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**The Arts Build Communities**  
 Del Ray Artisans' All Member Show  
 October 2 – 25, 2009

**Alexandria, VA. (September 14, 2009) -** Del Ray Artisans (DRA) members will present an exhibition of their artwork at the Del Ray Artisans gallery, in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. The opening reception will be at the gallery on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm–9:30 pm. This event is free, handicapped accessible and open to the public.



“The Arts Build Communities” is a statewide theme established by Virginians for the Arts Foundation. The message is the same, regardless of the medium: *The arts strengthen our communities, lift our spirits and build a better quality of life for all.* In this, the third all member show for 2009, Del Ray Artisans reflect on the positive impact of art through a variety of media. DRA invites you to visit the gallery and enjoy the experience!

Visit the gallery this month also to participate in the raffle. Raffle prizes include many gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants, including a weekend stay for two at the Westin Alexandria. Special thanks to our show sponsor Gaver Nichols Architect, [www.gavernicholsarchitect.com](http://www.gavernicholsarchitect.com); and to the many generous donors of raffle prizes.

**Gallery hours:** Thursdays noon–4 pm (First Thursday until 9 pm), Fridays noon–9 pm, Saturdays 10 am–9 pm, Sundays noon–6 pm

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**About Del Ray Artisans:**

Located just south of Washington, D.C. and north of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, Del Ray Artisans is a community-run and supported Art Gallery. The Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a non-profit community arts group whose mission is to foster a community of artists and art supporters who are a viable source for the development, teaching and furtherance of appreciation of the arts through exhibits and events for members and the diverse populations in the City of Alexandria, the communities of Northern Virginia and the greater Washington metropolitan area. Since its inception it has promoted revitalization of the Del Ray neighborhood and provided opportunities for artistic expression to many local emerging and professional artists. Please go to [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more information on membership and events.

