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Don't Miss Del Ray Artisans Childhood Memories Show, April 6 - 29, Plus a Special Clay Portrait Workshop

Alexandria, VA (February 24, 2012) - Del Ray Artisans' April exhibition, **Childhood Memories**, features works by local area artists inspired by their childhoods. The show's theme explores the endless memories that are often the inspiration for art, especially, those memories that evoke an artist's childhood. The show features a collection of paintings, drawings, photographs, collages, sculptures, traditional and abstract concepts, and various visual media. This show commemorates the Virginia Art Commissions' *Minds Wide Open, a celebration of children and the arts*. The Art Commission declared 2012 as the Year of Children in Arts.

Childhood Memories runs April 6-29, 2012 with an opening reception to meet the artists on Friday, April 6 from 7-10 p.m.

In addition to the exhibition, Del Ray Artisans is offering a special **Clay Portrait Workshop** with Rich Jones. The weekend workshop is Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Workshop fee is \$130 members; \$140 nonmembers.

All events are at Del Ray Artisans Gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. The Gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

Now in its 20th year, 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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