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Love Letters

Curators:

Opening Reception: Friday, February 4th, 7 pm-10 pm

Show Dates: Friday, February 4th through Sunday, February 27th

Alexandria, VA (January 3, 2011) Del Ray Artisans (DRA) is pleased to announce the show, "Love Letters". The show, which runs from Friday, February 4, through Sunday, February 27, is free and open to the public. Opening reception is on Friday, February 4, from 7 – 10 pm, and is free and open to the public.

Whether you have it, lost it, want it, avoid it, need it or ignore it; love makes us do crazy things. Throughout time love has inspired artists, writers and musicians to produce some of their most memorable works. "Love Letters" will exhibit a unique juried collection of love-inspired artworks paired with the artist's love letter to the object of their affection. Please join us as we eavesdrop on the private conversation between artist and admiration in "Love Letters".

But wait, there's more! Two creative workshops and a not-to-be-missed Valentine's Day Mixer are also planned in conjunction with this show. *Advance registration required for each of these events.*

- **Beginning Calligraphy Workshop:** Saturday, January 8 from 1 4 pm. Learn some basic calligraphy, have time to practice with the instructor and see examples of calligraphy works.
- **Duo Mixed-Media Art Workshop:** Saturday, February 5 from 12 2 pm. Join the curators, Matt and Tracy, to explore using everyday materials in new and interesting ways to produce one-of-a-kind artworks.
- Valentine's Day Mixer is Monday night, February 14, from 7 11 pm. Want a different way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Whether you are single or taken, join us you won't be disappointed!

"Love Letters" 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 (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 Matthew Tito Cuenca (571.213.9177 matthewcuenca@gmail.com) or Tracy Wilkerson (703.501.1736 tlwideas@comcast.net).

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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