Celebrating the Art of Making . . . **November 2026**

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$125 and Under Art Exhibition
November 6-29



Exhibit Reception: Friday, November 6, 7-9pm

This November visit Del Ray Artisans gallery to see the *$125 and Under* art exhibit showcasing members' artwork all priced at $125 or less. The gallery walls are packed with great art at prices all art-lovers can afford. During this exhibit, the art is sold on an art-to-go basis, with buyers taking art home when purchased.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, November 6, between 7-9pm to meet curators Dale Spivey and Liz Martinez and exhibiting artists.

Gallery hours are Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-9pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 12-6pm. Open for bonus gallery hours on Wednesday, November 25, 12-6pm; closed on Thanksgiving Day.

This art exhibit is made possible with support from the City of Alexandria through the FY2027 Annual Arts Program Grant. Del Ray Artisans, a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

Día de los Muertos: Del Ray community ofrenda in front of the gallery

Sunday, November 1, 5-7pm

Del Ray Artisans will host the third annual Del Ray community ofrenda (altar) observing Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in front of the gallery, weather permitting. This tradition allows us to reflect on our deceased loved ones to keep their memory alive. Amy Sills Eggers established this community event based on Mexican tradition in 2023 and Del Ray Artisans' member Betsy Jones organized the event in the following year.

Amy has passed along the photos that have been collected in the past and all are invited and encouraged to contribute their own photos, notes, or small mementos to the altar to honor their loved ones – both people and pets.



Founder Amy Sills Eggers at the inaugural Día de los Muertos event at Magpie Reclamations in 2024.

Interested in helping us make this an authentic and respectful event? Contact Seán Crumley (vp@delrayartisans.org) for more information.

Del Ray Artisans' 31th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market

December 4-20

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

Join us for the 31th Annual Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market! The holiday market is open for the first three weekends in December and 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!

Calendars to Benefit Del Ray Artisans

DRA's 2027 wall calendar featuring artwork by members is now available for purchase at the gallery! Just $22 each for 12 months of awesome art. Thank you to our calendar sponsors: Daniela Spigai - Realtor® / ADVISORY at Compass, Let's Meat on the Avenue, Los Tios Grill, Taqueria Poblano, The Zebra Press, and McD Mateos Community Partners! Plus thank you to all the artists for donating the use of their work for this fundraiser.



Welcome New Members

Santiago Aburto and Marisa Donelson
Divya Ahuja
Michelle Gates
Sofia Gutierrez
Holly Krueger
Jason Kumar
Lisa McCloughry
Tracey Navratil

Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on October 25, 2026. Here is a summary of the President's address with some additional highlights made by other speakers.



2026 Annual Meeting: DRA members with Genesis Inspiration Foundation check (Photo by David Wardrick)

As of October 24, we stand at 308 current members – of those 25 are patron level, 24 supporter level, and 259 artist level (1 family, 12 dual, 146 individual, 96 senior, and 4 student memberships). We have two part-time office staff, Anna Sherlock and Liz Martinez, who keep our sales system up-to-date, print wall tags, write checks, and several other critical support functions. All our Board members, curators, and recurring program organizers are volunteers. Beyond these lead roles we rely on members and other volunteers to keep the gallery open so people can see the exhibit, take out the trash/recycling, wash the kitchen towels, distribute exhibit postcards, share DRA info on social media, weed the gardens, and so many other tasks. Thank you all for your role in making the organization shine.

Thank you to Amy Kitchin Hower (Curating Director) and all the curators for our wonderful exhibits each month. This year to-date, we have sold 389 pieces of art (excluding art markets) with another month of exhibit time remaining. At the current rate, we are averaging 21 artwork sales and 22 gift shop sales per exhibit month. Note that our Calls for Entry have gone through a recent rewrite to make requirements clearer for the 2027 exhibits, including stressing our respectful conduct standard, volunteer commitment, and policy that all artwork must not contain generative artificial intelligence (AI).

We have been doing an amazing job with workshops and programs. This year there have been 316 program registrations to-date; last year there were 326 in total, so we're going to beat that number with the many workshops remaining in 2026. Thank you to Tracy Wilkerson (Programs Director), Viki Walchak (Youth Programs Director), and our program organizers for planning events that benefit our creative community.

