

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

November 2025

The Well-Crafted Word

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The Mini World: Small Works of Art Exhibition November 7 - 30

Exhibit Reception: Friday, November 7, 7-9pm

Del Ray Artisans presents *The Mini World: Small Works of Art*, an art exhibit showcasing tiny art by artist members. Step into this miniature world and discover the joy of life's little things. We invite you to experience the power of small, where each piece tells a story and proves that art knows no size limits.

Join us for the exhibit reception on Friday, November 7 between 7-9pm to meet curators Betsy Jones, Kellie Sansone, and Mallory Henig and the artists.

The gallery is closed on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27), but will be open for bonus gallery hours on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 12-6pm.



(Left) "Fairy Shelf" by Mallory Rose Henig; (Center) "Bessie Wondered Where Her Niece Had Gone" by Betsy Jones; (Right) "Fluff" by Kellie Sansone

Special Invitation

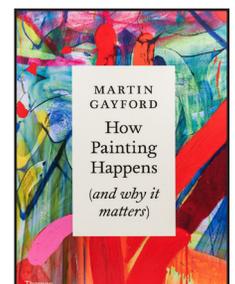
Serenity Gallery, the in-home gallery of mosaic artist and photographer Nina Tisara, will host an Open House on Sunday, November 16, 4-7pm in a creative partnership with Del Ray Artisans. Twenty percent of all sales (in person and online) will be donated to Del Ray Artisans nonprofit. To attend, RSVP to ninat@ninatisara.com. The art may be viewed in person at Serenity Gallery, 6408 Hayfield Place, Alexandria or online. Details at delrayartisans.org/serenity-place



"Dancing Vines"
by Nina Tisara

Creative Book Club

The next book, "How Painting Happens; and Why It Matters" by Martin Gayford, is filled with interviews with artists. To give us time to enjoy the material, the book will be divided in half between the winter and spring discussions. The first half of the book will be discussed on Saturday, January 10, 10am-12pm and the second half on Saturday, April 11, 10am-12pm.



Tea & Herbs

November 8 and November 22, 1-2:30pm

Join Area 2 Farms, the neighborhood organic farm based in Shirlington, at Del Ray Artisans for an immersive journey into the world of herbs—where you'll explore their origins, benefits, aromas, and flavors. You'll harvest fresh herbs and blend your own tea to sip and enjoy a relaxed conversation with your farmers. RSVP in advance via the event page on the online calendar.

New Program! Live From Your Studio

Sunday, Nov 16, 2-3:30pm

Live From Your Studio is a free, members-only, virtual gathering where Del Ray Artisans members can connect from their art-making space. This virtual event will take place monthly on the third Sunday of the month (excluding December) over Zoom. Artists are encouraged (but not required) to join from their studios and make art during the session. These events will allow members to paint and create art together, and forge deeper connections to other members. Register via Eventbrite at delrayartisans.org/live-from-your-studio-nov-2025.

Welcome New Members

Kenneth Cornwell
Saeed Domajafi
Kelly Friend
Jayme Katis

Elizabeth Orlan
Danna O'Rourke
Virginia Robinson
Denise Williams

Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on October 26, 2025. Here is a summary of the President's address.

Today we dedicate our refurbished garden benches to our two longest serving Board members: Marlin G. Lord and Kathryn A. Brown. Marlin passed away in 2022. He was an accomplished photographer and architect, best known professionally for the straightening of the Monroe Avenue Bridge along Route 1. He was a Founding Member of Del Ray Artisans and served in many roles on the Board. Marlin arranged for Del Ray Artisans to move into the Colasanto Center in 1997—a move that offered the organization stability and a space to grow its programs and consistently display exhibits. Marlin left an indelible mark on our community. Kathryn is an accomplished commercial and artistic photographer. She is a Founding Member of Del Ray Artisans and served in many roles on the board, including currently as Archives Director. In 2013, Marlin and Kathryn were recognized as Alexandria Living Legends because of their 30+ years of civic activism, community service, philanthropic pursuits, and arts advocacy. A dozen years after that award, Kathryn is still serving the community. In appreciation of Kathryn's unwavering commitment, exceptional dedication, and lasting contributions to the mission and success of our organization, Del Ray Artisans presents Kathryn A. Brown with a Lifetime Membership. We look forward to a continued relationship for many years to come.

