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Beyond Form: Expressing Art

Opening Reception: Friday, March 4, 7-10 pm

Show Dates: March 4 – 27, 2011

Alexandria, VA (February 9, 2011) Opening with an artist reception on Friday, March 4th from 7 to 10 pm is **Beyond Form: Expressing Art**. This show is Del Ray Artisans' long-awaited *all-media abstract show* which was open to all area artists. DRA's art happening for March spotlights painting. The gallery will be buzzing with energy, beauty, truth, and color! See the counterpoint of monochromatic simplicity, stillness, and restraint—lending balance and white space.

Co-curators Betty Plummer and Fareeha Khawaja invited artists to use form, color, shape and line to express a heart-felt, direct response to a subject or experience and to express what moves them—truth or beauty, near or far-away, an engaging idea *mostly* independent of direct visual reference. The style might be geometric, impressionist, sculptural, constructivist, collage-photographic, cubist, fauvist, minimalist, 3-D or their very own way of using mixed media to express themselves.

In conjunction with the **Beyond Form: Expressing Art** exhibit at the Del Ray Artisans gallery, the co-curators will present a juried selection of abstract art in the lobby gallery of Signature Theatre in Shirlington. That exhibit will run March 14 – May 22, in conjunction with *ART*, by Yasmina Reza, in which a white-on-white abstract painting plays a leading role! This Gallery Without Walls show at Signature Theatre will feature the works of DRA members. For directions and lobby gallery hours at Signature Theatre, please check <http://www.sig-online.org/>.

The **Beyond Form: Expressing Art** exhibit is at 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.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact curator(s) Betty Plummer, 703-892-8638, bplummer11@verizon.net or Fareeha Khawaja, fareehamkhawaja@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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