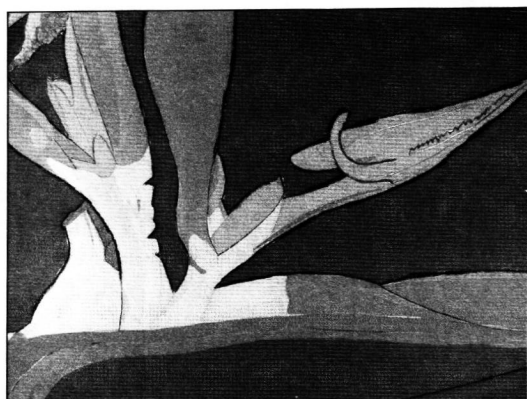


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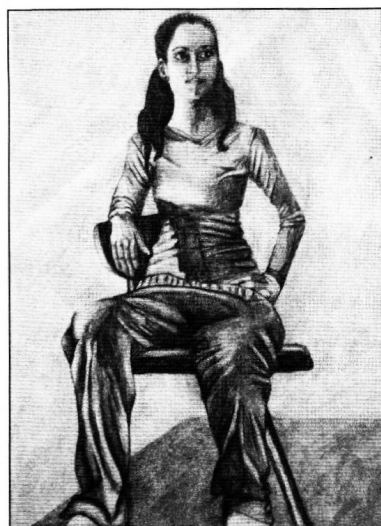
High School Art Students Show Great Talent



Tamara Wilkerson, Collage, 18 x 24



M.K. Cosier, Mixed Media 12 x 18



Hillary Clausen, Pencil Drawing from Life 18 x 24



M.K. Cosier, Acrylic on Canvas, 12 x 18

Members of T.C. Williams' National Art Honor Society will exhibit their most accomplished artwork this month at the Del Ray Artisan Gallery. Come and view their outstanding achievements at the first Thursday preview on May 3 and the opening reception on May 4. The show will hang through May 13.

These talented students will participate in all aspects of arranging, hanging and manning the show—gaining valuable experience in exhibition design and management. Member help is needed with the installation, opening and closing of the gallery. To volunteer, please contact Vicki Walchak at 703.823.0430 or vwalchak@yahoo.com.

DRA Spring Art Sale is Almost Here

The DRA Spring Art Sale takes place on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. held in Colasanto Park, adjoining the gallery. We are excited by the range of media represented, which includes the three P's—Painting, Photography, Pottery—as well as jewelry, tissue paper and pressed flower art, and a few surprises. The participants are Michele Banks (painting), Kimberley Bush (pottery), Natalie Cartner (painting), Michele Reday Cook (painting), Linda Elliff (jewelry), Caroline Faiella (jewelry), Paige Ireland (photography), Bryan Jernigan (tissue paper art), Christina Kyprianou (jewelry), Rob Rudick (photography), Jewell Lewis Terry (pottery), Joan Ulrich (ceramics), Joyce Wagner (pressed flower art), Katalin Witorsch (jewelry), and Richard Wyvill (painting).

Support your fellow artisans and bring your friends, family, and checkbooks. A few spaces are available, contact Rob Rudick at 301.270.2323 or robrudick@yahoo.com.

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Featured

Submitted by Karen Schmitz

Fave Artzy—not Fartzy—Flicks

1. **Frida** (2002) This movie about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and her on-again/off-again husband muralist, Diego Rivera is as insightful as the last passage in her diary, "I hope the leaving is joyful—and I hope never to return."
2. **Basquiat** (1996) Oh my—the 80's art scene! This movie about the quick rise and ugly fall of New York City's super art star Jean-Michel Basquiat is a must see.
3. **Born in the Brothels** (2004) This unforgettable documentary is about the hope that art-making brings to children of sex workers in the slums of Calcutta.
4. **Pollack** (2000) Pull back the curtain to experience the life, drips, spills, yells and ultimate SPLAT of moody artist, Jackson Pollack and artist wife, Lee Krasner.
5. **Modigliani** (2004) A biographical drama of the passionate yet tragic life of painter Armeo Modigliani—don't be fooled, it's fictionalized but a good flick.

