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***Dot and Dash* Art Exhibit Opens February 1, 2013**

Opening Reception: Friday, February 1, 7–10 pm

Show Dates: February 1–24, 2013

Alexandria, VA (released: December 10, 2012) – *Dot and Dash* is an art exhibit that investigates the simplistic elements of lines and circles in artwork. It's about getting back to the basics: dot and dash. Artists deconstruct their individualized art-making processes to interpret the theme in their unique styles—showcasing two and three-dimensional work that is painterly, graphic, realistic, and abstract. The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, February 1 (7–10 pm) and runs through Sunday, February 24.

In addition to viewing the varied interpretations of this deconstructed approach to art-making, children will be encouraged to sign up for a weekend workshop. The workshop will focus on creating meaningful artwork using basic lines and shapes. Participants will then have the opportunity to have their work included in the *Dot and Dash* show. There will be a separate Children's Art reception on Friday, February 22 from 7–9 pm.

***Dot and Dash* Children's Art Workshop:** This two-hour hands-on workshop will provide the opportunity for children to express themselves by creating two quality pieces of work. They will focus on the attributes of lines and shapes in two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Fee: \$10/child for DRA members, \$12/child for non-members. The maximum number of students accepted for this workshop will be 30. Registration will be filled by first-come/first-served. Register online at TheDelRayArtisans.org/dot-dash-workshop by February 3. Open to children ages 5-12.

The show, receptions, and workshop will be at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, noon to 6 pm; Fridays, noon to 9 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 9 pm; and Sundays, 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 Amanda Wright (arook20@gmail.com) and Colleen Dolinger (colleendolinger@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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