Note that the role of Treasurer is vacant for 2027. If you have an interest, please contact me or the current Treasurer, Rita Schooley, at treasurer@delrayartisans.org to discuss the position. Rita is available to train and support moving forward. The Board has managed the finances responsibility and will end the year on budget, plus have some additional funds to invest in the organization. At the end of last year, we made some upgrades to the kitchen to better support our receptions. This year the City of Alexandria replaced the Colasanto Center roof and siding, plus opened the much anticipated interactive fountain next door in mid-December and it is already bringing new visitors into the gallery.

Regarding building improvements, we are considering earmarking some funds for a floor upgrade next year. The current floor was installed during our 20th Anniversary, and we celebrate our 35th Anniversary next year! A new floor is a high cost wishlist item, so we'll carefully plan out this improvement and need to raise additional funds for it. We are bringing back the popular rummage sale next year—save the dates: Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29. To volunteer for the rummage sale or 35th Anniversary Committee, please contact Morgan Parr (Volunteers Director) at volunteers@delrayartisans.org.

In our fundraising efforts, Spring2ACTion continues to be a major support for our nonprofit. Thank you to Liz Martinez (in memory of Chris Martinez) and Alyssa Pease (in support of the John W. Hiller Photography & Film Scholarship) for their campaigns and to everyone who donated. Thank you to Karen Schmitz for being the lead Grant Writer and securing funds for our general operating expenses and our art exhibitions. A huge thanks to Genesis Inspiration Foundation for their $25,000 gift to benefit our youth arts programs. Through this gift we are better able to support the annual Alexandria City High School Student Exhibition, our summer art camp, and plan more low cost STEAM-tastic workshops and free activities for young artists.

Thank you all for your membership, time and energy. This organization is successful because of our combined efforts! It's an honor to volunteer with you and begin a fourth year as Del Ray Artisans' President in 2027.

—Dawn Wyse Hurto, president@delrayartisans.org

2027 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the members elected to serve on the 2027 Board. The term runs January 1–December 31, 2027

President - Dawn Wyse Hurto
Vice President - Morgan Parr
Secretary - Margaret Slipek
Treasurer - [vacant]
Assistant Treasurer - Stephen Lally

Director of…
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Communications - [vacant]
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Membership - Kara Macek
Outreach - Kelly MacConomy
Programs - Tracy Wilkerson
Technology - Dale Spivey
Volunteers - Jenny Nicholson
Youth Programs - Victoria Walchak

If you are interested in either vacant position, contact volunteers@delrayartisans.org ASAP. Please reach out to any of the directors (emails on page 5) to support and shadow them if you are considering running for a position in the future.

GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS

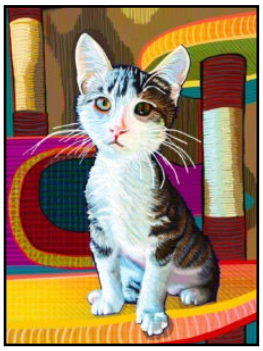
Details at DelRayArtisans.org/gww
Come see Del Ray Artisans art exhibits hosted outside our gallery.

Through our Gallery Without Walls program, Del Ray Artisans partners with other organizations and businesses to create more exhibit opportunities. For more information or to volunteer to support the program, contact Liz Martinez at GWW@DelRayArtisans.org.

Paws and Kinship at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital

Now through May 29, 2027

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 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.



"Opal" by Rod Whyte

For the Love of Virginia at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Now through August 7, 2027

Join us for Del Ray Artisans' 29th art exhibit at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. *For the Love of Virginia* opened on September 14, 2026 and runs through September 4, 2027 at VCA Alexandria (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). The exhibit features 2D artwork by Del Ray Artisans members in a variety of media and styles, from the traditional to the surreal, showcasing the beauty of Virginia from the Blue Ridge mountains to the beaches of the Eastern Shore; its rural areas and cities; and local flora and fauna. 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.



