

## Fire and Earth: Ceramic Cup Call for Entry



**DEL RAY ARTISANS - CALL FOR ENTRY**

## **Fire and Earth**

**National 3-D Ceramic Cup and Regional 2-D Exhibit  
at Del Ray Artisans Gallery**

**September 2 - October 2, 2016**

**Curator: Stephen Lally ([SLallypottery@gmail.com](mailto:SLallypottery@gmail.com))**

**Juror: Dan Finnegan**

### **Ceramic Cup Call for Entry**

Fire and earth are two of the four elements. This exhibit celebrates these elements in a hybrid show that combines a national ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D exhibit. This exhibit honors how fire in the kiln (be it fueled by wood, gas, or electricity) transforms earth (clay) into functional drinking vessels (cups, mugs, tankards, tumblers, goblets, and tea bowls). The 2-D exhibit on the walls of the gallery should reflect and communicate about these elements and with the 3-D ceramic pieces. The 2-D work's theme of illustrating the forces of nature allows a broad interpretation of how the natural elements affect our world, and echoes the process of the

ceramic art.

Entry to this exhibit is by online submission. Drinking vessels must be made primarily from clay and 100% functional with food-safe glazes. Dimensions of the work should not exceed 10 inches in height and 6 inches in width or depth. Cups may not weigh over 2 pounds. Contact the curator if you have questions.

## About the Juror, Dan Finnegan

Dan Finnegan's pottery career began more than 40 years ago. He studied at three different universities before making his way to the Winchcombe Pottery in Gloucestershire, England in the late 1970s. As part of Ray Finch's pottery crew, he assisted in the production of wood-fired domestic ware inspired by Michael Cardew, the pottery's founder. Dan returned to the US, and set up his first studio in Fredericksburg, VA. Since 1980, he has made thousands of useful stoneware pots, firing them in his two-chambered wood-fired kiln. Dan's work is included in numerous collections and museums in the US and the UK as well as having been featured in a number of publications. His work is available at LibertyTown Arts Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA, several galleries and shows around the country, and his online shop. Dan has authored several articles and writes a popular blog about life as a working potter.



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### Entry Detail Highlights:

- Open to all area artists.
- Artists may submit up to three (3) original pieces of artwork completed within the last three years. The entry fee is \$15 for up to three pieces for Del Ray Artisans members and \$30 for non-members.
- Entry fees are due upon submission and are nonrefundable. Pay with cash, check, or credit card at the gallery or by credit card online at: [squareup.com/store/del-ray-artisans/item/fire-and-earth](https://squareup.com/store/del-ray-artisans/item/fire-and-earth)
- You must provide one photo for each entry. Acceptable file types are pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, and gif; up to 5MB in file size. Smart phone photos are acceptable. You may also provide an additional photograph per entry if you wish (not required). You must name your files as follows: "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry1", "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry2", etc. If you provide a second photo for the entry, add a "b" to the end - e.g. "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry1b".
- Final acceptance for this exhibit is at the curator's discretion upon physically viewing artwork at drop off.
- All artwork must be for sale with a sale price of \$250 or less. Any pieces marked "NFS" will not be accepted.
- Entries are eligible for one of three awards, each with \$150: St. Elmo's Cup (Best cup or vessel), Coffee Mug (Best mug), Teatism Tea bowl/Teacup (Best tea bowl or teacup). All awards are decided by juror.

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### Shipping Information:

- Non-local artists should pack accepted work double-boxed, using sturdy reusable cardboard boxes and bubble wrap (no peanuts). Artists are responsible for all shipping

and insurance costs. Prepaid return shipping should be included (UPS preferred).

- Ship to:

The Clay Queen Pottery  
2303 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301

- All work must be received by August 20, 2016.
- Unsold work will be repacked in original boxes and shipped within 30 days to artists via prepaid return shipping labels (included in initial delivery).

