



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

July 2026

The Well-Crafted Word

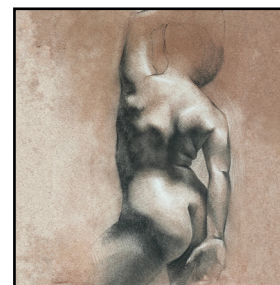
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5-Day Figure Drawing Bootcamp

Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 10th, 9am-3pm

Sign up for our 5-day Figure Drawing Bootcamp, where we'll dive into artistic anatomy through a combination of short and long poses designed to teach you about the structure of the human body and creating a dynamic drawing. This year's workshop will be taught by Veronica Severini, a figure artist and medical illustrator-in-training from Chicago. Each day features two unique models, ensuring an engaging experience, with an hour break for lunch from 11:30am-12:30pm.



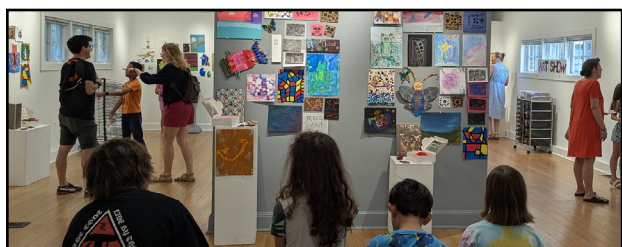
Drawing by Veronica Severini

We're offering a discounted weekly rate! Just \$200 for DRA members and \$250 for non-members for the 5-day pass. Anyone can drop-in on the day(s) they select for \$55/day for members and \$65/day for non-members.

Art Camp 2026

(Choose July 13-17 or July 20-24)

Camp runs Monday through Friday
from 9am-4pm



Del Ray Artisans invites young campers ages 8-12 years old to Art Camp to spend a week creating art with professional local artist instruction. Students will have an immersive creative journey, including painting, sculpting, journaling, and STEAM-tastic activities that celebrate science and art. During nice weather, kids will have outdoor time to get fresh air, unwind, and replenish their creative energy. All artist supplies are provided. Students must bring their own lunches. Register in advance; No drop-ins.

Administrator: Stacey Lewis; \$350 per child; Scholarship support available; Details at delrayartisans.org/art-camp.

Summer Art Market 2026

Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12, 10am-4pm

Join us for Del Ray Artisans' 5th annual Summer Art Market! This two-day, indoor market gives you the chance to purchase original handmade artwork from talented local artists. Each day is a different group of local artists with original work in a wide range of media including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, paper, photography, and more.



Volunteer in the Gardens

Give some TLC to Del Ray Artisans' gardens! Join the Gardens Committee to spruce up the landscaping around the gallery. Bring gloves, knee pads (if desired), and laughter. Even if you don't know what a weed is, we can teach you. Volunteer for 1 hour or the whole 2 hours. If you have any questions, please email Jenny at Gardens@DelRayArtisans.org.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, July 12, 8-10am

Saturday, September 19, 9-11am

Saturday, August 15, 8-10am

Saturday, October 17, 9-11am

Welcome New Members

John Valenti	John Gunn	Ramandip Singh
David Amoroso	Joseph Kieffer	Anne Steele
Scott Crow	Valerie Larson	John Valenti
Archie Garner	Michael Long	

Colasanto Center Improvements

The City of Alexandria is currently working on replacing the roof and siding of the gallery and anticipates opening the Colasanto Spray Park soon. Come see the progress in person and read about the outdoor public art plans:

alexandriava.gov/public-art/colasanto-spray-park-public-art

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

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Open to Area Artists

August 7-29

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"Divergent Dan" by Ginny Loving

Alcove Gift Shop (Aug - Sept 2026)

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

August 7 - September 26

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 15, by Midnight

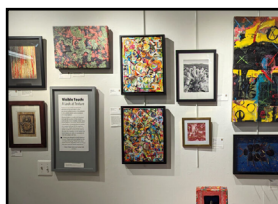
Del Ray Artisans' Alcove is a gift shop within the gallery, where members (who apply and are accepted) display and sell their work. Unframed 2-D works are available in bins alongside jewelry, fiber art, wood craft, ceramics, and other smaller 3-D items. The work will be displayed for two months, and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

Proposal for 2027 Art Exhibit

Proposal Deadline: Sunday, August 2, by Midnight

Del Ray Artisans is seeking exhibit proposals for next year's calendar. Del Ray Artisans strives to offer exhibits that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. Experienced and first time curators welcome!