"Dangerfield Island Marina" by Victoria Barnes

Tranquil Nature at Alexandria Myotherapy

Now through September 4, 2027

Alexandria Myotherapy, Inc. is our newest Gallery Without Walls partner. Come see the first exhibit, *Tranquil Nature*, featuring artwork by Del Ray Artisans members in their new location at 2850 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314. The exhibit runs August 20, 2026 through August 7, 2027. The massage therapy center is open Monday-Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday-Sunday from 10am-6pm. Visitors must let the front desk know they are there to view the art exhibit.



"Orange Mountains" by Stephanie M Willer

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Entry forms at DelRayArtisans.org/cfe

BLUE

Open to all area artists
January 8-30, 2027
Entry Deadline: Sunday, December 13

Explore the diverse meanings of the color BLUE and channel the varied meanings of the color. The use of various shades of blue is encouraged. Black and white colors can be included, but blue should be the primary focus.



"Anne" by Gordon Thomas Frank

Alcove Giftshop

Open to Del Ray Artisans Members
January 8-February 27, 2027
Entry Deadline: Sunday, December 13, 2026 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.

The work will be displayed for two months, and as pieces are sold they can be replaced with similar work for no additional fee.

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.



Details at delrayartisans.org/card-swap.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Register at DelRayArtisans.org/workshops



STEAM-tastic: Pop Art Cats Workshop (All Ages) - Saturday, November 7, 10am-12pm

Participants will learn color theory while making a series of cats on a colorful painted background to create a work of art inspired by Andy Warhol. *Instructor: Morgan Parr; $25 Child / $35 Del Ray Artisans member / $45 Non-member; plus $5 supply fee per participant; Register ASAP.*



Make it in Metal: Jewelry Making Workshop - Sunday, November 8, 10am-12pm

Learn how to use specialized tools and techniques to make a pair of dangle earrings in copper, brass and silver accents!.

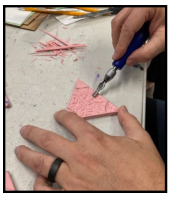
Instructor: Lisette Bez; $60 Del Ray Artisans member / $70 Non-member; plus a $15 supply fee; Register ASAP.



Playing with Resin - Sunday, November 8, 6-9pm

Learn the ins and outs of prepping for and mixing resin, and how to use it as an adhesive, a covering, or the main medium.

Instructor: Tracy Wilkerson; $40 Del Ray Artisans member / $50 Non-member; plus a $10 supply fee; Register ASAP.



Linocuts & Block Print Greeting Cards - Monday, November 9, 7-9pm

Learn the technique of linocutting to create rubber stamps for block printing and make unique and personalized greeting cards

Instructor: Mallory Rose Henig; $45 Del Ray Artisans member / $55 Non-member; Register by November 5.



The Art of Ukrainian Pysanka: Experience an Ancient Tradition of Wax-Dying Technique - Saturday, November 14, 6-8pm

Learn about the Ukrainian tradition of pysanky and their symbols, and experience first-hand the process of writing pysanky using an ancient wax-dyeing technique on hollow chicken eggs. Participants will walk away with their own beautiful creation – a pysanka of autumn foliage.

Instructor: Halla Jmourko; $40 Del Ray Artisans member / $50 Non-member; plus a $15 supply fee; Register by November 10.



Mirror & Clay Mosaic Art Workshop - Sunday, November 15, 6-8pm

Beginners and artists alike will be taken from a blank board to a polished varnished mosaic masterpiece. Learn the basics of mosaic fabrication, how to roll and sculpt the design with a special clay, and how to paint it with vibrant acrylic colors. *Instructor: Khushi Bhansali; $20 Del Ray Artisans member / $30 Non-member; plus $30 supply fee; Register by November 11.*



Ceramic Turtle Workshop (Ages 13+) - Wednesday, November 18, 6-9pm

Design and create a one-of-a-kind keepsake turtle. Students will use stoneware clay to hand-build a turtle using a variety of basic clay techniques and will select a glaze color or two before the instructor dries and fires each turtle. *Instructor: Diana Manchak; $40 Del Ray Artisans member / $50 Non-member; plus $10 supply fee; Register by November 14.*

RECURRING PROGRAMS

DelRayArtisans.org/programs

Partners in Art (RSVP)
Monday, November 9, 2-4pm & Tuesday, November 17, 7-9pm



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.

