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Art for Hope – Benefiting Women with LAM

VIP Opening Reception: Saturday, September 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Public Exhibition: Sunday, September 26, 2010, noon - 4 p.m.

Alexandria, VA (August 2, 2010) In a collaborative effort with The LAM Foundation, Del Ray Artisans is pleased to announce an exhibition of selected artists' work entitled **Art for Hope – Benefiting Women with LAM**. A VIP Opening Reception (invitation only) will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The show is open to the public on Sunday, September 26th, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

As part of its mission to “promote art for the benefit of artists and the community,” Del Ray Artisans is proud to partner with The LAM Foundation. The LAM Foundation raises funds to support research of Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM) and to provide support programs to those affected by it. LAM is a progressive and frequently fatal lung disease that affects almost exclusively women, usually during their childbearing years. There is no known cause or cure for LAM, but because of the work of The LAM Foundation's research funding, treatment trials are currently underway. The LAM Foundation offers HOPE. Please view www.thelamfoundation.org.

Art for Hope will feature 2D and 3D art by selected members of Del Ray Artisans in a variety of media, including painting, prints, photography, sculpture and jewelry. Artists were selected to participate based on their ongoing involvement with Del Ray Artisans. Proceeds from the sale of the art will benefit both The LAM Foundation and Del Ray Artisans.

At the VIP Opening Reception, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25th, several artists will be available to talk with viewers about their work. The reception will also include wine and desserts, live music, a LAM science presentation, and patient testimonials. Please contact Carol Langelier at (703) 862-4683 to purchase tickets (\$75 ea). On Sunday, September 26th, the show is open to the public, free of charge, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Artists will be on hand to demonstrate various artistic techniques throughout the day.

The community is invited to attend Art for Hope, which will be on display at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) located at 9101 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland on September 25th and 26th, 2010. For more information about the event, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact co-curator Linda Elliff at DRA.Fundraiser2@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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