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OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Mar-Apr 2014



A Message from your President...

On March 1st, we celebrate the 1st anniversary of the grand opening for the Ocean City Center for the Arts! What a spectacular first year we have had – thanks to all of our members, patrons, sponsors, guests, and staff who have contributed to our success.

I want to personally thank all of you who participated in the Empty Bowl project held on January 31st to raise hunger awareness and benefit the ALOC and Diakonia. Through your bowl-making efforts, the contribution of soup from local restaurants and patronage at the soup dinner, we were able to raise \$6,000 to benefit both of our non-profits. The bowls turned out amazingly well, including my 1st attempt to work with clay that looked so “homemade,” LOL.

February brought yet another joint venture with the Brown Box Theater that produced four sold-out performances of “Two Wrongs” at the OC Center for the Arts. Congratulations and thanks to Kyler Taustin for bringing an engaging performance to our area.

As we anxiously wait for spring, be sure to check out our new spring 2014 schedule of classes, workshops and events. Or if you just want to hang out with artsy friends, drop in to paint or sign up to volunteer at the front desk. We hope that you always feel welcome when you pop in!

Yours in Service,
Marian Bickerstaff
410-208-2508

MEETING ROOM SPACE AVAILABLE

The new Ocean City Center for the Arts has multi-purpose meeting rooms available for group rentals, as well as the outside courtyard and grove areas, and the entire gallery for larger functions. Call the ALOC for details.

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Empty Bowl Project A Success

On behalf of the Art League of Ocean City and Diakonia, we would like to thank the hundreds of people who helped make the “Empty Bowl” project a huge success. This project was a partnership between the two non profits and was sponsored by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The program was unique as it engaged a diverse group of people in a creative effort for a good cause. Over 300 ceramic bowls were made, which were given out at a soup dinner to remind people of all the empty bowls in the world. The “Starving Artist Dinner” was the culmination of this effort, and over 200 people attended the dinner.

Thanks go out to the hard working committee members who collaborated to oversee the bowl making and present the dinner: Debbi Anderson, Lisi Ruczynski, Karen Tomosello, Margaret Kimmel, Nancy Barnas, Kathy Bohs and Sandy Glassman. Our gratitude to all the restaurants and businesses who donated the delicious soups, breads, desserts and beverages to the dinner. These civic minded businesses are what makes this area great and we appreciate their donations. They are: Fresco's, Hooked, Pickles Pub, Atlantic Hotel, Liquid Assets, The Globe, Lighthouse Sound, Bull on the Beach, Seacrets, Fenwick Wine Cellars, Bayside Wine & Spirits, Bayville Package Store, Coffee Beanery, Desserts by Rita, Dunkin Donuts and Panera bread. Thanks also to Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Superfresh and Coastal Tents for their donations.

Our appreciation goes out to the many volunteers from both organizations that came out to help set up, serve, prepare desserts and clean up at the “Starving Artist Dinner”, as well as ceramic director Erik Hertz, pottery assistant Monika Lilley and the staff of the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

100% of the proceeds of this project will go to support the missions of Diakonia and the Art League. The mission of the Art League of Ocean City is to promote the visual arts in the Ocean City area through exhibits, education, scholarship, programs and community art events. Diakonia is dedicated to building a foundation for those in crisis or who are homeless while maintaining their dignity and respect, providing hope and assistance and helping them change the direction of their lives, one step at a time. Again, we appreciate the participation and the support of all who made this unique fundraiser possible.

Rina Thaler – Executive Director Art League of Ocean City
Claudia Nagle- Executive Director Diakonia



WHO'S WHO IN THE ART LEAGUE— Karen Turner



The Art League of Ocean City wishes to extend a warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Karen Turner. As manager of the Bank of Delmarva, Ocean City Branch, she brings her expertise in finance and budget to our board. Her parents and brother and his family all live in Salisbury where she was born and attended Salisbury University. "I was the only one who ventured away," says Karen, "as far as Ocean City."

After graduation, Karen received a Masters degree from the University of Maryland Banking School in Annapolis. Family is very important to her, especially her six-year-old son, Mason. They love the OC summers, boating and having fun at the beach.

