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

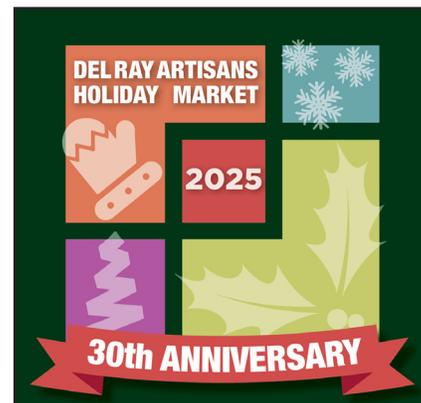
December 5–21

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

Join us for the 30th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday market! The holiday market is open for the first three weekends in December.

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!

The gallery is free, open to the public and accessible. For more information, visit delrayartisans.org/event/holiday-market-2025.



Welcome New Members

Rosemarie M. Esber
Kat Harley
Marjorie & Jacob Hollander
Xianling Liu & Peter Cini
Steve McCafferty
Margalit Murray
Meg Peters
Perris Theile
Nisha Tuttle

Weekend 1 (Dec 5-7)

- Veronica Barker-Barzel
- Victoria Barnes (Victoria Barnes Photography)
- 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)
- Isabel Montenegro (Bel's Creations)
- Vega Oberby (Vega Star Ceramics)
- 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 Siegal (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)
- Miyoung 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)

Just \$22/calendar!

Thank you to our calendar sponsors: Daniela Spigai, Realtor® / ADVISORY at Compass, Let's Meat on the Avenue, Los Tios Grill, Taqueria el Poblano, The Zebra Press, and McD Mateos Community Partners; and thank you to all the artists who donated the use of their work for this fundraiser.



Message from the President

Thank you for your membership and for helping make Del Ray Artisans so successful! Special thanks go to outgoing 2025 Board of Directors members: Lesley Hall (Vice President), Ellen Kozicki (Facilities), and Sandra Alami (Youth Programs). Thank you also to the returning (see names on page 5) and incoming Board members: Sean Crumley (Vice President), Kurt Peterson (Facilities), and Victoria Walchak (Youth Programs). We are seeking a volunteer to serve in the role of Fundraising Director next year, as well as members to shadow the Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact the Volunteers Director, Morgan Parr, at volunteers@delrayartisans.org.

There are several ways to support Del Ray Artisans nonprofit this season too! Volunteer to be a door greeter during the holiday market or help paint the gallery by prepping the space on December 21 from 6-9pm or choosing a painting shift on December 22 & 23 between 1-8pm. Contact volunteers@delrayartisans.org to sign up. You may also donate funds (delrayartisans.org/donate) or purchase DRA merchandise. Upcycled art exhibit banners have been made into one-of-a-kind tote bags and wine gift bags; we have 3 different sticker designs thanks to members Dina Wise and KC Hodge; and our 2026 wall calendars are now available too. Thank you to the calendar sponsors: Daniela Spigai - Realtor® / ADVISORY at Compass, Let's Meat on the Avenue, Los Tios Grill, Taqueria el Poblano, The Zebra Press, and McD Mateos Community Partners; and thank you to the artists for the use of their work for this fundraiser. Stop by the gallery during the holiday market to purchase this fun merch.



Card by Linda Elliff

You may also send and receive a little creative joy in the mail by signing up for Del Ray Artisans Creative Card Swap. This is a handcrafted card swap between artists. A swap group is formed each time four artists sign up, then they are notified who to mail their three handcrafted cards to. Thank you to Linda Elliff for running this program. More details at delrayartisans.org/card-swap.

