

A Message from your President...

Those of us who bravely withstood the seemingly endless winter really appreciated all the winter activities at the Art League of Ocean City! Our February opening reception drew a crowd of nearly 300 people and many people took advantage of winter classes, the Brown Box Theater production, bowl making and special events held in partnership with several other area non-profits.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our bowl making project again this year and I hope that you will join us for the Empty Bowl soup dinner on March 21st. Proceeds from the donations for the bowls will be shared with Diakonia, our local non-profit caring for the homeless.

April's opening reception will be dedicated to our corporate sponsors who play a large role in our continued success. We are grateful for each monetary gift as well as 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 Corporate Partners listed on the last page of our newsletter and on our website. We have recently upgraded our Corporate Partner levels and associated benefits which include sponsorships of several of our special activities. If you are interested in becoming a partner or increasing your level of giving, you can find this information on the ALOC's website as well as in the gallery. Be sure to take a look at our spring schedule featuring workshops, classes other events and sign up for some volunteer time!

Yours in Service, Marian Bickerstaff, President



Gallery in Worcester County

Saturday—Sunday 11 am to 4 pm



Empty Bowl Project Soup Dinner SAT., MARCH 21, 2015 5—8 PM See Flier Inside!

College Scholarships

The Art League of Ocean City is offering support to local young artists by awarding up to five \$1,000 scholarships to students who pursue a college degree in visual arts. The Art League invites students who are residents of Worcester County to apply by April 8, 2015. The application is available online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org>scholarships. Call 410-524-9433 for more information.

Thank you to all who participated in the "Name Your Newsletter" contest. We received a number of excellent suggestions and we're pleased to announce the winner has been

chosen. Patti Selig suggested "Art Matters" for the new newsletter name, and we agree, it encompasses exactly the message we would like to convey about art in our community and beyond. In addition to bragging rights, Patti wins \$25.00 toward a class given at the Art Center. Congratulations, Patti! We'll be working to develop an appropriate title format to go along with our masthead. Look for it in the future. ~ Gail Philippi, Newsletter Editor

Our Team Has Grown!

To accommodate our extended hours and growing schedule of classes and events, the Board of Directors of the ALOC included additional staffing in our 2015 budget. We are pleased to report that after a widespread search for candidates, the position of Education Coordinator has been filled by Katrin Huber. As an artist and experienced project manager, Katrin brings a wide range of skills to the position, and you can expect some new and exciting programs in the future. We are also pleased to welcome Elaine Bean to the position of Publicity and Marketing Coordinator. Elaine is an experienced reporter, photographer, and graphic designer. Our staff is here to answer your questions and listen to your input. Below are the email contacts and titles of our team members:

Rina Thaler	Executive Director	
Jacquie Warden	Office Manager	
Katie Rosinski	Gallery Manager	
Mallory Hanback	Volunteer & Events Coordinator	
Nancy Barnas	Pottery Studio Assistant	
Katrin Huber	Education Coordinator	
Elaine Bean	Publicity/Marketing Coordinator	

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Upcoming 2015 Classes

Register for classes by calling 410.524.9433 or online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org Private and semi-private lessons in a variety of media are available. Please call for more information.

Painting Classes

"Local Color" Watercolors with Geri

Wednesdays, March 4, 25, April 1, 29, 10 am — 1 pm, Instructor: Gerilyn Gaskill. Watch watercolor demonstrations and try your hand as you paint along with Geri! Have fun while you learn to capture the "local color" in watercolors. Artists of all levels are welcome. Bring what supplies you have and we will supplement. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non members per session.

Beginners and Beyond, Watercolors with Barbara Doyle Schmid

Mon.—Wed., Mar. 9 —11, Apr. 13 —15, 9 am — 2 pm. Popular monthly watercolor class for artists of all levels! Must register directly with instructor. Call (410) 208-0219 to register. Cost: \$75 for members, \$90 for non members.

Brushes and Bubbly

Wednesdays, Mar.11, Åpr. 8, 6:30 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! Cost: \$36 members, \$40 nonmembers.