About five years ago, in association with friend and local accountant, Phillip Chung, Karen started the United Spirit Christmas Campaign which helps underprivileged students with their Christmas shopping. The schools provide the names of families who may need assistance, and with the help of many local businesses, the USCC is able to provide kids with the fun of choosing and giving gifts at Christmas time.

Karen says her art is limited to drawing and painting with her young son, but she loves blown glass, Jeffrey Auxer being one of her favorite artists. She loved being invited to be part of the art community through the Art League. Karen also belongs to the OC Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Ocean City, and through her bank, is an ongoing sponsor of the Art League.

~ Stasia Heubeck

Opportunities to Exhibit in 2014

The Ocean City Center for the Arts offers many opportunities for artists to create and exhibit their work, including:

- ▶ Rent a studio for a year
- ▶ Rent the Artist in Residence studio for a month
- ▶ Be the featured Spotlight member artist for a month
- ▶ Enter a competition show
- ▶ Display your work at the Convention Center or Chamber of Commerce exhibits

For Information on these and other opportunities, contact Executive Director Rina Thaler at rthaler@artleagueofoceancity.org and be sure to check out the call to artists page on our website.



**Spot Light
Gallery Artist
March
Thursday Drop-in
Painters
April
Aina Nergaard-
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Special Events at the Ocean City Center for the Arts

Shirley Hall Memorial Youth Art Exhibit

Saturday & Sunday, March 8-9

11:00 am— 4:00 pm

Remarkable show of artwork from talented local middle school and high school students.

Cost: FREE

Artist Talks

Dates: Thursday, March 20—Topic: "Pablo Picasso" led by Stasia Heubeck

Thursday, April 10 — Topic: "The Origins of Modern Art" led by Marina Borovok

Time: 7-9 pm

Join us for an evening of art. Each night will feature a lecture and discussion about a different topic.

Cost: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members each night. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Save the Date!

Arts Alive — June 14-15

Visit the ALOC's booth at the annual festival! Artists/ Volunteers needed.

Save the Date!

Sandcastle Home Tour September 18 & 19

10th Annual Tour

Workshops

Animals in Art Workshop

Tuesday and Wednesday March 18, 19, 10:00 am—4:00 pm, Instructor: Lynne Lockhart, Whether you want to paint your pet's portrait or include animals as part of your landscapes, this class will help you to improve your skills. All levels invited, beginners encouraged. Paint in the medium of your choice. Cost: \$135 for members, \$165 for non members.

Jewelry Making with Sue Stockman

Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, take one or both days, 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Day one (April 26): Power bracelets: simple forged copper or brass bracelet that can be embellished with smaller gauge wire and a plethora of glass beads, tones and beach glass. Learn all the techniques need to create a piece of jewelry that recognizes your individuality and unique journey. Day two (April 27): Forged necklace, pin or earrings. Similar techniques to day 1 but add in beaded necklace and learning to make findings and wire wrapping. Cost: \$45 for members, \$65 for non members per day. \$40 materials fee due at registration.

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Upcoming 2014 Classes

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Pottery Classes

Clay Day

Saturdays, March 8, April 12, 1:30-3:00 pm, Instructor Erik Hertz
Do something fun with the family for the day and come play with clay! Parents and their children are invited to spend the afternoon in our pottery studio. You will be able to complete a project in one day. Please allow at least two weeks for glazing and firing before your piece will be ready to take home. Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non members. Includes all materials, clay, glazing and firing.

Kids After-School Pottery

Ages 7 and up, Tuesdays and Thursdays, March-June, 4:30-5:30 pm, Kids love to play with clay and express themselves with a variety of projects as they build hand-eye coordination and have a great time! Includes all materials, clay, glazing and firing. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non members per session. Sign up for a 4 session pass: \$72 for members, \$90 for non members. (4 session passes available by phone or walk in only, not available online)

Teen and Adult Pottery

Ages: 14 and up, Tuesdays and Thursdays, March-June, 6:00-8:00 pm, This class will explore both hand building and wheel techniques. Learn how to throw, glaze, and build your ceramic skills. Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non members per session. Sign up for 6 sessions: \$180 for members, \$216 for non members. (6 session passes available by phone or walk in only, not available online)

Pasta and Pottery

Wednesdays March 19 & April 23, 5:30-8:00 pm, Instructor: Erik Hertz, Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner with wine, and then make your own pottery creation in our pottery studio. Projects vary monthly, no experience necessary! Must be 21 to be served wine. Soft drinks will be available. Cost: \$50 for members, \$55 for non members. Includes dinner, clay, firing and supplies.

