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What's Your Bag?

Opening Reception: Friday, April 2, 7 – 10 pm
Show Dates: April 2 - 25, 2010
Closing Reception: Sunday, April 25, 3 – 6 pm

April asked artists "What's Your Bag?" at Del Ray Artisans.

Alexandria, VA (February 20, 2010) This show explores the "Bag as Art" in all mediums and interpretations - handbags, backpacks, tea bags, suitcases, sacks, paper or plastic. The show will be embraced by the recycle, reuse and repurpose community with latch hooked plastic bags made into modern day wall tapestries as well as decorative and more functional items. This show will be fantastic!

There will be *opening reception* is on Friday, April 2 from 7 – 10 pm and a *closing reception / Mystery Bag game* on Sunday, April 25th from 3 – 6 pm. Details about the Mystery Bag game can be found at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Curators Theresa Kulstad and Karen Schmitz have created three specially priced workshops as well as several free events to "clutch" bag enthusiasts. There is a two-session Felting Workshop on March 10th and 14th, a Making Bags from Recycled Materials Workshop on Friday, March 12th, and a Creativity – Thinking In and Out of the Bag interactive, hands-on workshop on Sunday, April 11th. Details and registration information can be found at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Get yourself a new sack at the free April 16th, Bag Swap! from 7 – 9pm. Bring your used handbags, totes and backpack to swap. There will be a special Bag Marketplace where artists will offer "cash & carry" items. This marketplace will run throughout the show during gallery hours. There will also be an ongoing collection of donated food and clothes for area shelters.

The show will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 pm; Fridays, 12 noon to 9 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 9 pm; and Sundays, 12 noon to 6 pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

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Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

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