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## Accepted Artist Requirements:

- When art sells, each artist is asked to make a 20% tax-deductible donation to Del Ray Artisans.
- Del Ray Artisans and the City of Alexandria cannot be held liable for any loss or damage to artwork at any time. Insurance for artwork is the sole responsibility of the artist.
- Permission to reproduce any artwork for Del Ray Artisans publicity and archival purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show. Anyone not agreeing must contact the Curating Director at [Curating@DelRayArtisans.org](mailto:Curating@DelRayArtisans.org)
- Work previously shown at Del Ray Artisans gallery is not eligible.
- All art entered must be original. No reproductions. Contact the curator for more information.

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## Important Dates:

- Deadline for Digital Submissions and Entry Fee: **Saturday, July 30, 2016**
- Artists will be notified by email **Saturday, August 6** of artwork acceptance.
- Cups that are being shipped should be received **Saturday, August 20** (if you are delivering in person, notify curator)
- Cups accepted for 3-D exhibit that will be delivered in person may be dropped off: **Sunday, August 28 and Monday, August 29 from 6-8pm** at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.
- Unsold artwork pickup (for artwork that does not include return shipping) is on **Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 6-8pm**. Any art left over 30 days after the close of the show will become the property of Del Ray Artisans.
- Gallery Hosting: Del Ray Artisans' gallery uses artist volunteers to help paid staff in covering gallery hours and assisting with events. Local artists are expected to sign up for volunteer hours during artwork drop off. Non-local/non-member artists are exempt from the volunteer hours. The exemption results in a higher entry fee, which allows Del Ray Artisans to hire a temp, if necessary, to cover gallery duties.

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## Mark Your Calendar:

- **Opening Reception:** Friday, September 2 from 7-9pm at Del Ray Artisans Gallery
- **The Mighty Mug Workshop with Dan Finnegan:** Saturday, September 10 from 10am-4pm at The Clay Queen Pottery
- **Art on the Avenue:** Saturday, October 1 from 10am-6pm along Mount Vernon Avenue

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## Entry Form

### Artist's Legal Name \*

First Name

Last Name

### Artist's Name for Wall Tag \*

How your name should appear on the wall tag

### Mailing Address \*

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

### Phone

Area Code

Phone Number

### Email Address \*

ex: myname@example.com

### Is your Del Ray Artisans membership current? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

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## Artwork Entries

You can provide up to 3 entries.

You must provide one photo for each entry. Acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, and gif; up to 5MB in file size. Smart phone photos are acceptable.

You must name your files as follows: "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry1", "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry2", etc.

Any questions or concerns about this application, please contact the curator Stephen Lally at: [slallypottery@gmail.com](mailto:slallypottery@gmail.com)

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## Entry 1

### Entry 1 - Photo \*

No file selected.

Name file: "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry1". Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

### Entry 1 - Title \*

No quotes unless it is part of your title

### Entry 1 - Media \*

### Entry 1 - Dimensions \*

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

### Entry 1 - Price in U.S. Dollars \*

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

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## Entry 2

### Entry 2 - Photo

No file selected.

Name file: "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry2". Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

### Entry 2 - Title

No quotes unless it is part of your title

### Entry 2 - Media

### Entry 2 - Dimensions

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

### Entry 2 - Price in U.S. Dollars

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

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## Entry 3

### Entry 3 - Photo

No file selected.

Name file: "YourLastName-FirstName-Entry3". Acceptable file types: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif; Up to 5MB

### Entry 3 - Title

No quotes unless it is part of your title

### Entry 3 - Media

### Entry 3 - Dimensions

List width x height (x depth if applicable); Include frame in measurements

### Entry 3 - Price in U.S. Dollars

Numbers only; For example: 100 not \$100.00

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## Terms and Conditions

By checking the "I agree" box below:

*I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth in this Call for Entry, I hereby release Del Ray Artisans, the Officers, Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, juror and the City of Alexandria from any responsibility or personal liability to me from any damage, claims or loss in connection with this show.*

### Terms and Conditions Accepted \*

☐ I agree

If my artwork is sold in this venue, I agree to a tax-deductible 20% donation to Del Ray Artisans that will be automatically deducted from the amount I receive.

### 20% Donation to Del Ray Artisans \*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Submit Entry Form