

Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

January 2026

The Well-Crafted Word

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Toy Stories Art Exhibition January 2 - 3 |

Exhibit Reception: Friday, January 2, 7-9pm

Celebrating the toys we cherished as kids, the *Toy Stories* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans brings a fun, nostalgic vibe to visitors and highlights the unique skills of numerous local artists who have crafted pieces reflecting nostalgia, admiration, and consumer culture of the toy world across a broad spectrum of media.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 2 between 7-9pm to meet curator Gordon Thomas Frank and the artists.

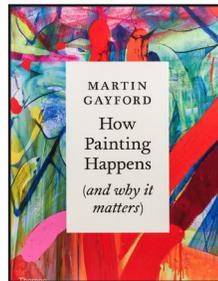


"To The Batcave"
by Gordon Thomas Frank

Creative Book Club

Saturday, January 10,
10am-12pm

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. Drop in to discuss the first half of the book on Saturday, January 10, 10am-12pm and the second half on Saturday, April 11, 10am-12pm.



Message from the President

Thank you to the membership for electing the 2026 Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. You'll find these outstanding volunteers listed on page 4. Special thanks to outgoing board members (Lesley Hall-Runner, Ellen Kozicki, and Sandra Alami) for your excellent service to the organization.



Board members (outgoing and incoming) and office staff

The new year is packed with creative activity! We have 10 monthly exhibits, 2 outdoor markets, and 2 indoor markets planned. See the attached insert for the exhibit schedule and stay tuned for additional exhibits being planned through our Gallery Without Walls program. There's also a full schedule of workshops and recurring programs. Be sure to check out our new member benefit program: Live From Your Studio, and start gathering your art supplies for our next Member Meeting and Supplies Swap on Sunday, February 22, 6-8pm.

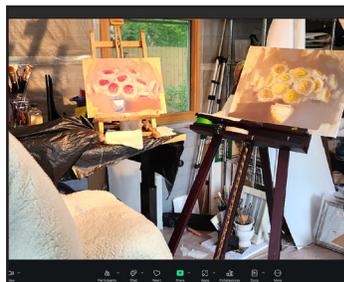
Thank you to everyone who supported the 2026 wall calendar fundraiser. Just a few calendars remain, so get yours today! Happy New Year!

— Dawn Wyse Hurto, 2024-2026 President

Live From Your Studio

Sunday, January 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 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 least a week before the gathering. Details at delrayartisans.org/event/live-from-your-studio-2026.



Welcome New Members

Miguel Hobbs
Fleurette Estes
Nick Neakrase

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

The Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse

Open to Area Artists

February 6 - 28

Entry Deadline: Saturday, January 10 by Midnight

Del Ray Artisans invites artists to submit artwork celebrating the dynamic energy, symbolism, and beauty of the horse—an enduring emblem of strength, vitality, and freedom. This exhibition honors the cultural significance of the Lunar New Year and its traditions across Asian and Asian diaspora communities. Artists are encouraged to approach the theme with respect, authenticity, and cultural awareness.



“Lunar Fire” by Morgan Parr

Assembly: Together We Grow

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

March 6 - 28

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, February 10 by Midnight

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

Open to Area Artists

April 3-25

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, March 10 by Midnight

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.

CALL FOR CURATOR: Seeking curator for the Fast and Fabulous. Must be a current DRA member. Experience curating DRA shows is preferred, along with an interest in the theme. Contact Amy at Curating@DelRayArtisans.org by **January 16**.

Creative Card Swap (Ongoing)

Open to All Artists with a U.S. Domestic (or Equivalent) Mailing Address

The card swap is an ongoing activity with rolling deadlines each time 4 artists enter.

This is a handcrafted, artful card swap between artists. A swap group is formed each time 4 artists enter, then swapping begins immediately for that group.

Originally established in April 2020 as a platform for artists to share their creative expression during the pandemic months when we could not gather in person, the Creative Card Swap became a popular activity for both Del Ray Artisans members and non-members.

Creative Programs (Call for Instructors)

Seeking proposals for creative classes & workshops at Del Ray Artisans to be held in 2026. In-person and online, demonstrations, speaking engagements, free and fee-based programs, hands-on art classes, and more are all welcome. The event may be for all ages (family-friendly), only for adults, or only for children. Especially seeking STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) topics for children or all ages.