As of October 25, we stand at 308 current members – of those 25 are patron level, 29 supporter level, and 254 artist level (3 family, 11 dual, 145 individual, 85 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, take out the trash/recycling, wash the kitchen towels, distribute exhibit postcards, share DRA info on social media, weed the gardens, and so many other tasks. Thank you all for your role in making the organization shine.

This year to-date, we have sold 424 pieces of art (excluding art markets) with another month of exhibit time remaining. At the current rate, we are averaging 24 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 292 workshop registrations to-date (last year there were 247 in total) and over 500 life drawing session tickets purchased. Thank you to the curators and program organizers for donating their time and passion for the benefit of the creative community.

Our Treasurer reports that DRA is healthy financially. We are on track with our budget for the year and have profit which can be used for some facilities upgrades. The City is planning on replacing the Colasanto Center roof and siding before the spring. Next door the Del Ray Gateway project is projected to be completed in December with a ribbon cutting ceremony in April or May. This year, through grant awards, we were able to fund some of our operating expenses, a second year of our STEAM-tastic youth program, youth art camp this summer, and the Alexandria City High School 2025 Titan Student Exhibition this past May. We look forward to hosting the student exhibit again this upcoming spring.

We are meeting our mission, sharing art with the community, and on strong financial footing. Thank you all for your membership, time and energy. This organization is successful because of our combined efforts! It's an honor to serve as Del Ray Artisans' President.

—Dawn Wyse Hurto, president@delrayartisans.org



Some of the newly elected 2026 Board Members, including the honored Founding Member Kathryn A. Brown (center)

2026 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the members elected to serve on the 2026 Board of Directors. The term runs January 1-December 31, 2026.

President - Dawn Wyse Hurto
Vice President - Sean Crumley
Secretary - Margaret Slipek
Treasurer - Rita Schooley
Assistant Treasurer - Stephen Lally
Director of...
Archives - Kathryn Brown
Communications - Christian Melgar
Curating - Amy Kitchin Hower
Facilities - Kurt Peterson
Fundraising - [vacant]
Membership - Kara Macek
Outreach - Kelly MacConomy
Programs - Tracy Wilkerson
Technology - Dina Wise
Volunteers - Morgan Parr
Youth Programs - Victoria Walchak

If you are interested in the Fundraising position, contact volunteers@delrayartisans.org. Please reach out to any of the directors to help support and shadow them if you are considering running for a position in the future.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Toy Stories

Open to all area artists

January 2-31

Entry Deadline: December 14 by Midnight

Rejoice in the toys you cherished as a child or the ones you always wished for, through artistic expressions that capture the playful, nostalgic spirit of toys.



"To The Batcave" by Gordon Thomas Frank

Alcove Gift Shop

Open to Del Ray Artisans members

January 2 - February 28, 2026

Entry Deadline: Sunday, December 14, 2025 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.

Del Ray Artisans' 30th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market

December 5-21

Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 11am-5pm

The market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists presenting a variety of media, including fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, polymer clay, ornaments, mosaics, painting, prints, paper crafting, photography, pottery/ceramics, sculpture, watercolor, wood, and more. Different artists are featured each weekend!

Weekend 1 (Dec 5-7)

- Sandra Alami (There's Something About Purl)
- Veronica Barker-Barzel
- Victoria Barnes (Victoria Barnes Photography)
- Josephine Froelich (Josephine Froelich Fine Arts)
- Linda Gaines (Geeky Girl Gaines Crafts)
- Donald Harris Sr. (Exclusively Knott's Bow Ties)
- Audrey Kremer (Audrey K-Designs)
- Laine (Lainemindinventions)
- Ginny Loving (Horrible Darlings by Ginny Loving)
- Janna Marks (Mad Marks Designs)
- Robin Reid (Moxie & Magic)
- Sarah Romer (Cactus & Hedgehog)
- Cynthia Schoeppel (Cynthia Schoeppel Arts)
- Kathy Stoner
- Viki Walchak (Blue Hippo Pottery)
- Tracy Wilkerson (Recycled Works)

