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POWER ART art exhibit features Power Suits and Opens March 1st

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

Show Dates: March 1–31, 2013

Alexandria, VA (released: February 3, 2013) – Edgar Degas said: "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see". Power Art makes viewers see familiar things in new ways; evokes emotions, and makes an impact. It may be big, bold, and graphic, or minimalist in its approach. Philosophical or even satirical, Power Art may address civil liberties, human rights, or environmental issues. It makes the viewer stop and think about a viewpoint. Area artists were encouraged to be experimental, with no restrictions on materials. Some of the juried artworks depict emotional, physical, natural and spiritual power; others represent the power of craftsmanship, fabric, and recycled materials. The "Power Art" exhibit also includes 50 art quilts from the nationally touring "Power Suits" collection. The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, March 1 (7–10 pm) and runs through Sunday, March 31, 2013 at Del Ray Artisans (DRA) gallery.

Special Showing of Power Suits and Gallery Talk: Del Ray Artisans, as part of the "Power Art" exhibit, is honored to show 50 art quilts from the nationally touring "Power Suits" collection. These 18"x18" art quilts were created by artists from 21 states in response to a challenge issued in 2010 by nationally recognized local artists Cyndi Souder and Judy Gula. Gifted of fabric swatches from a local tailor, Souder and Gula packaged the material and offered them for free to interested quilters. Each artist in turn agreed to use the suit and shirt swatch to create a unique interpretation of the theme "Power Suits".

The resulting collection of over 100 quilts addresses widely diverse topics such as politics, family, work life, playing cards, and superheroes. Due to space limitations only about half of the art quilts can be shown in the gallery. More quilts from the collection will be on display on Saturday, March 9 at 3:00 pm during a gallery talk by Power Suits curator Cyndi Souder. This event is free, but donations are appreciated.

The show, reception, and gallery talk 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 curator Barbara Boatman (cutsewcreatestudio@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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