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March 2025

The Well-Crafted Word

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Fairy Tales Around the World Art Exhibit March 7 - March 29

Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 7-9pm

Remember your favorite stories as a child? The faraway lands, perilous journeys with magical characters and fantastic creatures? The *Fairy Tales Around the World* art exhibit celebrates the stories and fables that shaped us, from local legends to distant tales, from mythical beasts to heroes, villains and everyone in between.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, March 7 between 7-9pm to meet curator Courtney Pippin-Mathur and the artists.



"Tiny Travels" by Courtney Pippin-Mathur

MeWOW was WOW!

There was a huge "Meower Power" turnout for the *MeWOW: Fabulous Felines* exhibit filled purrfectly with nearly 200 artworks by 80 artists. Curators Karen Schmitz and Dan Witmeyer give a paw-some thank you for all the help received—from the postcard distribution team to the donation of 2017 Women's March in Washington T-shirts & buttons from Kathy Turner.

Purrs & pets to: Terry Blatt, Donna Bogatin, Ellyn Ferguson, Donna Lee Gallo, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Guy Jones, Amy Kitchin Hower, Rusty Lynn, Kelly MacConomy, Scott MacConomy, Liz Martinez, Mahua Mazumdar, Kurt Peterson, Robin Reid, Anna Sherlock, Kathy Turner, Rod Whyte, and Tracy Wilkerson.

Con-cat-ulations to the 9 *MeWOW* Curator's Award winners: Jocelyne Corderot, Stephanie Darlene Greenwald, Erica Hughes, Dawn Wyse Hurto, Haddy Kreie, Stephanie McGee, Daphne Miller, Morgan Parr, and Sav Sierco.



"Abracadabra" by Jocelyne Corderot, *MeWOW* Curator's Award Winner

Spring2ACTion 2025

Starting Wednesday, March 26 through Wednesday, April 9, 2025 (Giving Day) our community comes together to support the amazing work of Alexandria nonprofits through Spring2ACTion, hosted by ACT for Alexandria. Please remember Del Ray Artisans is one of those worthy causes!

Del Ray Artisans has been promoting art for the benefit of local artists and the community since 1992. Del Ray Artisans supports the development of artists at all levels and serves as a center for thriving artistic activity in Alexandria, Virginia.

During Spring2ACTion, please show your support for Del Ray Artisans by donating in-person or online. Details at delrayartisans.org/event/spring2action-2025

Garden Committee Begins Season

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PLANTS FOR FREE! Stop by Del Ray Artisans on Saturday, March 1 from 9am-11am to save these plants and make your garden beautiful. SAVE THE DATE: The Garden Committee's first 2025 meeting will be on Saturday, March 15 from 9am-11am, please come join us to help prepare for the growing season. Questions? Contact Kurt at gardens@delrayartisans.org

Welcome New Members (January and February)

Rouba Abou Chabke
Jordana Adelman
Emily Atkinson
Mary Beiro

Alicyn Drew
Leslie Duss
Beth Kramer
Haddy Kreie

Gerda Lane
Maria Loving
Rebecca Rosenberg

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Synchronous: Volunteer Appreciation Exhibit

Only open by invitation to outstanding volunteers

April 4–26

Entry deadline: Monday, March 10 by Midnight

Invited Artists Alphabetized by first name:

Aaron Fletchersmith	Dale Spivey Dan Witmeyer	Kellie Sansone Kelly MacConomy	Pamela Day Peter Michaels
Alexandra Schmeling	Danielle Chan Dawn Wyse Hurto	Kelly Postula Kelly Snyder	Pinar Artuk-Boegel Rita Cohen
Alyssa Pease Amanda Fletchersmith	Diana Papazian Dina Wise	Kevin Sherlock Kitty Russell	Rita Schooley Robin Hunter Reid
Amy Castine Amy Kitchin Hower	Ditas Katague Donna Gallo	Kurt Peterson Lesley Hall	Robin Ludt Robyn Seaton McGarry
Ann Cameron Siegall	Ellen Kozicki Ellen Rosenthal	Linda Elliff Liz Martinez	Rod Whyte Ron Reel
Annemarie Kuhns Ariane D'Souza	Erica Hughes Gale Goldfarb	Liz Vance Lori Fredricks	Ron Reel Rusty Lynn Sandra Alami
Barbara Cooper Barbara Smith	Gordon Thomas Frank	Lori Welch Brown Lynn Chadwick	Scott MacConomy Sean Crumley
Betsy Lederer Bhavani Arabandi	Guy Jones Jana Bertucci	Margaret Slipek Maria Hart	Stephanie Darlene Greenwald
Bill Cabrera Brando Gould	Jenny Nicholson Joan Bickelhaupt	Marshall Carolus Mary Pike	Stephen Lally Sue Shumate
Bridget Anthony- Hlioui	Joshua Oliveira- Martin	Maxine Cholmondeley	Sue Stone-Walls Susan Fitter Harris
Brooke Johnson Camille Kouyoumdjian	Joyce Wagner Karen Feeley	Meredith D'Amore Michele Reday Cook	Suzan Ok Shumate Suzanne Tillman
Christian Melgar Chuck Dervarics	Karen Schmitz Kate Gibney	Mila Mateu Morgan Parr	Thom Lowther Tiara Safic-Martin
Courtney Pippin- Mathur	Katherine Rand Kathryn Brown	Nancy Flores Nancy Galib	TJ Feeley Tracy Wilkerson
Cynthia Schoeppel	Kazuko Fuller KC Hodge	Nicole Mahoney	

Sing Me a Sea Shanty

Open to all area artists

May 30 – June 29

Entry Deadline: Saturday, May 10 by Midnight

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.

Lovely As a Tree

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

August 1 – 30

Entry Deadline: Thursday, July 10 by Midnight

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.

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.

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.



*"Fireweed" by
Heidi O Vatanaka*

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

STEAM-tastic: Fairy Home in the Forest Workshop (Ages 6-12) - Saturday, March 8, 10am-noon



Young artists will use picture books, drawings, and their creativity to create a 2D home for their imaginary fairies that includes variations on fairy homes, mushrooms, leaves, flowers, insects and more. All supplies included.
Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$25/child; Register by midnight March 5.

Unleash Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Class Thursday, March 13, 6-8pm



This class is perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike. You'll learn essential techniques, such as color mixing, brushwork, and layering, while creating your own vibrant masterpiece. Bring your own acrylic paints and brushes and enjoy a relaxing, inspiring experience.

Instructor: Edom Alagaw; \$32 Del Ray Artisans member / \$42

Non-member; participants bring own supplies; Register by March 10

3-D Paper Mache Fairy Tale Character Workshop (Teens 16+ and adults) - Fridays, March 14 and 21, 6-9pm



Join this workshop to learn to create your own hand-held magical and fairy tale inspired characters. And to make it extra fun, we are doing it with paper mache! Get connected with your inner child as you get messy.

We start with cardboard, wire and tape to build the armature, add layers with paper mache and come back a week later to paint and add your own special details!

Instructor: Courtney Pippin-Mathur; \$50 Del Ray Artisans member / \$60 Non-member; Plus \$7 Supply Fee; Register by March 11

STEAM-tastic: 2-D Paper Mache Room Decoration (Ages 9-15) - Saturdays, March 22 and 29, 10am-1pm



Create your own fairy-tale inspired character to hang up in your room. Let your imagination run wild, from heroes who are scared, to damsels who don't care, villains who love jelly beans, monsters who want to help and everything in between! Bring your favorite fairy tale character ideas to get started right away. We use paper mache and paint, so come prepared to get messy.

Instructor: Courtney Pippin-Mathur; \$25/child; Register by March 19

Playing with Resin - Sunday, March 23, 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 March 20

Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture - Monday, March 24, 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 by March 21*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, March 9, 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.

Figure Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, March 18 and 25, 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 (RSVP in Advance) Wednesday, March 19, 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

Nature Journaling Club Saturday, March 29, 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.

Creative Book Club "Falling Rocket: James Whistler, John Ruskin, and the Battle for Modern Art" by Paul Thomas Murphy Saturday, April 12, 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.



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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 (Closed March 2 & 30)

Top row, l. to r.:
"Karen in Love" - Steve Lapin;
"Time for Mat'ea'sse" - Jennifer Van
Pernis;
"Persephone" - Morgan Parr
Bottom row, l.:
"Dreamland"
- Karina Mosser



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Calendar

March 2025

- 1 EXHIBIT: *MEWOW: Fabulous Felines* last day, open 12-6pm
- 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
- 8 STEAM-tastic: Fairy Home in the Forest Workshop (Ages 6-12), 10am-12pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 10 Partners in Art (FULL), 2–4pm
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- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 13 Unleash Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Class, 6-8pm
- 14 3-D Paper Mache Fairy Tale Character Workshop (teens 16+ and adults), 6-9pm
- 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 21 3-D Paper Mache Fairy Tale Character Workshop (Class 2 of 2), 6-9pm
- 22 STEAM-tastic: 2-D Paper Mache Room Decoration (Ages 9-15), 10am-1pm
- 23 Playing With Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 24 Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture, 6:30-8:30pm
- 25 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

26 Spring2ACTion Early Giving Starts

29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

29 STEAM-tastic: 2-D Paper Mache Room Decoration (Class 2 of 2), 10am-1pm

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

April 2025

3 First Thursday Activity, 6:30-8pm

4–26 EXHIBIT: *Synchronous*

Curator: Morgan Parr

4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm

5 Girl Scout Brownie Badge Workshop, 10am-3pm

7 Partners in Art (FULL), 2-4pm

8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online

9 Spring2ACTion, until midnight online

12 Creative Book Club: "Falling Rocket: James Whistler, John Ruskin, and the Battle for Modern Art" by Paul Thomas Murphy, 10am-12pm

13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm

15 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

16 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm

20 Playing With Resin Workshop, 6-9pm

21 Create an Art Inventory System in Excel, 6:30-8:30pm

22 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

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2025 Exhibit Schedule

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Updated 10/16/2024. Dates subject to change. Check the calendar for updates: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

Visual Humor (January 3–February 1, 2025)

Entry deadline Sunday, December 15, 2024; Receiving Sunday, December 29 by appointment

Curator: Erica Hughes

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

MeWOW: Fabulous Felines (February 7–March 1, 2025)

Entry deadline Sunday, January 12, 2025; Receiving Sunday, February 2 by appointment

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)

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-leggedy beasties, 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

3–Feb 1 EXHIBIT: *Visual Humor*

curator: Erica Hughes

- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 7 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 11 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's Coffee & Pub in Del Ray
- 12 *MeWOW: Fabulous Felines* entry deadline
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 21 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 28 Figure Drawing Session, 7–9pm

February 2025

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

7–Mar 1 EXHIBIT: *MeWOW: Fabulous Felines*

curator: Karen Schmitz

- 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 *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

- 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

Calendar of Events: We wanted you to have this handy calendar even though events may change and new ones will be added throughout the year. Please check the online calendar for the most up-to-date schedule: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar



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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

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) _____

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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