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## **"Bridging Worlds" Artist's Talk with Lori K. Gordon at Del Ray Artisans on June 4**

**Alexandria, VA (released: May 10, 2015)** – Join Lori K. Gordon on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7pm, for her talk, "Bridging Worlds", at Del Ray Artisans gallery. This event is a special opportunity to hear about Gordon's personal journey as an artist in the ten years since Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This decade has been filled with exhibitions, artist's talks and workshops across the U.S. Her journey has also expanded to Haiti, throughout Europe, and to the Middle East and North Africa, where she recently opened an art café in the fabled city of Marrakech, Morocco.

Lori K. Gordon ([www.lorikgordon.org](http://www.lorikgordon.org)) is a visual artist, writer, teacher, and founder and president of Six Degrees Consortium ([www.sixdegreesconsortium.org](http://www.sixdegreesconsortium.org)). Her work may be found in public and private collections around the world, including the Smithsonian Institution, Mississippi Humanities Council, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Art Across Arkansas (a joint venture of Thea Foundation and William J. Clinton Foundation, President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama, and others). Gordon's work has been featured on MSNBC, CBS, NPR, in regional magazines, newspapers across the nation, and in several documentaries. She is well known for her Katrina Collection, a body of mixed-media work that incorporates detritus from the U.S.'s worst natural disaster. Six Degrees Consortium, founded by Gordon in 2001, is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Mississippi and dedicated to the idea that visual art can be a powerful means of education and cross-cultural understanding among people.

Gordon's "Bridging Worlds" talk is being held in conjunction with the "Building Bridges" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery, which runs from June 5–28, 2015. Del Ray Artisans curators Linda Elliff and Barb Boatman and Six Degrees Consortium curator Lori K. Gordon invited Del Ray Artisans members and Mississippi Gulf Coast artists to create works that visually interpret the building of bridges between peoples and cultures. For more information about the exhibit, please visit: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows)

The "Bridging Worlds" artist's talk and "Building Bridges" exhibit will be held at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Regular gallery hours are: Thursdays 12-6pm, First Thursday (May-September) 12-9pm, Fridays & 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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### Calendar Entry Blurb – 35 words or fewer:

“Bridging Worlds” artist's talk with Lori K. Gordon (Thursday, June 4, 7pm) at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Learn about Lori's survival through Hurricane Katrina and her journey from Mississippi to Morocco. FREE. Details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Gordon](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Gordon)

### Synopsis Blurb – 75 words or fewer:

The “Bridging Worlds” artist's talk with Lori K. Gordon will be held Thursday, June 4, 7pm, at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Hear about Lori's personal journey as an artist in the ten years since Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. Learn about her exhibitions and workshops, along with her incredible journey across continents, from Mississippi to Morocco, Six Degrees Consortium, and her art café in Marrakech. FREE. 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Gordon](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Gordon)

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