If you have an idea for the Featured Five, please send it to the editor at DRAeditor@gmail.com.

Final Surge Success

The Southern Surge has receded and left in its wake overwhelming figures: 26 pieces from the juried art show were sold and sales including the *Mississippi Market* totaled over \$15,700. Everyone is thrilled for the artists from The ARTS, Hancock County, Miss. This is a record show for DRA as well as The ARTS!

Art Camp is Coming July 23-27, 2007

Kids Creative Arts Adventure for children ages 8-12 is a week of art making, July 23-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kids will have a *FUN-tastic* time: painting, drawing, collaging, sewing and even writing and performing a short filmed skit. Cost is \$250 when you register by June 15. After June 15 the cost is \$275. Lunch is included.

Camp Coordinators Karen Schmitz and Donna Byrne are looking for people who can sponsor a deserving child with a full or partial paid scholarship.

For more information please contact:
Karen at schmityk@yahoo.com or Donna at 703.532.8254, dbmarking@verizon.net

Members' Happenings & Happening Members!

Longtime DRA members and world renowned illustrators/artists, Becky Heavner and Bryan Leister are on the move. Bryan has accepted a teaching position at the University of Colorado Denver.

Becky's whimsically playful illustrations have been sprinkled all over the Del Ray community. Her green thumb can be seen in the award winning DRA garden from her time as head of the Garden Committee.

We will miss this dynamic duo and their canine companions as the "mile-high" city welcomes them with open arms and fresh air!

Congratulations to Joan Ulrich and Alison Sigethy who were juried into the Torpedo Factory Art Center 2007 Class of Artists. Joan impressed the jurors with her gorgeous ceramic vessels, while Alison dazzled them with her lustrous art glass. A belated WOW! goes out to Alison for her win of four gold medals and four silver medals in the 2006 Greenland National Kayak Championships!

The Well Crafted Word Editor Daniel Wise won the prestigious Carol Bruce Pastel award at the Art League's April Show.

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Title _____ Name(s) _____
First Middle Initial Last

Corporation Name _____

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Home _____ Work _____
Phone (____) _____ Phone (____) _____ e-Mail _____

Artist ☐ Media _____

Unless contributing as a Corporate entity or Friend of DRA, I understand that as a DRA Active Artist member I will contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours annually. These are hours non-related to the requirements of an exhibiting artist in a DRA show, as all exhibit participants are required to gallery sit or assist with other aspects of an exhibit in which they participate. Please indicate below your areas of interest:

COMMUNICATIONS: ☐ Mailings ☐ Newsletter ☐ Public Relations; **FACILITY:** ☐ Gallery Maintenance ☐ Gardening; **FINANCE:** ☐ Grants; **FUNDRAISING:** ☐ Solicitation ☐ Special Events;
GALLERY: ☐ Curating/Co-curating ☐ Hanging Shows; **HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST:** ☐ Photograph Albums/Scrapbooks; **MEMBERSHIP:** ☐ Data Input ☐ Sponsor/Corporate Solicitation; **OUTREACH:** ☐ Community Events/Activities; **PROGRAMS:** ☐ Art Camp ☐ Class Instructor ☐ Member Events;
VOLUNTEER: ☐ Telephoning; ☐ JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Dues: ☐ \$500 Gold Corporate; ☐ \$250 Silver Corporate; ☐ \$35 Friend of DRA; ☐ \$35 Active Artist;
☐ \$50 Household; ☐ \$10 Student/Senior/Disabled

Dues payable to DEL RAY ARTISANS and mail with this form to:
Del Ray Artisans, Attn. Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

Welcome New Members

- **Becky Rife**
Collage
- **Lori K. Gordon**
Mixed media
- **Mary-Pat Forrest**
Acrylic, Multi-media
- **Michael Kent**
Oils, Photography
- **Susan K. Rohyans Stump**
Pencil, Pastel, Watercolor, Pen & Ink,
Oils, Photography
- **Quinn Ramsey**
Photography
- **Marielle M. Mariano**
Painting, Drawing, Photography,
Mosaics
- **Corry Chapman**
Oil Painting
- **John Gaudet**
Author, Writer, Papyrus Consultant

Words, Art, and Poetry Spring All Member Show Celebrates All That the Del Ray Artisans Is



Words, Art, Poetry Awards Winners: (l-r) Honorable mention awards to E.A. Scheid, *Queen for a Day* (mixed media) and Patricia Uchello, *Three is the Loneliest Number* (acrylic/mixed media), and Best in Show to Alice Kale, *Concentration* (oil).

