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Kids Pinwheel Making Event at Del Ray Artisans Gallery Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10am-12pm

Alexandria, Virginia (released: April 2, 2015) – Del Ray Artisans is teaming up with SCAN VA (Stop Child Abuse Now, Virginia) to host a Pinwheel Making Event for children. Drop in to Del Ray Artisans gallery on Saturday, April 11 between 10am and 12pm to design and make a pinwheel for SCAN VA—and a pinwheel or two to take home! Children of all ages with an adult are invited to drop in and create. The event is free, but a \$5 donation to cover the cost of supplies would be appreciated.

SCAN (www.scanva.org) uses pinwheels as the symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention here in Northern Virginia. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please join Del Ray Artisans and SCAN VA in this Pinwheel Making Event to show your support and bring awareness to child abuse prevention. As a neighbor and community member, take notice when a child or family is struggling. Try to:

- Smile and praise the child or parent—acknowledge that parenting tough but rewarding
- Offer to listen to a parent or spend time with a child
- Connect with kids by volunteering
- Create opportunities in your community for families to build new connections in safe, supportive environments
- Invite the SCAN Speakers Bureau to talk to your community group
- Plant a pinwheel garden

Together we can make a difference. For details, visit: www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections

The Pinwheel Making Event is also being held in conjunction with a phenomenal art exhibit by T.C. Williams High School students and National Art Honor Society members. The opening reception for the exhibition is at Del Ray Artisans gallery on Friday, April 10 from 7-9pm. The exhibit runs April 10-26, 2015, and includes a silent auction to benefit the Ted Eichers Scholarship Fund. This fund, established by Del Ray Artisans, awards a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a T.C. Williams student. What a wonderful way to support our children!

Del Ray Artisans gallery is at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. 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. For details, visit: www.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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