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Women in Art: Body of Work

Opening Reception: Friday, March 5, 7 - 10 pm

Exhibit Dates: March 5-21, 2010

Alexandria, VA (February 8, 2010) In a new show, artists are asked to explore women's varied roles as patrons, creators and sources of inspiration in the creative world. The all-media show, a joint effort by Del Ray Artisans and the Divas of Decoupage, runs from Friday, March 5, to Sunday, March 21.

The opening reception is Friday, March 5 from 7 – 10 pm at the Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. The reception, and the gallery, is free and open to the public.

Over the centuries, women have played many roles in art. Consider Mona Lisa, the icon; Mary Cassatt, the painter; Annie Leibovitz, the photographer; Elizabeth Catlett, the sculptor-printmaker and the quilt makers of Gee's Bend, Alabama, guardians of a homespun tradition showcased by the Smithsonian Institution.

Artists participating in the show will have the opportunity to further test their imagination by using luck-of-the-draw items provided by the show's organizers as elements in their art pieces.

For more information about the show, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact Ellyn Ferguson at 703-549-2660 or <a href="eleftrage-ele

The mission of the Del Ray Artisans 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.







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