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



“Daylily” by Kara Macek

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

PackingTape Image Transfers and Collage - Wednesday, January 7, 6:30-8:30pm

Participants will create mixed-media collages that incorporate packing tape image transfers. Image transfer and collage is a great way to include in a visual journal, create stand alone fine art works or graphic designs for posters, cards and invitations. *Instructor: Viki Walchak; \$55 Del Ray Artisans member / \$65 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply Fee; Register ASAP.*

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

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 ASAP.*

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

Designed for those who know the basics of using Excel, this workshop will teach you 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 ASAP.*

Tortured Poets Workshop - Thursday, January 15, 10am-12:30pm

We'll walk through a brief history of 'tortured poets' – Sylvia Plath, Virginia Woolf, Ernest Hemingway, L.M. Montgomery, etc. and link them to the lyricism of pop culture musicians. Then attendees will have time to construct and write, and maybe even share their own diaristic excerpts. *Instructor: Suzanne Fine; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; Register by January 11.*

Junk Journaling Workshop - Sunday, January 18, 6-9pm

Learn practical techniques for collage, layering, and composition, and receive guidance on using found paper, packaging, tags, embellishments, and everyday "junk" to create layered, expressive journal pages that reflect your personal perspective and storytelling style. *Instructor: Azita R. Houshiar; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 Supply Fee; Register by January 14.*

Neurographic Art Workshop for Teens - Sunday, January 25, 10am-12pm

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 per teen; plus a \$5 Supply Fee; Register by January 20.*

Playing with Resin Workshop - Sunday, January 25, 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 January 21.*

Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture - Monday, January 26, 6:30-8:30pm

This lecture 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 January 22.*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance)

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

Del Ray Urban Sketchers Sunday, January 11, 1-3pm & Thursday, January 15, 4-6pm

Bring your supplies and join us 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.

Radical Sewing Club - ALX Saturday, January 17, 10am-noon

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.

Life Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesdays, January 20 & 27, 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.

Nature Journaling Club Saturday, January 31, 10am-noon

Nature journaling refines our powers of observation, appreciation for nature, drawing skills, and mindful presence. Open to all experience levels as we meet to sketch, connect, and learn together! Meet at 10am in front of Del Ray Artisans.





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Submission Deadline:

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

Thursday 12–6pm
Friday 12–9pm
Saturday 12–6pm
Sunday 12–6pm
Closed February 1

Top row, l. to r.:
"January Embers" - Jemmy Sewell;
"The Garden" - Nancy M Patrick;
Bottom row, l. to r.:
"Sunrise on Captiva Island" - Barbara
A Smith
"The Party's Over" - Pamela C Day;
"Reeds" - Joan Bickelhaupt



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Calendar

January 2026

- 2–31 EXHIBIT: *Toy Stories*
curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
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 - 5 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2-4pm
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 - 15 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 4-6pm at St. Elmo's
 - 15 Tortured Poets Workshop, 6-7:30pm
 - 17 Radical Sewing Club - ALX, 10am-12pm
 - 18 Live From Your Studio Workshop, 2-3:30pm
 - 18 Junk Journaling Workshop, 6-9pm
 - 20 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
 - 22 Reserved for Alexandria Film Festival (Internal Meeting), 6-9pm
 - 25 Neurographic Art Workshop, 10am-12pm
 - 25 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
 - 26 Advanced Resin Techniques Lecture, 6:30-8:30pm
 - 27 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
 - 31 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

February 2026

- 1-4 Gallery closed to the Public, Artist Appointments Only
- 6–28 EXHIBIT: *Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse*
curators: Morgan Parr and Annemarie Kuhns
- 6 *Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse* Exhibit Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1-3pm
- 9 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2-4pm
- 9 Stretchy Chainmail Bracelet Workshop, 6-8pm
- 10 Board of Directors, online, 7-9pm
- 10 *Assembly: Together We Grow* Call for Entry Deadline
- 11 Dime Store Alchemy Workshop, 6-9pm
- 12 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
- 15 Live From Your Studio Workshop, 2-3:30pm
- 17 Lunar New Year Block Printing Workshop, 4-6pm
- 17 Partners in Art Evening (RSVP in Advance), 7-9pm
- 19 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 4-6pm
- 21 Radical Sewing Club - ALX, 10am-12pm
- 22 Laurel Burch Inspired Horses Workshop, 10am-12pm
- 22 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 6-8pm
- 24 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
- 28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm

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

Other Key Contacts

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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

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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
- 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
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- 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
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- 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
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- 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

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- 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



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:

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