The Exhibit Selection Committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Board for final approval.



"Visible Touch" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans (Feb 2024)

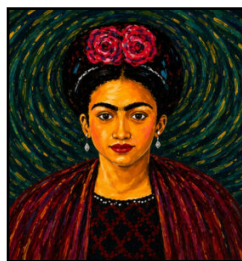
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals

Open to Area Artists

September 4-6

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 10, by Midnight

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.



"Frida Kahlo: Guardian of Heritage" by Laura Ramirez Drain

HalloWEIRD Art Market call for artists coming soon!

Save the market date: Saturday, September 12, 10am-4pm

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww

Come see Del Ray Artisans art exhibits hosted outside our gallery.

Flora, Fauna, Fantastica at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Del Ray Artisans' 28th art exhibit, *Flora, Fauna, Fantastica*, at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660



"First Catch" by Monjari Gillian

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.

Paws and Kinship at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

The *Paws and Kinship* exhibit features 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital. This exhibit



"Opal" by Rod Whyte

explores the emotional bond between ourselves and animals. VCA Old Town Animal Hospital is located at 425 N Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 and is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-7pm, Saturday 8am-3pm. Come see the exhibit June 8, 2026 through May 29, 2027 in the lobby and hallway.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops



Junk Journaling Workshop - Sunday, July 5, 10am-1pm

In this workshop, you'll 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. *Instructor: Azita R. Houshiar; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Register ASAP.*

Navigating Seasons of Grief & Loss in Fractured Times - Saturday, July 18, 11am-12:30pm, online

We were never meant to navigate seasons of grief and loss alone. Join Dimple Dhabalia, writer, author, and founder of love in action as she launches her first collection of empathy cards, seasons of grief + loss, for a conversation about grief, rituals, and restoring the language of empathy and connection. *Free, donations appreciated; Register in advance for this special online event.*

love in action: Community Card & Letter Writing Circle - Sunday, August 9, 10am-12pm

Join Dimple Dhabalia for a two-hour, in-person community gathering—a small, intentional space to slow down, drop in, and write to the people in our lives. We write together, but this is not a writing workshop. It is a guided space for presence, reflection, and connection. *Free, donations appreciated; Register by August 5.*

Playing with Resin Workshop - Monday, August 10, 6-9pm

Learn the ins and outs of prepping for and mixing resin, and how to use it as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium. *Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$10 supply fee; Walk-ins welcome, space permitting.*



DIY Ukulele Workshop - Saturday, August 15, 6-8pm

Hand-paint and assemble your own ukulele to keep or give as a unique, one-of-a-kind handmade gift. We'll end with a beginner lesson on ukulele chords! *Instructor: Khushi Bhansali; \$20 Del Ray Artisans member / \$30 Non-member; plus a \$30 supply fee; Register by August 12*

Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap

Sunday, August 16, 6-8pm

Save the date for the third member meeting of 2026. Bring the supplies you no longer need and be ready to find a treasure in other's discards! To help things run smoothly, we kindly ask that you limit the number of boxes you bring and drop off your treasures at the start of the art supply swap.

We'll begin with a short meeting, and then select "new to you" art supplies. Looking forward to seeing you at the gallery! If you have any questions, please reach out the Membership Director, Kara Macek, at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org.

Creative Card Swap (Ongoing)

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

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.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Life Drawing

Gesture and Short Pose

Tuesday, July 7, 7-9pm,

Plus bootcamp! (see page 1)

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.

Live From Your Studio (RSVP)

Sunday, July 19, 2-3:30pm

Join the online gathering where Del Ray Artisans members meet with each other from their art-making space. Make art and connections at the same time!

Creative Book Club **"The Museum of Lost Art"** **by Noah Charney**

Saturday, August 8, 10am-noon

The club is free and open to all who are interested in keeping their creative muse flowing and connecting with other creative people.