Weekend 2 (Dec 12-14)

- Courtney Arnold (Lola Earnestine)
- Lynn Chadwick (Lynn Chadwick Designs)
- Maxine Cholmondeley (Max's Mixtures Candles & Soaps)
- Patty Moloney Figliola (Aisling Magick Art)
- Walter Gordon
- Brian Grow (Village Yard Studio)
- Roz Jacobs (Rozzie Jewelry)
- Nancy Kline (Nancy Kline Art)
- Haddy Kreie (Haddy K Art and Design)
- Susan Lefler (Susan Lefler Studios)
- Diana Manchak (designsinclay)
- Liz Martinez
- Patti North (All Fired Up!)
- Mary Pike (Recycled Bag Lady)
- Ann Cameron Stegal (The Momentary Pause)
- Jennifer Van Pernis (Distinctive Fabrications)
- Christine Vinh (StitchesnQuilts)

Weekend 3 (Dec 19-21)

- John T Allen (Permian Designs)
- Marcel Artes Deolazo (thehornypotter.com)
- Sheila Bailey (A Basket Case)
- Evelyn Rose Cook
- B A Hlioui (B A Hlioui Art)
- Amy Kitchin Hower (AKH Studio Designs)
- Stephen Lally (Stephen Lally Pottery)
- Miyong Obenschain (Purple Cardinal Arts LLC)
- Diana Papazian (Papazian Design, LLC)
- Susan Pawlukiewicz (Lucite Carvings)
- Madeline Ramsey (Unique Stained Glass)
- Raven (Crafty Colanah)
- Ken and Sue Reed (Green and Burning Tree)
- Mary Turpin
- Joyce Wagner (Reinvented Elegance)
- Tamara Wilkerson (WiRealm by Tamara)

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

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

Energy of the Season at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

Come see 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members exemplifying the spirit, passion, exuberance,



"Daylily" by Kara Macek

and pizzazz of each season in the lobby and hallway at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital (425 N Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). The animal hospital is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-7pm, and Saturday 8am-3pm. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit. The exhibit runs through May 30, 2026.

Flora, Fauna, Fantastica at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Del Ray Artisans' 28th art exhibit, *Flora, Fauna, Fantastica*, at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) opened on September 22, 2025 and runs through September 5, 2026. The exhibit features 2D artwork in a variety of media and styles, from the traditional to the surreal, showcasing nature by Del Ray Artisans members. 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.



"Hairy Coo Kiss" by Rod Whyte

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

STEAM-tastic: Cardboard Creatures (All Ages) - Saturday, November 8, 10am-12pm

Build and assemble a 3D cardboard collage of your favorite animal—such as a horse, unicorn, panda, raccoon, fox, alligator, and more! Learn about spatial reasoning, artistic engineering, and sustainable design while using recycled materials. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$30 child / \$45 adult; plus a \$5 Supply Fee; Register ASAP.*



Linocut Block Printing Workshop - Wednesday, November 12, 7-9pm

Empower yourself to make unique and personalized greeting cards and prints. Learn the technique of linocut to create rubber stamps for block printing. *Instructor: Mallory Henig; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$20 Supply Fee; Register ASAP.*



Playing with Resin Workshop - Monday, 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 ASAP.*



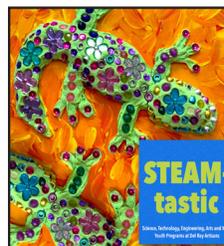
STEAM-tastic: Monet-Inspired Bridge Workshop (All Ages) - Saturday, November 22, 10-11:30am

Explore the science of color and light through the art of Claude Monet, one of the founding fathers of Impressionism. Attendees will use oil pastels and watercolors to create their own artworks inspired by Monet's gardens at Giverny. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$15 child / \$30 adult; plus a \$10 Supply Fee; Register by November 18.*



