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Outrageous “Del-Ray-geous” Art Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans

Opening Reception: Friday, October 4, 7–10 pm

Closing Reception & Awards: Sunday, October 27, 3–6 pm

Show Dates: October 4 – 27, 2013

Alexandria, VA (released: September 3, 2013) – Del Ray is a neighborhood in the City of Alexandria, but it’s more than just a place—it’s a creative community. Curators Lesley Hall and Dawn Wyse Hurto gathered artwork from Del Ray Artisans members about Del Ray and community—focused on the outrageous, fun, exciting, and unique—to construct the “Del-Ray-geous” art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans. In addition to exhibit artwork, there is an “Art-to-Go” Market where purchases may go home with patrons immediately. Artwork purchased from the exhibit must remain with the collection until the last weekend of the show. The exhibit will run from October 4-27, 2013.

Come to the gallery for the Opening Reception on Friday, October 4 from 7-10pm to meet many of the artists and mingle with other art appreciators. The gallery will also be open during “Art on the Avenue” (ArtOnTheAvenue.org) on Saturday, October 5 and will feature artist demonstrations and an art activity for children—don’t miss this special community event! There will also be a Closing Reception with awards on Sunday, October 27 from 3-6pm following the neighborhood Halloween Parade. Drop off donated children’s costumes for children in need at the gallery before Friday, October 25. The parade is organized by the Del Ray Business Association.

Del Ray Artisans is an active, non-profit, arts organization. During the month of October there are many spectacular events. Visit calendar.TheDelRayArtisans.org for details, and mark your calendar for:

- **Partners in Art:** Mondays, October 7 & 21, 2-4pm
- **Life Drawing Regular Sessions:** Monday, October 7, 7-9pm (Short Poses); Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-9:30pm (Long Poses)
- **Life Drawing Clothed Sessions:** Wednesday, October 9, 11am-1pm (Gesture) and 2-5pm (Long/Short Poses); Sunday, October 20, 9:30-11:30am (Gesture); Wednesday, October 23, 2-5pm (Long/Short Poses)
- **Pop-Up Sewing - Decorative Pillow Workshop:** Sunday, October 13, 11:30-1:30pm
- **Annual Member Meeting/Board Elections:** Sunday, October 20, 5-7pm
- **Craft Night Social:** Tuesday, October 22, 6-9pm

The art exhibit, receptions, and events will be at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, 12–6pm; Fridays, 12–9pm; Saturdays, 10am–9pm; and Sundays, 12–6pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org, or contact the curators Lesley Hall (lesley.ruthless@gmail.com) and Dawn Wyse Hurto (dawn@dawnds.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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