Partners in Art (RSVP) **Monday, August 10, 2-4pm**

Calling fellow artists, beginners to professionals, you are invited to join our art-support group, to share artistic goals, techniques, and one or two artworks, any medium, in any stage, for advice and feedback.

Radical Sewing Club - ALX **Saturday, August 15, 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 stitch together a world based on care and solidarity.

Nature Journaling Club **Saturday, August 29, 10am-noon**

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

DEL RAY ARTISANS

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Alexandria, VA 22301-1124
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Submission Deadline:

15th of the month
KC Hodge, Newsletter Editor
Newsletter@DelRayArtisans.org

Gallery Hours:

In July, the hours
correspond with programs.
See calendar below.

Regular hours resume August 6.

Top row, l. to r.:
"Flaming July" - Scott MacConomy;
"No Kings" - Gretchen D'Amore;
"American Houndscape" - Annemarie
Kuhns;
Bottom row:
"The Chicago Bean" - Gordon Thomas
Frank;



Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

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Calendar

July 2026 (Open only during Summer Art Market & programs)

- 2 First Thursday (Gallery Closed), 6:30-8pm
- 5 Junk Journaling Workshop, 10am-1pm
- 6-10 Figure Drawing Bootcamp, 9am-3pm/day
- 7 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 11-12 Summer Art Market, 10am-4pm/day
- 12 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 12 *ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel* Call for Entry Deadline
- 13-17 Art Camp Week 1
- 14 Board of Directors, online, 7-9pm
- 15 Alcove Gift Shop Call for Artists Deadline
- 18 Navigating Seasons of Grief & Loss in Fractured Times, 11am-12:30pm, online
- 19 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm
- 20-24 Art Camp Week 2
- 25-Aug 5 Gallery Closed to the Public

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- 2 Call for 2027 Exhibit Proposals deadline
- 7-29 EXHIBIT: *ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel* curator: Suzan Ok Shumate
- 7 *ChronoScape* Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 8 Creative Book Club, 10am-12pm
- 9 love in action: Community Card & Letter Writing Circle, 10am-12pm
- 10 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2-4pm
- 10 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

August 2026 (cont.)

- 10 *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage* entry deadline
- 11 Board Meeting, 7-9pm online
- 15 Volunteer in the Gardens, 8-10am
- 15 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am-12pm
- 15 DIY Ukulele Workshop, 6-8pm
- 16 Live From Your Studio, 2-3:30pm, online
- 16 Member Meeting & Art Supplies Swap, 6-8pm
- 18 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 20 2027 Exhibit Committee Meeting, 6-8pm
- 25 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am-12pm
- 30-Sept 2 Gallery Closed to the Public

September 2026

- 4 EXHIBIT: *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals* curator: Laura Ramirez-Drain
- 4 *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals* Opening Reception, 7-9pm
- 5 Last day of *Flora, Fauna, Fantastica Art Exhibit* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital
- 8 Board of Directors, online, 7-9pm
- 10 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
- 10 *Carnival of Curiosities* entry deadline
- 12 HalloWEIRD Art Market 2026, 10am-4pm
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers @ St. Elmo's, 1-3pm
- 14 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2-4pm
- 15 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 7-9pm

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

Other Key Contacts

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2026 Exhibit Schedule

Call for Entry details (once available) are at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

Updated 6/1/2026. Dates subject to change. Check the calendar for updates: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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.

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New Date!

HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, Sept 12, 10am-4pm)

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) _____

Patron

- ☐ \$ 250 Silver
☐ \$ 500 Gold
☐ \$ 1,000 Platinum

Artist

- ☐ \$ 60 Individual
☐ \$ 90 Dual
☐ \$ 110 Family
☐ \$ 45 Senior
☐ \$ 30 Student

Supporter

- ☐ \$ 40

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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|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Administrative | ☐ Gardening | ☐ Shows |
| ☐ Archives | ☐ Grants | ☐ Volunteers |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Newsletter | ☐ Website |
| ☐ Facilities | ☐ Outreach | ☐ Anything DRA needs |
| ☐ Financial | ☐ Programs | ☐ Other, special talents: _____ |
| ☐ Fundraising | ☐ 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
Membership Benefits											
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