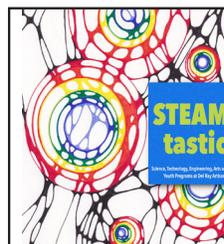
STEAM-tastic: Gaudi Mosaic Lizard - Saturday, November 29, 10am-12pm

Inspired by Antoni Gaudí's famous mosaic lizard, participants will design a cardboard lizard, apply joint compound to sculpt a 3D form, and create a mosaic using patterns, colors, and repetition. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$25 child / \$40 adult; plus a \$20 Supply Fee; Register by November 25.*



STEAM-tastic: Neurographic Art Workshop - Monday, December 8, 4-6pm

You don't have to be an artist to make art with Neurographic Art. This activity helps you to connect with the art making process and allows your mind to relax. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$15 child / \$30 adult; plus a \$5 Supply Fee; Register by December 4.*



RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, November 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.



Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance)

Monday, November 10, 2-4pm and Wednesday, November 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

Figure Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Thursday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 18, 7-9pm

Bring your supplies and join us at the gallery to draw or paint our nude model. Traditional drawing media, pastels, watercolor and ink are permissible. Do not bring acrylics or oil paints. Drop-in; all skill levels welcome.

Radical Sewing Club ALX Saturday, November 15, 6-8pm

Learn about clothing repair, hand and machine sewing, or bring your own project to work on with the community.



This club is a space to reimagine craft outside of capitalism, to resist exploitation and oppression, and to stitch together a world based on care and solidarity.



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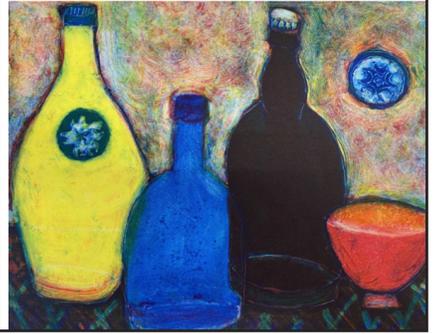
Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
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Submission Deadline:

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
Closed Nov 2 - 5 & 27



Top row, l to r.:
"Reaching" - Kathryn A. Brown;
"Sewing Machine Earrings (enamel on copper)" - Nancy Yonehiro;
"Falling Hard" - Karen Schmitz
Bottom row, r.:
"Still Life #6" - 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.

2025 Board of Directors

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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

November 2025

- 2-5 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 7-30 EXHIBIT: *The Mini World: Small Works of Art*, Curators: Betsy Jones, Kellie Sansone, and Mallory Henig
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 STEAM-tastic: Cardboard Creatures Workshop, 10am-12pm
- 8 Tea & Herbs with Area 2 Farms (RSVP), 1-2:30pm
- 9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 10 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 12 Linocut Block Printing Workshop, 7-9pm
- 13 Figure Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 15 Radical Sewing Club - ALX, 6-8pm
- 16 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm online
- 16 Creative Partnership Fundraiser, 4-7pm at Serenity Gallery
- 17 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 18 Figure Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 19 Partners in Art, 7-9pm
- 22 STEAM-tastic: Monet Inspired Bridge Workshop, 10-11:30am
- 22 Tea & Herbs with Area 2 Farms (RSVP), 1-2:30pm

- 26 Bonus Gallery Hours, open 12-6pm
- 27 Gallery Closed on Thanksgiving Day
- 29 STEAM-tastic: Gaudi Mosaic Lizard, 10am-12pm
- 30 Gallery Open to the Public, 12-6pm; Artist Appointments, 6-8pm

December 2025

- 2 Figure Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 4 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 5-21 Holiday Market 2025, Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 11am-5pm
- 8 STEAM-tastic: Neurographic Art Workshop, 4-6pm
- 9 Board Meeting & Holiday Gathering, 7-9pm
- 10 Radical Sewing Club - ALX, 7-9pm
- 11 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 14 *Toy Stories* Entry Deadline and Alcove Application Deadline
- 16 Figure Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 18 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 22-23 Gallery Painting, 1-8pm
- 22-31 Gallery Closed for the Holidays

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

Other Key Contacts

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- Sunshine Committee
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NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.