Painting Classes

Paint with Geri

Wednesdays April 9, 23, 10:00 am— 1:00 pm, Instructor: Gerilyn Gaskill, Watch watercolor demonstrations and try your hand as you paint along with Geri! Have fun while you create a painting of your own or one based on the lesson's demo. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non members per session.

Beginners and Beyond, Watercolors

Monday-Wednesday April 14-16, 9:00 am — 2:00 pm, Instructor Barbara Doyle Schmid, Popular monthly watercolor class for artists of all levels! Must register directly with instructor. Please call (410) 208-0219 to register. Cost: \$75 for members, \$90 for non members.

Brushes and Bubbly

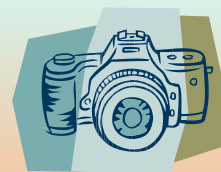
Wednesdays March 12, April 16, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, Instructor: Kathi Stevens, Bring your friends, a snack, and an adult beverage and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of painting. We supply the canvases, paints, brushes, cups, music and an artist to guide you. Complete a work of art in one night. No prior experience necessary! Bring your own beverage and snack. Cost: \$36 for members, \$40 for non members.

Drawing Classes

Drawing Essentials

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1:00-4:00 pm, Instructor: Marina Borovok, Learn how to use common drawing media to help you build your own portfolio. Subjects may include: still life, interiors, landscapes, portraits and figures. Topics include: form, space, proportion, light, shadow, linear perspective, atmospheric perspective, vanishing point, values, transparencies and reflections. Previous drawing is helpful, but not necessary. Cost: \$120 for members, \$145 for non members each month (4 sessions).

Photography Classes



Basics of Photography

Tuesdays March 25, April 1, 8, 10:30- noon each day, Instructor: Don Lehman, Together, we will be making photographs that explore personal expression and we will discuss the use of light, composition, focus and exposure. An emphasis will be placed on getting the camera out of the "auto mode" and exploring useful manual controls. Experience is not necessary but you will need to have a Digital Single Lens Reflex Camera. If you want to take the class but have not yet purchased a DSLR, let us know. There are a few cameras available for loan during the workshop sessions. Cost: \$90 for members, \$105 for non members (3 sessions)

Kids Classes

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Cookies and Canvas

Saturday April 5, 1:00-3:00 pm, Instructor: Kathi Stevens, An afternoon of painting fun for kids! We supply canvases, paints, brushes, cookies, music and an artist to guide you. Complete a work of art in one afternoon. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non members.

Thursday Drop-in Painters

This month, the Spotlight Gallery is featuring several members of the Art League of Ocean City who regularly gather to paint at the OC Center for the Arts on Thursday mornings. These artists are oil and watercolor artists with varying backgrounds and experience. Bring your own supplies and join our drop in painters Thursdays from 10am-1pm for open studio time and a chance to paint with other artists. The cost is \$3 and is open to all members.

Judy Benton paints in a variety of media including: oils, acrylics, watercolor, and collage. "I approach my artwork with improvisational ideas inspired by nature, my musical background and memory interpretations."



George Hamaty is an oil painter inspired by the Impressionists and Renaissance painters. He has been painting his whole life and studied art at the National School of Art in Washington, Montgomery College, and American University. Since moving to the area 15 years ago, George has been active in the community with such organizations as the Art League of Ocean City, Worcester County Arts Council, and the Elks.

Stasia Heubeck is an oil painter, but enjoys painting in pastel and watercolor. The Schuler School, a nationally known art school in Baltimore, where Stasia attended in the 1980s, has been a driving force behind her artistic career. Though primarily a portrait painter, she also paints landscapes, still life and miniatures. "The Art League has given me wonderful opportunities to exhibit, teach and paint with other artists." Stasia has been a member of the Art League of Ocean City for 13 years, exhibiting and teaching classes for children and adults.



