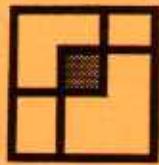


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## **ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION: PROMOTING APPLIED, VISUAL, AND BUILDING ARTS. *Non-Profit Created to Foster Community Based Arts.***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** - To enable DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER to further expand its public outreach efforts and solicit foundation and corporate grants, the Executive Board of Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative recently formed **ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION**.

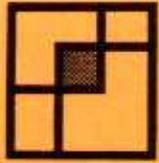
Since it first opened in April 1992, DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER has hosted a variety of exhibitions, slide lectures, workshops, receptions, and other activities open to the public. The Center has showcased examples of craftsmanship and functional art through such well-regarded exhibitions as *Into the Woods* and *JUST FAUX FUN*. In addition, DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER has promoted several dozen visual artists featured in the Center's *Neighborhood Highlights* series of exhibitions. The Center also has generated considerable public interest in the Del Ray community by promoting the area's recent historic district designation and unique architectural heritage.

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** has been formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to create and support community based arts groups and promote the arts as a resource for community development. The creation of **ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** was a natural extension of the diverse arts activities undertaken by Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative since its creation less than one year ago for the purpose of promoting craftsmanship and functional art.

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## *New Non-Profit Fosters Community Arts [CONTINUED].*

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** will fund, staff, and promote all of the programs at DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER. The Foundation will serve as an umbrella organization for Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative - and for other community based arts organizations which the Foundation will create - presenting a broad range of applied, visual, and building arts.

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** will provide continued funding and support for the activities of Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative, allowing the Cooperative to maintain an independent identity and focus more closely upon its unique mission. The Foundation also will bring new and emerging visual artists to the forefront, as well as generating public dialogue about architecture, urban planning, and historic preservation.

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** will replace Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative as the public membership, parent organization of DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER, in recognition of the Foundation's broader perspective and goals. The Foundation will better serve the diverse backgrounds, talents, and interests of more than 100 members who have joined Del Ray Artisans' Cooperative since its creation.

**ARTS RESOURCE FOUNDATION** recently raised over half of the 1993 programs budget for DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER through the Foundation's *Offbeat Auction*. The much-acclaimed affair, held on December 6, 1992, raised over \$6,000 for DEL RAY ARTISANS' CENTER.

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