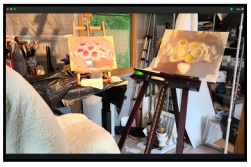
Life Drawing
Gesture and Short Pose Thursday, November 12 & Thursday, November 24 7-9pm



Watercolor by Linda Lowery

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. Drop-in; all skill levels welcome.

Live From Your Studio (RSVP)
Sunday, November 15, 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! This is the last session of the program.

Radical Sewing Club - ALX
Saturday, November 21, 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.

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Submission Deadline:
15th of the month
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Gallery Hours:
Thursday 12–6pm (closed Thanksgiving)
Friday 12–9pm
Saturday 12–6pm
Sunday 12–6pm (closed Nov 1)
Bonus hours: Wednesday, Nov 25, 12-6pm



Top row, l. to r.:
"Winkler Botanical Preserve, Alexandria" - Ronald Reel;
"Study in Texture, Age & Grain" - Kathryn A. Brown;
"Conductor Noseda" - Carol Morgan
Bottom row, l to r.:
"Duo" - Evelyn Rose Cook;
"Pioppino" - Ludic Lillian

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Calendar

More information at: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

November 2026

1 Día de los Muertos: Del Ray community ofrenda, 5-7:30pm (outside)
1-4 Gallery Closed to the Public
6-29 **EXHIBIT: *$125 and Under***
curators Dale Spivey and Liz Martinez
6 *$125 and Under* Opening Reception, 7-9pm
7 STEAM-tastic: Pop Art Cats Workshop, 10am-12pm
8 Make it in Metal: Jewelry Making Workshop, 10am-12pm
8 Playing with Resin Workshop, 6-9pm
9 Partners in Art (RSVP in Advance), 2-4pm
9 Linocuts & Block Print Greeting Cards, 7-9pm
10 Board of Directors Meeting, online, 7-9pm
12 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
14 The Art of Ukrainian Pysanka Workshop, 6-8pm
15 Live From Your Studio, online, 2-3:30pm
15 Mirror & Clay Mosaic Art Workshop, 6-8pm
17 Partners in Art Evening (RSVP in Advance), 7-9pm
18 Ceramic Turtle Workshop (Ages 13+), 6-9pm
19 Alexandria Arts Alliance: Panel Discussion, 6:30-8pm
21 Radical Sewing Club - ALX, 10am-12pm
24 Life Drawing Session, 7-9pm
25 Gallery Open, 12-6pm
26 Thanksgiving (Gallery Closed)
29-30 Unsold artwork pick up, 4-8pm

December 2026

1 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
4-20 **Holiday Market: open Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 11am-5pm**
8 Board Meeting and Holiday Gathering, 6-8:30pm
13 *BLUE* Call for Entry Deadline
13 Alcove Gift Shop Call for Artists Deadline
15 Life Drawing, 7-9pm
16 DIY Ukulele Workshop, 6-8pm
21-Jan 2 Gallery Closed for the Holidays

Janurary 2026

3 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm
7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
8–30 **EXHIBIT: *BLUE***
curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
8 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
9 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
10 *I Eat The Stars* entry deadline
11 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
26 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm

Join or renew your Del Ray Artisans membership today!

Visit DelRayArtisans.org/membership for details.

Other Key Contacts

- **Anna Sherlock, Office Manager**
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NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.

January 2027

3 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm
7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
8–30 EXHIBIT: *BLUE* | curator: Gordon Thomas Frank
8 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
9 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
10 *I Eat The Stars* entry deadline
11 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
26 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
31 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

February 2027

4 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
5–27 EXHIBIT: *I Eat The Stars: We Must Make Art in the Apocalypse*
curator: Brittany Baron
5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
7 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
10 *Celebrating Our National Parks* entry deadline
16 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
21 Member Meeting/Art Supplies Swap, 6–8pm
23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
28 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

March 2027

4 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
5–27 EXHIBIT: *Celebrating Our National Parks* (Members Exhibit)
curators: Aigerim Akhmetova & Annemarie Kuhns
5 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
7 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
8 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
9 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
10 *Green Echo* entry deadline
16 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
27 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
28 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