January 2026

- 2-31 EXHIBIT: **Toy Stories** | curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 10 Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 10 *Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse* entry deadline
- 11 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 13 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 17 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 18 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 20 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 27 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

February 2026

- 1 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12-6pm
- 6-28 EXHIBIT: **Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse** curators: Morgan Parr & Annemarie Kuhns
- 6 Exhibit Opening 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
- 10 *Together We Grow* entry deadline
- 12 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 15 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 19 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 21 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 22 **Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 6-8pm**
- 24 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

March 2026

- 1 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12-6pm
- 6-28 EXHIBIT: **Together We Grow (Members Exhibit)** curator: Haddy Kreie
- 6 Exhibit Opening 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
- 10 *Fast and Fabulous* entry deadline
- 12 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 15 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 19 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 21 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 24 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

March 2026 (continued)

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

April 2026

- 2 First Thursday, 6:30-8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 3-25 EXHIBIT: **Fast and Fabulous** | curator: Lesley Hall
- 3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 6 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 11 Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 14 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 16 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 18 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 19 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 21 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 22 Spring2ACTion
- 23 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm
- 26 Unsold artwork pick up, 10am-1pm

May 2026

- 1-23 EXHIBIT: **ACHS 2026 Titan Student Art Exhibition** curators: ACHS teachers & DRA Youth Programs
- 1 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 4 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 5 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 7 First Thursday, 6:30-8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 9 **Spring Art Market, 9am-3pm (outdoors)**
- 10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 10 *USA at 250* entry deadline
- 12 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 14 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 16 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 17 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 19 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 21 **Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 6-8pm**
- 30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm
- 30 SONOVA/DRA *Pictures at an Alexandria Exhibition* fundraiser at the Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3pm
- 30 **GWV EXHIBIT: Energy of the Season at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital ends**
- 31 Accepted artwork drop off, 12-4pm

June 2026

- 4 First Thursday, 6:30-8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 5-28 EXHIBIT: **USA at 250** | curators: TJ Feeley & Karen Feeley
- 5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 9 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 14 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm at St. Elmo's
- 16 Partners in Art Evening, 7-9pm
- 18 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD

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



June 2026 (continued)

- 20 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 21 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 28 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm
- 30 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm

July 2026

(Open during Summer Art Market; Other hours TBD)

- 2 First Thursday (Gallery Closed)
- 6–10 Figure Drawing Week
- 7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 *ChronoScape* entry deadline
- 11–12 Summer Art Market, 10am–4pm** (indoors)
- 13–17 Art Camp Week 1 (Gallery Closed to the Public)
- 14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 19 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 20–24 Art Camp Week 2 (Gallery Closed to the Public)

August 2026

- 2 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm
- 6 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 7–29 EXHIBIT: *ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel*** | curators: Suzan Ok Shumate & Sue Shumate
- 7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 8 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 10 *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 15 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 16 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 16 Member Meeting, 6–8pm**
- 18 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 20 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 25 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 30 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

September 2026

- 3 First Thursday, 6:30–8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 4–26 EXHIBIT: *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals*** | curator: Laura Ramirez Drain
- 4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 5 GWW EXHIBIT: *Flora, Fauna, Fantastica* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital ends**
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 10 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 *Carnival of Curiosities* entry deadline
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 14 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 15 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 17 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD

September 2026 (continued)

- 19 HalloWEIRD Art Market, 9am–2pm** (outdoors)
- 20 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 20 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 22 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 27 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

October 2026

- 2–31 EXHIBIT: *Carnival of Curiosities*** | curators: Tiara Safic-Martin & Morgan Parr
- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
- 3 Art on the Avenue, 10am–6pm
- 5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
- 6 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
- 10 *\$125 and Under* entry deadline
- 11 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
- 13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
- 15 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 18 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 20 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 24 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 25 Annual Meeting & 2027 Board Elections, 6–8pm**
- 27 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm

November 2026

- 1 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm
- 6–29 EXHIBIT: *\$125 and Under (Members Exhibit)*** curators: Dale Spivey & Liz Martinez
- 6 Exhibit Opening 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
- 12 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 15 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
- 19 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, time/location TBD
- 21 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 24 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 26 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm

