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#### A Message from your President...

With the arrival of spring, there is resurgence of life in Ocean City!! Thankfully, ART has been alive all winter with well-attended classes and new exhibits each month. Several area social groups toured the facility and the OC Center for the Arts was a school field trip destination.

April's exhibit was dedicated to thanking all of our corporate sponsors who play a large role in our continued success. In addition to various levels of monetary donations, other businesses have chosen to give us in-kind gifts of labor, food, discounts and expertise. We thank you one and all for your continued support and ask our members to patronize our sponsors who are listed on the last page of our newsletter and on our website. If you are interested in adding your business to this growing list, please contact Barbara Melone at 410-726-9450.

I hope you will all take a look at our Spring schedule and sign up for workshops and classes and some volunteer time. Although we have a great staff, we still need volunteers to assist at the front desk and at other events. Please give staff member, Mallory Hanback, a call to fill a time slot!

And...drum roll...look for our logo now being painted on the 94<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tower!!

Yours in Service.

Marian Bickerstaff 410-208-2508

#### 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.





Voted Best Art Gallery in Worcester & Wicomico Counties May-Jun 2014







Save the Date!
Sandcastle Home Tour
September 18 & 19
10th Annual Tour

#### Art is Blooming in Ocean City!

Of the thousands of buildings in Ocean City, there is only one dedicated to people creating and enjoying art: the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

Our upcoming spring calendar is brimming with ways that people of all ages and abilities can both create and enjoy the arts, both here in our building and out in our community.

Are you looking for a way to engage your children or grand-children in a creative activity? Programs like: cookies and canvas, after school pottery, family clay day, pizza and pottery and the ever popular art adventure camp, build self esteem and provide an expressive outlet for kids.

Do you just want a girls night out, or a date night with your special someone? Check out our monthly Brushes and Bubbly and Pasta and Pottery programs, where anyone can enjoy a fun, stress free evening and create a finished piece of art in just one session; with no prior knowledge needed.

Have you always wanted to learn how to draw or paint but kids and careers have come first? Now is your chance to take a class or private lesson. Whether you are just starting out, or trying to advance your skills, there is a something on our schedule for you.

Perhaps you just appreciate the art created by others. Join us for our free monthly "First Friday" receptions from 5-7 PM. Our featured exhibits and local artist shows are inspiring and entertaining. They provide an excellent opportunity to view and collect original art while mingling with the artists.

Don't forget to visit our booth at Arts Alive, Ocean City's fine art festival June 14 & 15. Held at Northside Park around the picturesque lagoon, this two day juried event brings artists and artisans from all over the country to our community.

So while the flowers are starting to bloom outside, be inspired to grow and express yourself here at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

Looking forward to seeing you here, Rina Thaler, Executive Director

# WHO'S WHO IN THE ART LEAGUE— Nancy Fortney



Because Nancy Fortney came to a luncheon held by the Art League, and liked what was being said, she signed up for several committees. Now, she is a member of our Board of Directors and helps with Hospitality, Exhibits, and the Home Tour.

Nancy was born and raised in Salisbury, earned her masters degree at Salisbury University, and pursued a career in the Worcester County public schools. In the summers, she worked in Ocean City as an inspector for the Worcester County Dept. of Health, and decided to move here.

She never seemed to have time for outside interests until retirement. But now, Nancy has given of herself and volunteered for many organizations. She belongs to the Society of Women Leaders which raises funds for the local chapter of the Red Cross. One such event is the Elevator Luncheon which gives attendees 60 seconds, the time one would have to engage someone in conversation in an elevator, to pitch their business or organization. Other Red Cross fund-raising events, sponsored by the Society of Women Leaders, are a golf tournament in September and a holiday lunch in December.

Nancy is a commissioner on the Worcester County Commission for Women, a group that promotes equality for women. She works with the Friends of the WCCW on the McGuffey Reader project, the G.O.L.D. committee (Giving Other Lives Dignity), and the Suddenly Single committee. In October, she will be helping with Strides for Cancer on the Boardwalk, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. She also works on their Pink Ribbon Campaign.

Nancy is very active in her church, the Fenwick Island Baptist Church, and often travels to see her son in San Diego and her granddaughter in San Antonio. She also enjoys reading, gardening, and exercising at Gold's Gym. Recently, Nancy has enrolled in a drawing class with Marina Borovok which she says is proving to be quite a challenge.

