



Celebrating the Art of Making . . .

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ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel

Art Exhibition

August 7 - 29

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

ChronoScape: Artistic Explorations of Time Travel is a curated visual arts exhibition at Del Ray Artisans gallery that explores the human fascination with time travel—both real and imagined. From ancient civilizations to speculative futures, this show encourages artists to traverse the timelines of human experience, science fiction, memory, mythology, and the unknown.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, August 7 between 7-9pm to meet curator Suzan Ok Shumate and the exhibiting artists.



"Divergent Dan" by Ginny Loving

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 at delrayartisans.org/event/love-in-action.

Movie Nite: Frequency and Timecop

Saturday, August 22, 7:30pm

Come to the movie marathon featuring two movies exploring time: *Frequency* (starts at 7:45pm) and *Timecop* (starts at 10:10pm). Join us for the first movie, the last movie, or both! (Movies are not suitable for young children.) BYO drink/popcorn and a small treat to share. Free, donations appreciated; Register to save your seat at

delrayartisans.org/event/movie-nite.

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 or would like to contribute refreshments, contact the Membership Director, Kara Macek, at Membership@DelRayArtisans.org.

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:

Saturday, September 19, 9-11am

Saturday, August 15, 8-10am

Saturday, October 17, 9-11am

Welcome New Members

Norma Brooks	Valerie Gomez	Nolan Noble
Geoff Brown	Amy Marx	Devin Simmons
Morgan DeCanio	Kaitlin McGuire	Stefanie Wolicki
Stephen Dueno	Liz Minners	

Colasanto Center Improvements

The City of Alexandria has replaced 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

Proposal for 2027 Art Exhibit

Proposal Deadline: Sunday, August 2 by Midnight

Del Ray Artisans is seeking exhibit proposals that reach a broad and diverse audience, encourage artistic development, and represent a wide variety of art forms. Experienced and first time curators welcome!

Tranquil Nature at Alexandria Myotherapy

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

August 17, 2026 – August 7, 2027

Entry Deadline: Thursday, August 6 by Midnight

Free entry: Seeking tranquil and calming 2D art with a nature theme, especially landscapes. Hosted at a new Gallery Without Walls venue.

For the Love of Virginia at VCA Alexandria

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members

September 14, 2026 - September 4, 2027

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 24 by Midnight

Free entry: What you love about Virginia? Let's see the beauty of Virginia through your artistic vision—from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Beaches of the Eastern Shore; rural areas or cities; local flora or fauna. **The state motto is Virginia is for Lovers!**

HallowWEIRD Art Market

Open to Area Artists

Saturday, September 12

Entry Deadline: Sunday, August 9 by Midnight

Apply now for the 5th annual HalloWEIRD outdoor art market centered around the theme: Halloween. Showcase your spooky, creepy, crawly, disturbing, goth pieces or focus on the upbeat, fun side of the season (costumes, hot cider, hay rides, autumn colors, etc).

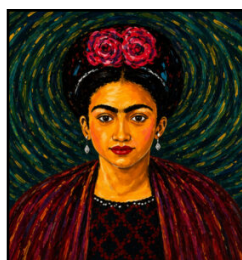
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: Voices Through Visuals

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

Carnival of Curiosities

Open to Area Artists

October 2-31

Entry Deadline: Thursday, September 10 by Midnight

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!

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
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 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.

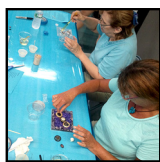
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at [DelRayArtisans.org/workshops](https://delrayartisans.org/workshops)



Junk Journaling Workshop - Sunday, August 9, 6-9pm

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.*



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*



Steampunk Jewelry Workshop - Sunday, August 16, 10am-12pm

We will repurpose old watches and parts into custom jewelry to take home, perfectly capturing the DIY, upcycling spirit of the Steampunk subculture. *Instructor: Mallory Rose Henig; \$40 Del Ray Artisans member / \$50 Non-member; plus a \$5 supply fee; Register by August 12*