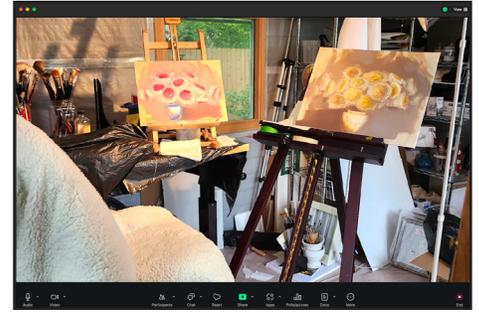
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A few additions and changes are coming to our recurring programs in the new year. Starting in January, join the new, free, member benefit program Live From Your Studio on the third Sunday of the month at 2pm over Zoom; RSVP for the meeting link. In-person Partners in Art on Monday afternoons is now open to additional participants; and Partners in Art Evenings is moving from Wednesdays to Tuesdays; please RSVP to participate. Also in 2026, the monthly Radical Sewing Club-ALX program will be held in the morning (10am-12pm). The Figure Drawing program is including more Thursday sessions next year and returning to its previous name: Life Drawing. Del Ray Urban Sketchers is being expanded to twice monthly, and the second gathering will be held on a Thursday at a different location each month; stay tuned for details.

Best wishes and happy holidays!

—Dawn Wyse Hurto, president@delrayartisans.org

Live From Your Studio Sunday, January 18, 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. RSVP at least a week in advance to help organizers prepare. Zoom connection information will be emailed to you two days before the gathering. These events will allow members to paint and create art together, and forge deeper connections to other members. Details at delrayartisans.org/live-from-your-studio.

Creative Partnership: Serenity Gallery & Del Ray Artisans

Following the Serenity Gallery Open House on November 16, a total of \$396.20 representing 20% of sales was generously donated to Del Ray Artisans by Nina Tisara and Steve Halperson. Two mosaics were sold, one to artist Lisa Blair and her husband Mike and another to David Baker and his wife, artist Sandra von Kampen. A Tisara mosaic beautifully printed on canvas was adopted by Barbara Bacon. Other sales included prints, note cards, and mugs with Tisara mosaic designs. Thank you to Nina, Steve, and all the patrons!

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Toy Stories

Open to all area artists

January 2-31, 2026

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 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.

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In Memory of Antonios Sotirios Perros

Antonios Sotirios Perros passed away on October 3, 2025 at the age of 85. Antonios was an Arlington, VA resident and loving husband of Paulette Gray and Uncle Tony to many, some honorary. Tony was a lifelong artist, animal lover and conversationalist, especially if history, art, UFO's/aliens, movies, comics, or dinosaurs were the topic. That he was still a child at heart was reflected in the toys, books and miscellany among the art in his studio, which he loved sharing with family and friends. Tony's greatest love was for



his family and friends.

Tony was a long-time Del Ray Artisans member whose work was featured in multiple exhibits and recently awarded an honorable mention during the *All About Love* exhibit (June 2024). Del Ray Artisans wholeheartedly appreciated Tony's artwork contributions and engagement within our community. We offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.



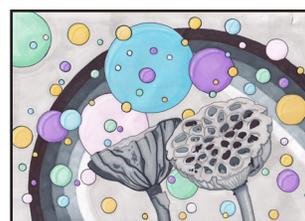
"Motherly Love" by Antonios Perros

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, 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.



"Polycarpelleary Effervescence"
by Morgan Parr

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) runs through September 5. 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.



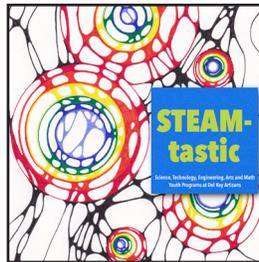
"Hairy Coo Kiss"
by Rod Whyte

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops

STEAM-tastic: Neurographic Art Workshop (All Ages) - Saturday, December 8, 4-6pm

Create Neurographic Art, where art meets brain science. This relaxing drawing process is inspired by the organic structure of these neural pathways. Through structured linework and spontaneous design, participants explore the connection between neural activity and creative expression. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; \$15 child / \$30 adult; plus a \$5 Supply Fee; Register by December 4.*