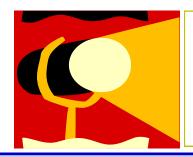
— Stasia Heubeck

#### 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

May Paige Ruby June Olivia Smith

#### **Special Events**

#### ALOC and OC "Play it Safe" Event Tie Dying T-Shirts

Saturday, May 31 & Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.— Noon, Cost: FREE (open to first 100 high school seniors) Volunteers needed to help set up and keep supplies full from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. both days. No experience needed!

#### **Arts Alive**

Saturday & Sunday, June 14—15, Visit the Art League of Ocean City's booth at the annual Arts Alive fine arts festival, located at Northside Park on 125th Street in Ocean City. Artists and volunteers needed.

Call 410-524-9433 to volunteer for either event.

#### **Member News**

Kathy Gibson's paintings were on exhibit recently in several Berlin retail locations.

Phyllis Jaffe recently returned from exhibiting her art at the ArtExpo-New York Art Fair.

Aina Nergaard-Nammack's painting was accepted by The Art League of Alexandria, VA for a recent juried show.

"Three Artist Friends" (Suzanne Wilson, Mary Murphy, & Betty Latourney) are displaying their artwork at the Ocean Pines library during the month of May. They will also be featured at the Ocean City library in September.

Paige Ruby is presenting a watercolor abstract demo and discussion at the Delaware Watercolor Society meeting on May 13, 10—12 noon in Rehoboth.

Jeanne Mueller, Joyce Condry, Tara Grim, Anne Hanna, Laura Hickman, Sonia Hunt, Lesley McCaskill, Pat Riordan, Dianne Shearon, Dale Sheldon, Peggy Warfield, Cheryl Wisbrock, and Rina Thaler will be showing their work at the anniversary reception for Gallery One on May 10, 5-7 pm.

#### MEETING ROOM SPACE AVAILABLE

The new Ocean City Center for the Arts has multipurpose 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.

#### **Upcoming 2014 Classes**

Register for classes by calling 410.524.9433 or online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org

#### **Pottery Classes**

#### **Teen and Adult Pottery**

Ages: 14 and up, Tuesdays 10:00 am—12:00 pm, Thursdays, 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 May 21, June 18, 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! This month you can make a vase or a sand castle. 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.

#### Family Clay Day (see Kids Classes)

**Kids After-School Pottery (see Kids Classes)** 

#### **Painting Classes**

#### Paint with Geri

Wednesdays May 21, 28, June 4, 25, 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 May 12-14, June 9-11, 9:00 am — 2:00 pm, Instructor Barbara Doyle Schmid. Popular monthly water-color 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, May 14, June 11, 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.

#### Oil Painting "Alla-Prima" with David Simpson

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m. "Alla-prima" or "wet-on-wet" is a technique where layers of wet paint are applied to previous layers of wet paint. This enjoyable and energetic oil painting course will focus on brush and palette knife techniques as well as mixing original color palettes. There will be demonstrations, brief review of historical paintings, as well as small group critiques. Complete a painting and develop your skills with this lively painting technique. Cost: \$80 for members, \$100 for non members.

#### **Drawing Classes**



### **Turning Lines into Form, Pencil Drawing with David Simpson**

Saturday, May 17, 12:00—4:00 pm.

Learn how to draw or strengthen your current drawing abilities. Learn techniques in developing line, shading, and form. There will be demonstrations and students will produce their own drawings. Develop techniques that will improve your art making ability across a variety of media. Cost: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

#### **Drawing Basics and Beyond with Brooke Rogers**

June 3-5, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Develop drawing strategies for both beginning and intermediate skill levels. Use these strategies to enhance your creative works, whatever your particular area of interest. Focus on line, proportion, and composition. Utilizing pencil and charcoal, move towards an understanding of light and shadow as means of enhancing a drawing's credibility and impact. Cost: \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members.

#### **Kids Classes**

#### **Family Clay Day**

Saturdays May 10, June 14, 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 creating a pottery sand castle. You will be able to complete your 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, Every Thursday, 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.)

#### Pizza and Pottery

Ages: 7 and up, Fridays, May 30, June 27, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm, Instructor: Erik Hertz. Enjoy a pizza dinner, then play with clay and complete a sand castle in our pottery studio. 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 dinner, clay, materials, glazing and firing.

#### **Cookies and Canvas**

Saturdays May 3, June 7, 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.

