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**Photography and “Father & Son” exhibits open on First Friday,
June 3
at the Ocean City Center for the Arts**

OCEAN CITY, MD — May 30, 2016 — “Father & Son,” a show of art by two pairs of real-life fathers and sons timed to honor Father’s Day, will be on display through June at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The public is invited to the free opening reception on First Friday, June 3, from 5-7 p.m. to meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Also opening on First Friday in the Thaler Gallery is the annual group photography and digital media show.

Delaware artists Chase and Gregg Rosner have two unique approaches to art. Father Chase is a retired graphic artist and old-house restorer who now sculpts in wood, with the objective of capturing the subject’s essence. Son Gregg, who works as the manager for Rehoboth Bay Sailing Club and volunteers for MERR and the Surfrider Foundation, works in photography, sculpture and mixed media, and has produced impressions of his father for this show.

Maryland artists Dean and Christian Peterson also have their independent visions. Father Dean, who currently teaches photography and digital imaging at Salisbury University, uses various photographic processes to explore his ongoing interest in abstract image making. Son Christian works in bold, graphic colors with imagery that represents singular moments in his life's journey, from high-energy music concerts to clean barreling waves.

Painter Becky Simonds occupies Studio E in June. Born in Baltimore and currently residing in Ocean Pines, she attended the Baum School of Art in Allentown, Pa. and paints in oils and watercolors.

The Spotlight Gallery hosts Susan Buyer, who enjoyed a long career at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda before moving to Berlin. She works in encaustic, a mixture of natural beeswax and damar resin (crystallized tree sap) that adds translucency to her art.

Berlin resident Bonnie Preziosi is the artisan in residence for June. A graduate of MICA and an avid surfer, she makes nature-inspired, one-of-a-kind jewelry, often embellished with crochet.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events. The arts center is supported by memberships, donations, sales of art, and corporate and civic funding (in part by the Worcester County Arts Council).

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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Father and son Chase Rosner, left, and Gregg Rosner, right — joined by mother and wife Mary Lou Rosner, center, also an artist – will display their art as part of June’s “Father & Son” exhibition opening on First Friday, June 3 at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The exhibit celebrates Father’s Day on June 19.

