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Drawing Inspiration from the Figure

Show Dates: June 3 – 26, 2011

Alexandria, VA (May 1, 2011) For hundreds of years artists have used models to understand proportion, structure, movement and the expressive nature of the human figure. Through these studies, wonderful works of art have intrigued and stimulated our senses through many styles and centuries.

Join us for this exciting all-member show at the Del Ray Artisans' gallery as we explore the many ways artwork can reflect our responses to the human form. Co-curators Pamela Underhill and Katherine Rand invited artists to show how the human figure informs or inspires their art. The resulting show is a provocative mixture of realistic and abstracted works of art that stem from observation of the human figure.

Included in this exhibition is a captivating collection of drawings of the figure done from life. Many of these are drawings were done during the open life drawing sessions and workshops held regularly at the Del Ray Artisans' gallery. Of particular interest are a number of preliminary sketches done by artists that were then developed further into works that hang in this show.

Events

- Fri June 3rd, 7-10pm **Opening Reception**
Participate in an art supply raffle and enjoy an exciting dance performance.
- Fri June 17th, 7-9pm **ATC Party** (Contact PamUnderhill@comcast.net for more information)
Create Artist Trading Cards with the human figure as inspiration.

Open Life Drawing Sessions on Wednesdays (Contact DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com for information)

- June 8, 11am-1pm (Gesture Drawing) & 2- 5pm (Short/Long Pose)
June 15, 6:30-9:30pm (Long Pose)
June 22, 11am-1pm (Gesture Drawing) & 2-5pm (Short/Long Pose)

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 6 pm (First Thursdays, 12 noon to 9pm); Fridays, 12 noon to 9pm; Saturdays, 10am to 9pm; and Sundays, 12 noon to 6pm. The gallery is free and open to the public and handicap accessible. For more information please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact the co-curators Pamela Underhill, PamUnderhill@comcast.net, 703-507-4964 or Katherine Rand, Katherine@KatherineRand.com, 703-836-1468

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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