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It Runs in the Family

Opening Reception: September 7th from 7–10pm

Show Dates: September 7-30, 2012

Alexandria, VA (July 8, 2012) - This exhibit explores how the need to create seems to run in families. Many artists can name at least one relative who influenced their own careers. Do we make art because we grew up in families that encouraged creativity or did we inherit the creativity gene? Interpreting "family" very loosely, Del Ray Artisans (DRA) asked area artists to show us their artistic heritage by submitting a work of art of their own, together with a collection of their family's artworks. Artists are searching out the best art in their families—inherited—or whatever they can borrow. DRA will exhibit the artwork arranged together by "family" groups so visitors can explore the differences and similarities among the artists who are connected and related to one another.

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 9 pm, May - September); 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 the curators: Michele Reday Cook at mredaycook@gmail.com and Megan R. Cook at mcm7@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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