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Secrets of the Paper Garden: Spring Flower Workshops at Del Ray Artisans gallery

Spring Bouquet Workshop: Saturday, May 2 from 2-5 pm

Paper Flower Wreath Workshop: Sunday, May 3 from 1-4pm

Alexandria, Virginia (released: March 26, 2015) - Back by popular demand is multi-media artist Debbie Smith Mezzetta, who will teach students to “spring” into May with two delightful paper flower sculpting workshops on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 2015—just in time for Mother’s Day, summer nuptials, and other occasions!

Secrets of the Paper Garden: Spring Bouquet (Saturday, May 2 from 2-5pm) will inspire students as they learn to reinterpret nature utilizing luxurious European crepe and other fine papers! Students will learn basic sculpting techniques to create a variety of spring blooms, buds and leaves to gather into a bouquet for the home or as a gift! These strikingly beautiful flowers are pollen-free, with blooms that will never wilt and don’t require watering. The fee for the *Spring Bouquet* workshop is \$35 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$45 for non-members; plus a \$15 supplies fee will be charged to all students. Class size is limited to 12 students. Don’t wait! Register at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Bouquet

Secrets of the Paper Garden: Paper Flower Wreath (Sunday, May 3 from 1-4pm) will take the *Spring Bouquet* process a step further as Debbie guides students in designing a classic paper flower wreath for the wall or a delicate wreath floral crown—perfect for weddings! The same techniques are used to create floral garlands and swags. As with the *Spring Bouquet* workshop, students will learn how to assemble petals, centers, buds, stamen, calyx, leaves and stems to fool “Mother Nature”! The fee for the *Paper Flower Wreath* workshop is \$35 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$45 for non-members; plus a \$15 supplies fee will be charged to all students. Class size is limited to 12 students, so hurry! Register at: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Wreath

No experience is needed for either workshop and students go home with a timeless floral memento. Both workshops are part of a series being offered as part of Del Ray Artisans’ *MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media* art exhibit, which is showing at the gallery from May 1-31, 2015. If you have questions, please contact instructor Debbie Smith Mezzetta at dmezzetta@gmail.com or 703-598-2660.

Del Ray Artisans gallery is at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Regular gallery hours are: Thursdays 12–6pm; First Thursdays (May-September) 12–9pm; Fridays and Saturdays 12–9pm; and Sundays 12–6pm. The gallery is free, open to the public, and handicap accessible.

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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Paper Flower Wreath Workshop

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Join us for “Secrets of the Paper Garden: Paper Flower Wreath” workshop at Del Ray Artisans gallery, Sunday, May 3 from 1-4pm. Artist Debbie Smith Mezzetta will teach you the basics of transforming delicate Italian papers into classic floral wreaths or delicate floral crowns, swags, or garlands. No experience is necessary. Fees: \$35 Del Ray Artisans members / \$45 non-members, plus a \$15 supplies fee. Class size is limited; Register now! Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Wreath

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