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Undecided: A Dialog between Artist and Viewer

Opening Reception: Friday, June 4, 7 - 10 pm **Closing Reception:** Sunday, June 27, 5 - 7 pm **Show Dates:** June 4 - June 27, 2010

Alexandria, VA (May 6, 2010) - Join us at 7 pm on Friday, June 4, for the opening reception of *Undecided: A Dialog between Artist and Viewer*, and on Sunday, June 27 at 5 pm for the closing reception and artist talk. June's all-member show gives gallery visitors a chance to participate in the creative process. *Undecided* is about the process of creating art and noticing how subjects, themes, or titles emerge.

Art for this exhibit will be displayed with the titles hidden. Instead, beside each artwork will be a sheet on which viewers may submit their own titles for the works. As work is purchased, the title is revealed and there is an opportunity for the artist to share with the patron the vision that led to the creation of the work. At the closing reception, exhibiting artists will discuss their work—and show the original titles! Perhaps some artists will re-name their works, forming a collaboration, connection, and dialog with the viewer.

Industrial artist Paul Sedan said about his own process, "...It's often easy to mentally 'see' an idea. But then there's the practical work that wrestles with what you want to make with the facts that the materials and tools impose. As I work I try to keep an open mind and let myself be guided through the process. Often the results are much better than what I originally 'saw'..."

We invite the community to come see and artists to come explore their own creative process. You may see something different in your way of working or perhaps be inspired to experiment with different media. The field of life is open. This dialog is a beginning. Come enjoy the discovery!

The show will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 pm (First Thursdays 12 noon to 9 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.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact co-curators Betty Plummer, betty.plummer@epa.gov or Michele Reday Cook, mredaycook@gmail.com.

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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