



**DEL RAY
ARTISANS
COOPERATIVE**

**DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE IS A NON-PROFIT,
PUBLIC MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION FOUNDED ON JANUARY 31, 1992,
TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY OF ARTISANS • TO ENCOURAGE THE
INTEGRATION OF CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTISTIC TALENT INTO
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT • AND TO PROMOTE APPRECIATION
FOR CRAFTSMANSHIP AND FUNCTIONAL ART**

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DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE promotes creative expression through the design and construction of utilitarian objects which enhance the built environment. The Cooperative has as a principal thrust the promotion of craftsmanship and functional art through public education, including exhibitions of artisans' works, how-to workshops and seminars, and lectures. In this way, DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE hopes to nurture the interests and enthusiasm of local artisans of various skill and experience levels.

The creation of an artisans' cooperative in the Del Ray community originally was conceived by local residents Peter and Lauren Smirniotopoulos on January 19, 1992. A number of factors lead to the establishment of DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE: (i) the growing arts-orientation of Del Ray, as evidenced by its increasing population of artisans, artists, and others interested in the arts; (ii) a collective appreciation for the town's vernacular architecture; (iii) growing interest in preserving and promoting the town's historic and significant properties; (iv) recognition of Del Ray's wealth of original, owner-built housing; and (v) renewed interest in and growing appreciation for the Arts & Crafts Movement and the furnishings, accessories, and designs it spawned. Several existing sites in Del Ray already have been identified for potential development of the permanent home of DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE.

As a first step toward fulfilling the organization's mission statement, on March 25, 1992, the Founding Members of DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE established the Del Ray Artisans' Center. From April 21 through June 30, 1992, the Del Ray Artisans' Center will serve as a central location for the dissemination of information about DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE; a variety of workshops, seminars, programs, exhibitions, and showings of local artisans' works will be held at the Del Ray Artisans' Center. It is hoped that through an ambitious public outreach effort, DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE will be able to generate additional momentum and monetary support to enable the Del Ray Artisans' Center to flourish and grow.

If successful, the establishment of the Del Ray Artisans' Center will mark the beginning in the evolution of DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE, leading up to the development and opening of The DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE Workshop and Studios, a non-profit, full-service facility for professional and amateur artisans promoting the integration of craftsmanship and artistic talent into the built environment. The Cooperative Workshop and Studios will provide a Central Workshop and Resident Artisans' Studios for use by Cooperative members, as well as a Public Gallery and Artisans' Resource Center open to the public.

Artisans and interested members of the public should contact Peter Smirniotopoulos, Executive Director, DEL RAY ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE, at 703•548•9530.

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