#### **Workshops**

## Adventures in Creativity, Collage, and Watermedia with Nita Leland

May 5—9, 9:00 am—4:00 pm with lunch break. Nationally renowned artist Nita Leland will free your creative spirit and put the emphasis on you. Begin by discovering how to access your creativity in sketches: capturing ideas, images, and quotations in a sketchbook. Try new color and design ideas; experiment with abstraction; play with mixed media, learn basic collage techniques and more. You'll benefit from helpful daily critiques that are tailored to every skill level and useful tips on goal setting in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Those who wish may work in watermedia only. A free private consultation on one or two pieces of current work is optional. Cost: \$375 for members, \$470 for non members.

#### Painting Workshop with Kevin Fitzgerald

Monday– Wednesday, June 16—18, 10:00 am—3:00 pm each day. This class is for painters of all mediums. Kevin's painting is inspired by the works of the old masters as they relate to current forms. He believes that through painting one can become especially aware of the beauty around us. This class will include a tour of his studio and an optional plein air session, weather permitting. Cost: \$125 for members, \$150 for non members.

## Register for workshops by calling 410-524-9433 or online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Painting with Roger Dellar Popular Painter from England Returns to Ocean City Center for the Arts

Saturday, September 27—10 am-4pm Sunday, September 28—9 am-3pm



\$65 for Members/\$78 for Non-Members per Day Both Days--\$120 for Members/\$144 for Non-Members

. The workshop will include cityscapes, putting people in paintings, perspective, tone, use of color and much more. Roger Dellar will do his demonstrations in oil but he welcomes painters of all media and skill levels. Mr. Dellar works from his studio in Surrey, England. He has a keen interest in people and their behavior, and is fascinated by the way the play of light transforms a subject either working in the studio or plein air. He is a member of The Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour, The Pastel Society, and The Royal Institute of Oil Painters. He is represented in the USA by The Peninsula Gallery in Lewes, Delaware

The workshop will be held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on  $94^{\rm th}$  Street

To Register: Call the Art League410-524-9433 or Register Online at <u>www.artleagueofoceancity.org</u>

#### **Drop In and Paint!**

Watercolor — Tuesdays, May 6, 20, 27, June 3, 17, 24

All Media — Every Thursday 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Cost: \$ 3.00 Bring your supplies and paint with others

**No Instructor** 



Artist in Residence in Studio D, Gerilyn Gaskill will be teaching her popular "Paint with Geri" classes on Wednesdays during her April-June residency.



Aina-Nergaard-Nammack with her abstract paintings.



Fiber Artist, Monika Lilley spinning from her pet rabbit.

Photos from the
April
Friday Night
Opening
Reception



Artist Debra Howard with her Best in Show painting, "The Tree Farm."



Winners from the April Corporate Sponsor Exhibit: Debra Howard, Corporate Sponsor Award; Myrna McGrath, Honorable Mention; David Simpson, Honorable Mention; Pete Hassler, Second Place; Elaine Bean, Third Place; Judy Benton, Dr. Kent Kimmel, Exhibit Judge; Marian Bickerstaff, ALOC President.

#### **Drop In for Pottery Open Studio!**

During regular gallery hours: 11:00 am—4:00 pm

Cost: \$50 monthly pass + \$2.50/lb. of clay (finished work)

Perquisite: 4 previous classes or prior approval

**No Instructor** 

Join us at the Opening Receptions for the May and June Exhibits at the Ocean City Center for the Arts Friday May 2 from 5-7 pm Friday June 6 from 5-7 pm

May
In the Thaler Gallery
Featured Artists from the
Baltimore Watercolor Society



Anne Hanna's "Bountiful Lite"

#### May In the Galleria

Theme — "Views of the Eastern Shore"
All media, 2D artwork competition by members and local artists. Cash prizes awarded. Judge: David O. Bunting

#### June In the Thaler Gallery

Featured Artists Richard Alan Fox and Jonathan Spivak



Richard Alan Fox

## June In the Galleria

Photography and Digital Media competition by members and local artists. Cash prizes awarded. Judge: Dean Peterson, Professor, Salisbury University

#### **ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE**

May

June

**Teri Edgeworth** 

Sandra Esham 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.



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#### 2014 Exhibit Schedule

## 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

SECOND Friday Reception July 11, 5-7 pm

#### AUGUST—Kevin Fitzgerald Opening

First Friday Reception August 1, 5-7 pm

Paintings from the Plein Air Event Wet Paint

Sale, August 9, 6-8 pm

#### SEPTEMBER—Artist Choice—All Media—2D

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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