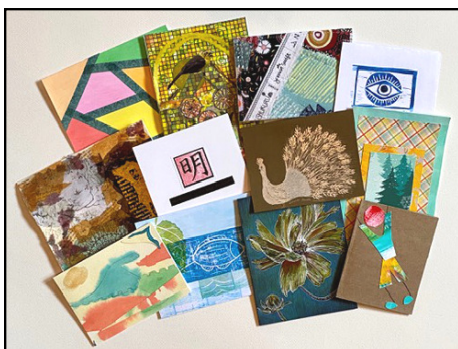
Mindful Acrylic Pour: A Creative Practice in Letting Go - Sunday, August 23 6-8pm

Participants will be introduced to mindfulness, meditation, & flow, then invited to experience mindfulness through the flowing art of acrylic pour painting. *Instructor: Yvette Trapani; \$45 Del Ray Artisans member / \$55 Non-member; plus a \$20 supply fee; Register by August 19*



Layered Landscapes: Creating Place Through Paper Collage - Saturday, September 5, 6-9pm

Learn foundational collage techniques and create a layered paper landscape inspired by nature, memory, or imagination. Beginner-friendly. *Instructor: Abby Huston; \$60 Del Ray Artisans member / \$70 Non-member; plus \$30 supply fee; Register by September 1.*



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. Sign up at delrayartisans.org/card-swap.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

[DelRayArtisans.org/programs](https://delrayartisans.org/programs)

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.

Live From Your Studio (RSVP) Sunday, August 16, 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!

Life Drawing Gesture and Short Pose Tuesday, August 18 & 25, 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, 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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703.838.4827 DelRayArtisans.org

Submission Deadline:

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

Gallery Hours:

Thursday 12–6pm
Friday 12–9pm
Saturday 12–6pm
Sunday 12–6pm
(Closed August 1, 2 & 30)

Top row, l. to r.:
"Under the Sea, Over the Moon"

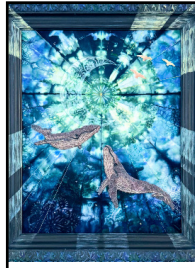
- Sarah Romer;

"Hot World" - Serene F. Werblood;

"Dear Deer Mask" - Rusty Lynn;

Bottom row, l:

"Carolina Clamming" - Cathy Messina



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

August 2026

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- 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
- 22 Movie Nite, 7:30–11:59pm
- 23 Mindful Acrylic Pour Workshop, 6–8pm
- 25 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
- 30-Sept 2 Gallery Closed to the Public

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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- 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
- 5 Layered Landscapes Paper Collage Workshop, 6–9pm
- 8 Board Meeting, online, 7–9pm
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- 10 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 10 Carnival of Curiosities entry deadline
- 12 HalloWEIRD Art Market 2026, 10am–4pm
- 13 Create Your Own Piñata Workshop, 10am–12pm
- 13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers @ St. Elmo's, 1–3pm
- 13 Mirror & Clay Mosaic Workshop, 6–8pm
- 14 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2–4pm
- 15 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 7–9pm
- 16 Social Media for Artists Workshop, 6–9pm
- 19 Volunteer in the Gardens, 9–11am
- 19 Bead & Wire Jewelry Workshop, 6–8pm
- 20 Radical Sewing Club-ALX, 10am–12pm
- 20 Live From Your Studio, 2–3:30pm
- 20 Frida Kahlo-Inspired Headband Workshop, 6–8pm
- 22 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
- 23 Hispanic Folk Art Workshop, 6–8pm

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.

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

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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

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\$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	Artist	Supporter
☐ \$ 250 Silver	☐ \$ 60 Individual	☐ \$ 40
☐ \$ 500 Gold	☐ \$ 90 Dual	
☐ \$ 1,000 Platinum	☐ \$ 110 Family	
	☐ \$ 45 Senior	
	☐ \$ 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:

☐ 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