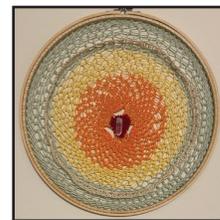
artwork celebrating the seasons, from April Showers Bring May Flowers to a Winter Wonderland and everything in between.

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.



“Fireweed” by
Heidi O Vatanka

**Artists Favorites at VCA
Alexandria Animal Hospital
December 2, 2024 – September 6,
2025**



“Recharge” by
Liz Martinez

The *Artists Favorites* exhibit features 2D artwork in a variety of mediums by Del Ray Artisans members at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). The animal hospital is open Monday-Friday 8am-7pm, Saturday 8am-6pm. Due to client needs, some areas may not be available for immediate viewing. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops



Open Mic: Amateur Stand-Up Comedy Night - Friday, January 10, 8pm-10pm

Enjoy the puns on your own or with friends during this entertaining evening. Performers: Show off your comedy chops and sign up for a two-minute slot to deliver your best material. *FREE, donations appreciated.*

Knit Amigurumi Workshop (Two 2-hour classes) Mondays, January 13 and 20, 6:30-8:30pm



This advanced beginner class is great for those who are relatively new to knitting and want to try amigurumi techniques. This format will set you up for success and give you the skills needed to continue with future amigurumi projects. You will also complete an adorable clownfish stuffed toy! This class is for anyone aged 13+

Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 plus students must bring supplies; Register by midnight January 9.

Crochet Amigurumi Workshop (Two 2-hour classes) Wednesdays, January 15 and 22, 6:30-8:30pm



This advanced beginner class is great for those who are relatively new to crochet and want to try amigurumi techniques. This format will set you up for success and give you the skills needed to continue with future amigurumi projects. You will also complete an adorable clownfish stuffed toy! This class is for anyone aged 13+

Instructor: Dawn Zurell; \$70 Del Ray Artisans member / \$80 plus students must bring supplies; Register by midnight January 11.

Silly Suds: Humorous Soapmaking Workshop Saturday, January 18, 9am-noon



Get ready to laugh and lather as you create your own humorous soaps (winking owls, poop emojis, wacky animals, and more). Learn about melt-and-pour techniques using a moisturizing shea butter base, premium fragrance oils, and fun, skin-safe colorants. While soaps harden, decorate a gift box to take your creations home with you at the end of this workshop.

Instructor: Suzan Ok Shumate; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by midnight January 15.

Beaded Flying Pig Workshop Sunday, January 19, 6-9pm



While bead embroidery may look complicated, it doesn't have to be. In this class, you will learn beginning bead embroidery stitches as you create your own flying pig pin/pendant. Plus, the skills you learn can be combined and added to all sorts of fiber arts, giving you a solid foundation to expand your creativity.

Instructor: Amy Castine; \$50 Del Ray Artisans member / \$60 Non-member; plus a \$15 supply fee; Register by midnight January 16.



Playing with Resin - Monday, February 10, 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 ASAP.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

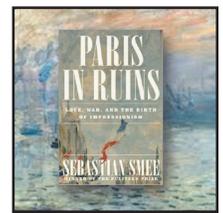
Figure Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, January 7, 21 and 28, 7-9pm



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 Saturday, January 11, 10am-noon

"Paris in Ruins: Love, War, and the Birth of Impressionism" by Sebastian Smee



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 Urban Sketchers Sunday, January 12, 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.

Nature Journaling Club Saturday, January 25, 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
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Gallery Hours:

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

Top row, l. to r.:
"Perfection" - Serene F. Werblood;
"Returning Home....." - Maria
Kinnane;
"Ginkgo Slippers" -
Stephen Lally
Bottom row, r.:
"Bahamas" - Joan Bickelhaupt



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Calendar

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Curator: Karen Schmitz & Dan Witmeyer

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

February 2025 (continued)

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- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
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- 10 *Fairy Tales Around the World* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 22 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 23 Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 4–6pm
- 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

March 2025

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Curator: Courtney Pippin-Mathur
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- 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
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Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!
Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

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Special thanks to the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts, for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.





NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.

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 - 10 *Synchronous* entry deadline (only open by invitation)
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 - 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
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 - 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
 - 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
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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
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 - 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
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- 25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 26 Annual Member Meeting & 2026 Board Elections, 4–6pm**
- 28 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
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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
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- 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

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Curator: Karen Schmitz

Open to all area artists. Celebrate the slinky beauty and mysterious world of cats. Explore felines in pop culture, advertising, pet ownership, and encourages artists to interpret their cat-like creativity. Even creatures and objects with cat-like attributes could be considered.

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

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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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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."

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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)



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:

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