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## Del Ray Artisans' *Under a Summer Sun* Art Exhibit at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter

Show Dates: May 31 – September 27, 2015 Reception: Friday, June 19 from 7-9pm

Location: 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304

Alexandria, VA (released: June 7, 2015) – "Under a Summer Sun" art exhibit opened on May 31, 2015 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, as a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program, in partnership with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Please join us for a reception to view the artwork on Friday, June 19 from 7-9 pm at the animal shelter located at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.

"Under a Summer Sun" begins our second season at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. After a long, cold winter, Del Ray Artisans invited artists to create artwork depicting summer activities, events and settings using 2-dimensional media and art styles. All artwork on exhibit is available for purchase and immediate possession. Participating artists donate 40 percent of each sale, which will be shared equally by Del Ray Artisans and the Animal Welfare league of Alexandria – both 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Funds from this exhibit help support future Gallery Without Walls exhibits.

During the reception light summertime refreshments will be served, and Animal Welfare League staff will conduct tours of shelter facilities and introduce guests to current residents. Participating artists will be available to discuss their work, and a special talk ("Three Minutes with Three Artists") will be presented between 7:30 and 9:00pm. The talk features three selected artists who will present in-depth discussions of their art and the creative process.

The Vola Lawson Animal Shelter is open to the public for adoptions and viewings during the following hours: Weekdays from 12-7pm (closed Wednesdays) and on weekends from 12-5pm. The shelter is handicapped-accessible. For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW or contact Eileen O'Brien at GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org or Linda Goetz Mierke at LGMierke@gmail.com.

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

Del Ray Artisans (DRA) appreciates the continued support from the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts. DRA is a 501(c)(3) organization.











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## 35 words (or fewer) Synopsis

Del Ray Artisans and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria present "Under a Summer Sun" exhibit at the animal shelter. May 31-September 27, 2015. Tours and artist talk during reception: Friday, June 19, 7-9pm. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

## 75 words (or fewer) Synopsis

"Under a Summer Sun" art exhibit runs May 31-September 27, 2015 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria. Warm up after the long, cold winter with Del Ray Artisans' summer art exhibit and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's furry friends. Exhibit reception and "Three Minutes with Three Artists" talk is on Friday, June 19 from 7-9pm. View the exhibit on weekdays (closed Wednesday) from 12-7pm and weekends from 12-5pm. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW







