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***Portraits of Pop Culture* Art Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans**
Opening Reception: Friday, March 7 from 7-10 pm
Show Dates: March 7 - 30, 2014

Alexandria, VA (released: February 3, 2014) - Come see the *Portraits of Pop Culture* art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans running from March 7 through March 30, 2014. Pop culture is so pervasive in our society that it distracts the public's focus from the important issues that shape our world. Our media is populated by absurd celebrities, politicians and pundits; they drive pop culture and run from the profound to the profane.

Artists have used famous people as their subjects from before da Vinci to after Warhol. What will today's artists' portraits of pop icons reveal? Do they fascinate or irritate? Curators Zade Ramsey and Gordon Frank selected artists' most compelling cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians and other pop figures. Get the first glimpse of *Portraits of Pop Culture* by coming to the opening reception on Friday, March 7 from 7pm to 10pm.

Featured within this art exhibit is *Heads Up*, a fundraiser show for Del Ray Artisans. Del Ray Artisans members used their artistry and imagination to transform dress form heads from mannequins to works of art. These wild and crazy sculptures will be for sale by silent auction during the *Portraits of Pop Culture* exhibit. Proceeds go to support Del Ray Artisans exhibits.

The art exhibit 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, 12–9pm; 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 curator Zade Ramsey at zade.ramsey@gmail.com or Lesley Hall (Del Ray Artisans' Director of Curating) at Curating@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

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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