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## **“Make a Bird of It!” Workshop at Del Ray Artisans on September 6, 2014**

**Alexandria, VA (released: June 28, 2014)** – Come spend a morning turning new or vintage metals into an original mixed-media bird sculpture. You will take vintage metal tins, kitchen utensils, hardware pieces, and other ordinary objects, among other things, and transform them into a decorative bird or other creature. Let your imagination soar as popular local artist Laura Hummel teaches you various methods of cold connections to create this work of art.

The “Make a Bird of It!” workshop will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 9 am to 1 pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. The workshop fee is \$50 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$60 for non-members. The supply fee is only \$5 and should be paid directly to the instructor at the beginning of the workshop. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. For more information, including the supply list and registration form, please visit:

[TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop)

The “Make a Bird of It!” workshop is being held in conjunction with the “Put a Bird on It!” art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, which runs from September 5-28, 2014. Curators Barbara Boehm, Linda Elliff, and Lauren Kotkin challenged artists to repurpose ordinary objects or artworks into new mixed-media works of art. Gallery hours are: Thursdays 12-6 pm; Fridays & Saturdays 12-9 pm; and Sundays 12-6 pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

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*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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**Calendar Entry Blurb** – 35 words or fewer:

“Make a Bird of It!” mixed-media workshop (Saturday, 9/6/14, 9am-1pm). Create bird sculptures with new or vintage metal and recycled items using cold connections. Age 18+. Fee: Del Ray Artisans members \$55/\$65 non-members. Register: [TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop)

**Synopsis Blurb** – 75 words or fewer:

The “Make a Bird of It!” mixed-media sculpture workshop with artist Laura Hummel is on Saturday, September 6, 9am-1pm. Spend a morning repurposing new or vintage metals and other found objects to create a unique bird sculpture. Various cold connection techniques will be taught. Age 18+. Workshop Fee: Del Ray Artisans members \$50/\$60 non-members. Supply Fee: \$5. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. More details, supply list and registration at: [TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/BirdWorkshop)

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