DR A members more than met the challenge for the spring all member show, *Words, Art, and Poetry*, as encouraged by co-curators Candace Clifford and David A. Kosar. The challenge was for DRA artists to think out-

side their comfort zones and use words in their works, and by doing so, a very strong spring show opened on April 13, showcasing DRA and its members at their best. Of the 125 works submitted, 100 were accepted. However, the excitement abounding from the caliber of the works submitted didn't stop there. The real excitement was in discovering that more than half of the works submitted and accepted for the show incorporated the suggested theme, showing that DRA members are not only up to meeting any art challenge but do so with artistic and creative integrity and quality. Fifty-five of the 100 works

in the show used the suggested theme. Truly a testament to all that the Del Ray Artisans is.

Among the highlights of the spring show was the announcement and presentation of three monetary awards at the opening reception. Best of Show was awarded to Alice Kale's *Concentration* (medium: oil), with two honorable mention awards going to E.A. Scheid's *Queen for a Day* (medium: mixed media) and Patricia Uchello's *Three is the Loneliest Number* (medium: acrylic/mixed media).

We also extend a very special thank you to Jean Schwartz who juried the awards and provided guidance and direction in putting the final exhibit together.

Lastly, thanks to the many volunteers who helped in putting the show together. More about these individuals and the show itself will appear in the May edition of *The Well Crafted Word*.

Gallery Hours

Saturday: noon - 4 p.m. • Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The gallery is open during all events and performances.

Contributors this month include: Kathryn Brown, Candice Clifford, Linda Elliff, David Kosar, Rob Rudick, Karen Schmitz, Jim Wickman, and Daniel Wise.

Submission Deadline: 5th of the month
preceding publication (6/5/07 for the July issue).
Editor: DRAeditor@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

3	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview
4-13		Student Art Show
5	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Spring Arts & Crafts Sale
6	4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Peer Critique
9	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing
15	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting — Ways to Play at the DRA
18-27		Master's Thesis One-artist show (Shawn Heller)
19	8 - 10 p.m.	Cinema Del Ray & DRCA House & Garden Tour
23	7 - 10 p.m.	Life Drawing

JUNE

7	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview
8-July 8		Wish You Were Here—Travel & Artists' Journals Juried Exhibition
16		Cinema Del Ray

JULY

5	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Dance Performances
21		Cinema Del Ray
23-27		Art Camp

AUGUST

2	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview of 4-Artist Show
3-26		4-Artist Show
TBD		DRA Pool Party/Pie Contest, General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

6	6 - 9 p.m.	First Thursday Preview- Fall All Member Show
7-Oct. 7		Fall All Member Show
8-9		Alexandria Festival of the Arts (in Old Town)
16	Noon - 4 p.m.	Card making Party

Del Ray Centennial

Del Ray celebrates its Centennial in 2008. A community-wide committee was formed to plan special events for the celebration. Anyone with ideas for ways DRA can participate should contact committee representative Ellyn Ferguson at elferguson@netzero.net or 703.549.2660.

Mark Your Calendars for...

Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30. The General Membership Meeting, *Ways to Play at the DRA*, will give you a sneak preview of exciting things to come at DRA, a chance to meet fellow members, and the bonus of a yummy supper!

2008 Call for Show Proposals

Put on your most creative hats and submit your ideas for exhibitions to be held at DRA in 2008. In order to select varied, interesting, and quality shows to be exhibited at the gallery, Del Ray Artisans announces a Call for Show Proposals.

All show proposal submissions will be juried at one time and recommendations will be made to the Board for final approval. The deadline for show proposals for the 2008 exhibition schedule is August 1, 2007.

For more information or to download the Show Proposal form, please visit the DRA Web site at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.