December 2026

- (Open only during Holiday Market & programs)
- 1 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 4–20 Holiday Market**, Fridays 6–9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am–6pm (indoors)
- 8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
- 10 January 2027 exhibit entry deadline
- 15 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 21–30 Gallery Closed

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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2026 Exhibit Schedule

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Toy Stories (January 2–31, 2026)

Entry deadline Sunday, December 14, 2025; Receiving Sunday, December 28 by appointment

Curator: Gordon Thomas Frank

Open to all area artists. Rejoice in the toys you cherished as a child or the ones you always wished for, through artistic expressions that capture the playful, nostalgic spirit of toys.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse (February 6–28, 2026)

Entry deadline Saturday, January 10, 2026; Receiving Sunday, February 1 by appointment

Curators: Morgan Parr and Annemarie Kuhns

Open to all area artists. Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a special focus on the Year of the Horse, through contemporary, traditional, symbolic, and personal interpretations that explore horse imagery, zodiac mythologies, and cultural rituals.

Assembly: Together We Grow (March 6–28, 2026)

Entry deadline Tuesday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, March 1 by appointment

Curator: Haddy Kreie

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Submit works that explore the fundamental human act of gathering as a catalyst for growth and belonging, whether expressed through ritual, resistance, celebration, community, ecology, cultural tradition, or something else entirely.

Fast and Fabulous (April 3–25, 2026)

Entry deadline Tuesday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 29 by appointment

Curator: Lesley Hall

Open to all area artists. Motor enthusiasts unite!—whether you're a grease monkey, gear head, motorhead, or simply a lover of transportation, this show invites you to share the vehicles that bring you joy, from dream machines to your very first car.

ACHS 2026 Titan Student Art Exhibition (May 1–23, 2026)

Receiving Sunday, April 26 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 9, 9am-3pm)



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USA at 250 (June 5–28, 2026)

Entry deadline Sunday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 31 by appointment

Curators: TJ Feeley and Karen Feeley

Open to all area artists. Capture the spirit of our nation: its past, present, and its promise for the future.

Summer Art Market (Indoors - July 11–12, 10am-4pm both days)

ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel (August 7–29)

Entry deadline Friday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, August 2 by appointment

Curators: Suzan Ok Shumate and Sue Shumate

Open to all area artists. *ChronoScape* is a curated visual arts exhibition inviting artists to explore the human fascination with time travel—real or imagined—through works that traverse ancient civilizations, speculative futures, science fiction, memory, mythology, and the unknown.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals (Sept 4-26)

Entry deadline Monday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 30 by appointment

Curator: Laura Ramirez Drain

Open to all area artists. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15), honor the rich culture, traditions, resilience, and artistic contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities through a diverse collection of works by emerging and established artists across various mediums.

HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, Sept 19, 9am-2pm)

Carnival of Curiosities (October 2–31, 2026)

Entry deadline Thursday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, September 27 by appointment

Curators: Tiara Safic-Martin and Morgan Parr

Open to all area artists. Step right up and enter a carnival of curiosities where all manner of carnival-themed art – silly or dark, from food and lights to games, rides, music, costumes, and more - is welcome to dazzle, delight, and maybe even bite!

\$125 and Under (November 6–29, 2026)

Entry deadline Saturday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, November 1 by appointment

Curators: Dale Spivey and Liz Martinez

Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. Open thematically, but all artwork is priced at \$125 or less.

31st Annual Holiday Market (Indoors - December 4–20, 2026)



Membership Form

Renewal New Member

Name _____
Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____
 Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address(es) _____

List artist media (optional) _____

Referred by (optional) _____

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| Patron | Artist | Supporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250 Silver | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 90 Dual | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000 Platinum | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 110 Family | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45 Senior | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 Student | |

Add a Donation

- Del Ray Artisans (DRA) \$ _____
- Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship \$ _____
- Del Ray Artisans Art Camp \$ _____

Indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 12-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, special talents: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | |

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans
 Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301
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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