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***Metamorphosis!* Art Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans**

Opening Reception: Friday, October 3 from 7-9 pm

Show Dates: October 3 – November 2, 2014

Alexandria, VA (released: August 13, 2014) – “Metamorphosis!” opens on Friday, October 3, with an artists’ reception from 7-9 pm at Del Ray Artisans gallery. This art exhibit is a juried art exhibit featuring work by local artists. The juror is Elizabeth Ann Coleman, retired director and curator emeritus of textiles and fashion at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Metamorphosis implies a distinct transformative change from one form to another, the key word being ‘change’. The artwork featured in this show demonstrates how change can be positive, negative, frightening, or enlightening; metaphorical or physical.

In conjunction with this exhibit, the curators are also offering the following special events:

- **Mask-erpiece Silent Auction** - Artists took blank, wearable masks and created mask-erpieces! These artful masks will be sold at silent auction between October 3rd and October 18th. This is a fundraiser, and 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these masks will be used to support Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- **Costume Swap** - Following a Del Ray Artisans’ membership meeting on Saturday, October 18th at 5 pm, there will be a costume swap. This will also be the last chance to bid and buy one of the creatively decorated masks in the Mask-erpiece silent auction.
- **The Halloween Ball** - Join us at the Halloween Ball on Friday, October 31st from 8 pm – 11 pm. Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Costumes required, and free entry to those who purchase (and wear) one of the artist-decorated masks.

The art exhibit and events are at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. View the art exhibit from October 3 through November 2, 2014 during gallery hours: 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. For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows or contact curators Kathy Turner (bellsonherfingers@gmail.com, 703-473-1065) or Betty Plummer (bplummer11@verizon.net, 703-892-8638) or Lesley Hall, Del Ray Artisans’ Director of Curating (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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Calendar Entry Blurb – 35 words or fewer:

“Metamorphosis” juried art exhibit (October 3-November 2) at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Transformative art embodying ‘change’. Thursday 12-6pm; Friday & Saturday 12-9pm; Sunday 12-6pm. Reception: Friday, October 3, 7-9pm. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

Synopsis Blurb – 75 words or fewer:

Transformative art embodying change. “Metamorphosis” juried art exhibit opens Friday, October 3 (reception 7-9pm) at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Artists in all media were challenged to portray the concept of change in either metaphorical or physical manner in their artwork. Juror: Elizabeth Ann Coleman. Curators: Kathy Turner and Betty Plummer. Show runs October 3 - November 2, 2014. Gallery hours: Thursday 12-6pm; Friday & Saturday 12-9pm; Sunday 12-6pm. 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

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