April 2027

2–May 1 EXHIBIT: *Green Echo*
curator: Tracy Wilkerson
2 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
5 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
6 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
10 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
11 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
20 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
24 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
27 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
28 Spring2ACTion

May 2027

1 Unsold artwork pick up, 6-9pm
2 Unsold artwork pick up, 9am–11am
7–22 EXHIBIT: ACHS 2027 Titan Student Art Exhibition
curators: ACHS teachers & DRA Youth Programs
7 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
8 Spring Art Market, 10am–4pm (outdoors)
9 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
10 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
10 *Volunteers Showcase* entry deadline
11 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
13 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
18 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
19 Member Meeting/Benefit Program, 6–8pm
20 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
23-27 Rummage Sale Prep, Times TBD
28 Rummage Sale, 2pm-7pm
29 Rummage Sale, 8am-1pm
29 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
30 GWW EXHIBIT: *Energy of the Season* at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital ends
30 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm

June 2027

4–27 EXHIBIT: *DRA's 35th Anniversary* (Volunteers Showcase; By Invitation)
curators: Jenny Nicholson & Morgan Parr
4 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
7 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
8 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
13 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
15 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
22 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
26 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
27 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm
29 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm

Calendar of Events: We wanted you to have this handy calendar even though events may change and new ones will be added throughout the year. Please check the online calendar for the most up-to-date schedule: DelRayArtisans.org/calendar

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July 2027

(Open during Summer Art Market; Other hours TBD)

1 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
5–9 Figure Drawing Bootcamp, Times TBD
6 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
10 *Beyond the Wall* entry deadline
10–11 Summer Art Market, 10am–4pm (indoors)
12–16 Art Camp Week 1 (Gallery Closed to the Public)
13 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
19–23 Art Camp Week 2 (Gallery Closed to the Public)

August 2027

1 Accepted artwork drop off, 12–4pm
5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
6–28 EXHIBIT: *Beyond the Wall: Street Art in the Gallery* | curator: Brando Gould
6 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
9 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
10 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
10 *Six-Legged Reverie* entry deadline
14 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
17 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
22 Member Meeting, 6–8pm
24 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
28 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
29 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

September 2027

3–25 EXHIBIT: *Six-Legged Reverie*
curators: Morgan Parr & Jenn Osbourne
2 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
3 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
5 GWW EXHIBIT: *Flora, Fauna, Fantastica* at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital ends
7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
10 *Talismans and Good Luck Charms* entry deadline
11 HalloWEIRD Art Market, 10am–4pm (outdoors)
12 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
13 Partners in Art, 2–4pm
14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
21 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
25 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
26 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

October 2027

1–30 EXHIBIT: *Talismans and Good Luck Charms*
curators: Kelly Snyder & Nolan Noble
1 Exhibit Opening Reception, 7–9pm
2 Art on the Avenue, 10am–6pm
4 Partners in Art, 2–4pm

October 2027 *(continued)*

5 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
9 Creative Book Club, 10am–12pm
10 *Revision* entry deadline
10 Del Ray Urban Sketchers, 1–3pm at St. Elmo's
12 Board Meeting, 7–9pm online
19 Partners in Art Evening, 7–9pm
24 Annual Meeting & 2028 Board Elections, 6–8pm
26 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
30 Nature Journaling Club, 10am–12pm
31 Unsold artwork pick up and accepted artwork drop off, 12–6pm

November 2027

5–28 EXHIBIT: *Revision: The Power and Responsibility of Returning* (Members Exhibit)
curators: Dale Spivey & Liz Martinez
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
23 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
24 Bonus Gallery Hours, 12–6pm
25 THANKSGIVING: Closed Thanksgiving Day
28 Unsold artwork pick up, 6–8pm
30 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm

December 2027

(Open only during Holiday Market & programs)

3–19 Holiday Market, Fridays 6–9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11am–6pm (indoors)
7 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
10 January 2028 exhibit entry deadline
14 Board Meeting, 7–9pm
14 Life Drawing Session, 7–9pm
20–January 5 Gallery Closed

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Del Ray Artisans
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria VA 22301

Gallery Hours
(excluding July & December)
Thursday 12–6pm
Friday 12–9pm
Saturday 12–6pm
Sunday 12–6pm

DEL RAY ARTISANS

Celebrating the Art of Making

A 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community
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2027 Exhibit Schedule

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

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Blue (January 8–30)

Entry deadline Sunday, December 13, 2026; Receiving Sunday, January 3 by appointment
Curator: Gordon Thomas Frank gordonfrank666@gmail.com
Open to all area artists. Inviting artists to explore the diverse meanings of the color BLUE. Blue should be the primary focus; black and white can be incorporated but no other colors.