Connie Kelleher is a watercolor painter and has been painting all of her life. "I have found joy in being part of the Thursday drop-in group."

Barbara Stitcher is a landscape painter who works in a variety of media, from watercolor to oil. She received her BFA from Salisbury University and is a lifetime member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

Jody Veader is a graduate of West VA University, BA, and Towson University, Master of Art Education. Since then, she has taught Elementary Art in Baltimore City for 10 years, worked on the Ocean City boardwalk for 15 years as a portrait artist, owned a portrait shop in Shantytown, and taught Art Instruction for 27 years at the Ocean City Senior Center. In addition to her impressive resume, Jody also served on the Art League of Ocean City board from 1980s—2010.



Photos



from the
**Starving
Artists
Dinner**



and the
**February
Friday Night
Opening
Reception**



80th Street in
Ocean City

Dine & Donate

March 12
4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

25% of all the evening's food
sales will be donated directly to
the Art League of Ocean City

Join us at...



Drop In and Paint!

**Watercolor — Tuesdays, March 4, 18, & 25,
April 1, 8, 22, & 29**

**All Media — Every Thursday
10:00 am — 1:00 pm
Cost: \$ 3.00**

**Bring your supplies and paint with others
No Instructor**

Join us at the Opening Receptions
for the March and April Exhibits
at the Ocean City Center for the Arts

Friday March 7 from 5-7 pm

Friday April 4 from 5-7 pm

March In the Thaler Gallery

Featured Artists are Leslie Belloso, John Schisler, and Pete Hassler



Leslie Belloso's
"Bathroom Sink"



John Schisler's
"Peeled Orange"



Pete Hassler's
"Dolphin2"

March In the Galleria

Theme — "People"

All media, 2D artwork competition by members and local artists. Cash prizes awarded. Judge: Laura Era, Troika Gallery

April In the Thaler Gallery

Juried Corporate Sponsor Show

All media, artist choice of theme, 2D and 3D artwork by members and local artists. Cash prizes awarded. Juror: Kent Kimmel, Professor, Salisbury University

April In the Galleria

Fiber Arts Exhibit

Featuring members of the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (F.A.C.E.S.) of Denton, MD — a destination for Fiber Arts on the Eastern Shore. The ALOC is pleased to welcome them to the OC Center for the Arts.

First Friday Opening Receptions are
always free and open to the public and are a
wonderful opportunity to meet the artists.
Complimentary refreshments are served.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

March — Jan Bain



Join Jan on Saturday, March 15
Meet & Greet 11:00—1:00
Painting Demonstration 1:00—3:00

Jan will be in her Art Center studio
every Fri & Sat during March

April — Monika Lilley

Save the Date!

Look for details in future newsletters and on our website

Plein Air — August 7-10 **Artists Paint OC**

Artists will take to the boardwalk, streets, harbors, bay & marshes to paint in the open air. Registration now being accepted.



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2014 Exhibit Schedule

MARCH—People All Media—2D only

First Friday Reception March 7, 5-7 pm

APRIL—Juried, All Media, 2D & 3D, Corporate Sponsor Show

First Friday Reception April 4, 5-7 pm

MAY—Views of the Eastern Shore—All Media—2D only

First Friday Reception May 2, 5-7 pm

JUNE—Photography and Digital Media

First Friday Reception June 6, 5-7 pm

JULY—Juried, All Media, 2D & 3D, Beverly Bassford Show

First Friday* Reception July 3 (*Thursday), 5-7 pm

AUGUST—Summer—All Media—2D only

First Friday Reception August 1, 5-7 pm

SEPTEMBER—Paintings from the Plein Air Event

First Friday Reception September 5, 5-7 pm

OCTOBER—Abstract—All Media—2D only

First Friday Reception October 3, 5-7 pm

NOVEMBER—Members Only Juried All Media 2D & 3D (two month show)

First Friday Reception November 7, 5-7 pm

DECEMBER—Members Only Juried All Media 2D & 3D (two month show)

First Friday Reception December 5, 5-7 pm

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