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Reincarnations Art Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans

Opening Reception: Friday, February 7 from 7-10 pm

Show Dates: February 7- March 2, 2014

Alexandria, VA (released: December 29, 2013) Waste not, want not! Trash to treasure! Carbon footprint to artist imprint! This is what this show is all about! Curator Theresa Kulstad asked artists to find form and design in objects and materials that would have been otherwise thrown away, and let us all watch as waste is "reincarnated" into incredible works. The artists may dare to delve into a dumpster and re-think rubbish! Their artworks are not limited to conventional views and may make a statement on vast amounts of waste on our planet.

This juried show is bound to be fun and thoughtful as we give "getting trashed" a whole new meaning! We are fortunate to have the respected Rosemary Luckett as juror of this show. Rosemary, a member of the Washington Sculptor Group, teaches collage and mixed media assemblage at The Art League in Alexandria and serves on the Board at Touchstone Gallery.

This show will also feature Artcyclopedia, an altered book challenge previously launched. "Artcyclopedias" were created from a set of discarded encyclopedias. Few people have used encyclopedias since the dawn of Google, but these artists saw the creative potential!

Sign up to take the "From Board Game to Book" workshop taught by Stacy Rausch on Sunday, January 19 from 12-4 pm. Stacy will show you how to create a one-of-a-kind art book using a board game as the cover with traditional book-binding methods and materials. The fee (all supplies included) is just \$48 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$53 for non-members. Register to reserve your spot at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Join us on Sunday, February 9 from 12-4 pm for a Valentine Card-Making Party hosted by Theresa Kulstad. At the gallery Theresa is setting up a "card-making station" with repurposed materials to create a "green" card for your Valentine. All supplies are provided. The event is free, but a donation for a make-and-take card is requested.

The show 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, noon to 6 pm (First Thursdays, noon to 9 pm, May - September); Fridays, noon to 9 pm; Saturdays, noon to 9 pm; and Sundays, noon to 6 pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact Theresa Kulstad at tkulstad@verizon.net.

> 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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