Holiday-themed DIY Ukulele - Wednesday, December 17, 6:30-8:30pm

Hand-paint and assemble your own ukulele to keep or give as a unique, handmade gift this holiday season. Participants will personalize their ukuleles with paint inspired by fall leaves, snowflakes, or something of their choice. After the decorating is finished, participants will assemble the ukulele and string the instruments. *Instructor: Khushi Bhansali; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; plus a \$30 Supply Fee; Register by December 13.*



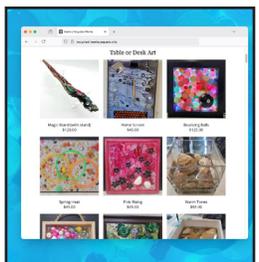
Packing Tape Image Transfers & Collage - Wednesday, January 7, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn about the history of collage in art, make packing tape transfers and create at least one mixed-media collage as a spread in their visual journal or a stand alone work of art. Participants will create mixed-media collages that incorporate packing tape image transfers. *Instructor: Viki Walchak; \$55 Del Ray Artisan member / \$65 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register by January 3.*



Create an Artwork Sales Website with Square - Sunday, January 11, 6:30-8:30pm

Interested in having an online presence with your artwork but not sure where to start? Set up a simple website using Square (SquareUp.com)! The instructor will show you the basic tools, and then walk you through adding a few artworks to your 'item library' and posting them on your Square website. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$45 Non-member; Register by January 7.*



Create an Art Inventory System in Excel - Monday, January 12, 6:30-8:30pm

Do you have lots of art pieces stored at home, but have to whip out the tape measure every time you submit to another show? Do you rack your brain to remember how you priced it last time? Have you submitted an art piece to a show, only to remember later that it is currently hanging elsewhere? This workshop is for you! Designed for those who know the basics of using Excel, learn how to build your art inventory 'system' using an Excel file and a file folder holding your art photos. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; Register by January 8.*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Figure Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, December 2 & 16, 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 Wednesday, December 10, 7-9pm

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 stitch together a world based on care and solidarity.



Partners in Art Monday, January 5, 2-4pm

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 "How Painting Happens; and Why It Matters" by Martin Gayford Saturday, January 10, 10am-noon

We'll discuss the first half of the book on January 10 and the second half on April 11. 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 11, 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. On January 11 at 1pm, meet outside at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Avenue.

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Submission Deadline:

15th of the month
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Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org

Holiday Market Hours:

Friday 6-9pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 11am-5pm
Gallery closed Dec 22-31

Top row, l. to r.:
"Snow in the City" - Evelyn Rose Cook;
"Yellow Line" - Susan Lefler;
"Two Butterflies" - Susan Pawlukiewicz
Bottom row, r.:
"My Brother's Mercury" - Nancy M. Patrick



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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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- 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
- 17 Holiday-themed DIY Ukulele Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm
- 18 Gallery Closed to the Public
- 22-23 Gallery Painting, 1-8pm
- 22-31 Gallery Closed for the Holidays
- 28 Toy Stories Artwork Drop Off, 12-4pm

January 2026

- 2-31 EXHIBIT: Toy Stories, Curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
- 2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm

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- 5 Partners in Art, 2-4pm
- 7 Packing Tape Image Transfers and Collage Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm
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- 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
- 24 Neurographic Art Workshop - Teen edition, 10am-12pm
- 25 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
- 26 Advanced Resin Techniques lecture, 6:30-8:30pm
- 27 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

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

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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)



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
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- 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
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- 10 *Together We Grow* entry deadline
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- 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

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March 2026 (continued)

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April 2026

- 2 First Thursday, 6:30-8pm activity (open until 9pm)
- 3-25 EXHIBIT: **Fast and Fabulous** | curator: Lesley Hall
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- 22 Spring2ACTion
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- 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
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- 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

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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

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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 \$ _____ John W. Hiller Photography & Film Scholarship \$ _____
- Youth Programs Including 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
 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