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## Artworks For Good exhibit: Del Ray Artisans' Fundraiser and American Cancer Society Benefit in Honor of Arts Patron Becky Arnold

Opening Reception: Friday, May 17, 7 – 10 PM Closing / Fundraiser / Benefit Reception: Saturday, June 1, 7 – 10 PM Show Dates: May 17 – June 1, 2013

**Alexandria, VA (released: April 11, 2013)** – Del Ray Artisans (DRA), a non-profit organization, is celebrating its mission to support the arts by hosting a fundraiser art exhibit titled *Artworks For Good* with an Opening Reception (Friday, May 17, 7-10 pm) and Closing / Fundraiser / Benefit Reception (Saturday, June 1, 7-10 pm). This exhibit features original artwork by area artists. Artwork is priced starting at \$100; Take-Away art starts at \$50.

The Closing / Fundraiser / Benefit Reception honors Becky Arnold who passed away last fall after a battle with cancer. Becky was a passionate supporter of the arts and helped to grow Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. There will be an open-mic auction. Proceeds from the Fundraiser / Benefit Reception will be split between Del Ray Artisans and the American Cancer Society in honor of Becky. Entrance to the Fundraiser / Benefit Reception is by \$10 ticket only.

The buyer of any exhibit artwork before the Fundraiser / Benefit Reception selects from these two options:

- 1. **Yellow Dot Sale**: The buyer commits to purchase this piece of art at the stated wall tag price, but (in the spirit of fundraising) is willing to let another buyer at the Fundraiser/Benefit Reception out-bid that price and claim the artwork.
- 2. **Red Dot Sale**: The sale is final. Full payment has been collected, and no one at the Fundraiser/Benefit Reception may bid on this artwork. To enact a red dot sale the buyer must also purchase a (tax-deductible) Fundraiser / Benefit Reception ticket for \$10.

The art exhibit and receptions are 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 <u>www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/benefit</u> or contact the curator Drew Cariaso at <u>atenart@cariaso.net</u> or 703-967-6646.

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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