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**The art of the written word is featured at two free events  
at the Ocean City Center for the Arts**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Jan. 9, 2017** — On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the writers and visual artists of “Shared Visions,” the January show at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, will come together to discuss what inspired their collaboration in a free presentation, open to the public, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome. A free reception follows the presentation with food provided by Rosenfeld’s Deli.

“Shared Visions” is a partnership between the Art League of Ocean City and the Ocean City branch of the Worcester County Library, home of the Ocean City Writers Group, headed by Ruth Wanberg-Alcorn. The Art League invited local visual artists to submit a significant piece of art. Then the Writers Group composed poetry and prose to accompany the artwork. In all, 19 writers and 22 artists collaborated for the “Shared Visions” show.

“This is the fourth year for the collaboration,” said Rina Thaler, executive director of the Ocean City Center for the Arts. “It is a great coming together of words and images and demonstrates the different forms of self expression.”

On Thursday, Jan. 19 from 5 – 7 p.m., Connie Hall will present a free seminar entitled “Working Magic with Words” for adults and teens 16 and older. Hall is a recently retired AP English teacher from Worcester Prep High School who has mentored budding local writers for many years.

The free class is for hobby writers or anyone thinking about writing professionally. Hall will engage students in a close study of prose, poetry and creative non-fiction, giving attendees the tools they need to work on their own. Pre-registration is suggested by call the Arts Center at 410-524-9433.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> 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, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art.

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

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