I Eat The Stars: We Must Make Art in the Apocalypse (Feb 5–27)

Entry deadline Sunday, January 10; Receiving Sunday, January 31 by appointment
Curator: Brittany Baron Calypso137@gmail.com
Open to all area artists. Inspired by the novel of the same name the curator challenges area artists to consider Art reflecting our shared human experience of existing in these troubled times.

Celebrating Our National Parks (March 5–27)

Entry deadline Wednesday, February 10; Receiving Sunday, February 28 by appointment
Curators: Aigerim Akhmetova ak.aigerim.4@gmail.com **and Annemarie Kuhns** annemarie.kuhns@gmail.com
Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. A celebration of the beauty and energy of our National Parks.

Green Echo (April 2–May 1)

Entry deadline Wednesday, March 10; Receiving Sunday, March 28 by appointment
Curator: Tracy Wilkerson recycledworks@yahoo.com
Open to all area artists. The exhibit will bring into focus the thought-change concept of acquiring items from others rather than buying new. Accepted art will utilize recycled materials.

ACHS 2027 Titan Student Art Exhibition (May 7–22)

Entry deadline Saturday, April 10; Receiving Sunday, May 2 by appointment
Curators: ACHS Teachers and Viki Walchak, Del Ray Artisans Youth Programs Director
Only open to Alexandria City High School art, photography, and graphics students. Details will be distributed by ACHS teachers.

Spring Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, May 8, 10am-4pm)

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Volunteers Showcase: DRA's 35th Anniversary (June 4–27)

Entry deadline Monday, May 10; Receiving Sunday, May 30 by appointment
Curators: Jenny Nicholson volunteers@delrayartisans.org **and Morgan Parr**
Only open by invitation to outstanding Del Ray Artisans member volunteers to honor those who have made exceptional time contributions and to celebrate our nonprofit's 35th Anniversary. Open theme.

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

Beyond the Wall: Street Art in the Gallery (August 6–28)

Entry deadline Saturday, July 10; Receiving Sunday, August 1 by appointment
Curator: Brando Gould climbandcreate@gmail.com
Open to all area artists. A celebration of graffiti and street art, forms of expression often born outside traditional art institutions and honoring both its origins and its continued evolution.

Six-Legged Reverie (September 3–25)

Entry deadline Tuesday, August 10; Receiving Sunday, August 29 by appointment
Curators: Morgan Parr Rmorganparr@gmail.com **and Jenn Osborne** jenniferosborne717@gmail.com
Open to all area artists. Celebrating the weird, wonderful, and sometimes misunderstood world of insects. Artists are invited to look closer and see where their creativity takes them.

HalloWEIRD Art Market (Outdoors - Saturday, Sept 11, 10am-4pm)

Talismans and Good Luck Charms (October 1–30)

Entry deadline Friday, September 10; Receiving Sunday, September 26 by appointment
Curators: Kelly Snyder kellysnyderarts@gmail.com **and Nolan Noble** nolan@nolan.studio
Open to all area artists. Symbols of what we grasp on to when some things get tough or we are looking for some good luck.

Revision: The Power and Responsibility of Returning (Nov 5–28)

Entry deadline Sunday, October 10; Receiving Sunday, October 31 by appointment
Curator: Haddy Kreie haddy@kreie.com
Only open to Del Ray Artisans members. An invitation to revisit a previous work and consider how it might be transformed. Revised artwork will be displayed with a picture of the original piece.

32nd Annual Holiday Market (Indoors - December 3–19)

DEL RAY ARTISANS

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:

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

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