Watercolor Workshop with Willie Crockett

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 am —Wednesday, March 18, 4:00 pm. Willie Crockett's workshops are always popular and fill up quickly. His paintings are recognized as among the most honest portrayals of the Chesapeake's drama and beauty. Best known for his wildlife art, Willie transmits to his paintings an ever fresh view of the Eastern Shore landscape, the wildfowl and the marsh. Cost: \$ 120 members, \$144 nonmembers.

"Landscapes and Bayscapes" Sky, Water, and Reflections with Keith Whitelock

Monday, April 20, 10:00 am—Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 pm. Keith Whitelock's paintings feature Chesapeake Bay-themed, realistic subjects rendered in transparent watercolor. He will share his thoughts and methods of dealing with these and all other elements in a typical painting. He does several demos and he discusses all of his materials and favorite tools (including color selection, mixing, and brush use.) Attendees will paint their own subjects or a version of the demo(s) with individual attention, demonstrations, and class discussions. Participants should have experience in basic drawing and some watercolor experience. Instruction is tailored to each individual's experience level to best keep the learning fun. Cost: \$150 members, \$180 non-members.

Pottery Classes

Family Clay Day

Saturday, March 14, April 11, 1:30—3:00 pm, All ages fun for kids, parents, grandparents, and everything in between! Spend the afternoon in our pottery studio and make a project out of clay. Each month will feature a new masterpiece. *All ages are welcome to attend, although children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.* Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Includes clay, firing, and supplies.

Sip and Ceramics

Wednesday, March 18, April 15, 5:30–7:30 pm. Bring your friends, a snack, and an adult beverage and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of pottery! Ceramics director Erik Hertz will guide you through step-by-step a fun and functional pottery project — no experience necessary! Perfect for date night or a girls night out! Projects will vary monthly. Bring your own beverage and a snack. Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Includes clay, glazing, firing, and all supplies.

Adult Pottery

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 am — 12:00 pm, Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00 — 8:00 pm. This class will explore both hand-building and wheel techniques. A great introduction to pottery or an opportunity to build your ceramic skills! All materials, clay, glazing, and firing included in cost. Cost: \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers per session. Sign up for 6 sessions: \$180 members, \$216 non-members (6-session pass not available online).

Kids Classes

Kids Pizza and Pottery

Fridays, March 27, April 24, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm. Enjoy a pizza dinner, then make a clay creation while watching a popular kid's movie as inspiration! Each month will feature a new, fun theme. Cost: \$30 for members, \$38 for non-members. Includes pizza dinner, clay, firing, and supplies.

Kids After School Pottery: Ages 7+

Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26, 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! All materials, clay, glazing, and firing included in cost. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members per session. Sign up for a 4-session pass, \$72 members, \$90 non-members (4-session pass not available online).

Kids Cupcakes and Canvas

Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 pm—4:00 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of canvas painting and cupcake decorating! Kids will decorate and enjoy their own cupcake, then create a masterpiece on canvas. Completed painting can be taken home that day. Materials and cupcakes included in cost. Instructor: Kathi Stevens Cost: \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers.

Please allow at least 2 - 3 weeks before your pottery

piece(s) will be ready to take home.

Upcoming 2015 Classes

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Mosaics The Ultimate Art of Recycling with Sue Stockman



Saturday, March 7, 10:00 am—3:00 pm Sunday, March 8, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

\$60.00 for members, \$72.00 for nonmembers, \$40 Materials fee payable to instructor at workshop.

Learn the basics of creating mosaics and go on to create mosaics in a multitude of ways. Students will take tile, glass, shells, stones, broken shards, ceramics, nonporous items and other "cast aways" to create a mosaic which can be displayed inside or out. This is a great way to recycle and learn a technique that can be applied to so many different applications. At the end of this class you will have an understanding of adhesives and grouts and leave with a completed piece for indoor or outdoor display. All tools and materials will be provided, but please bring any personal pieces you may want to incorporate.

Save the Date!

Sumi-e East Asian Brush Painting with Joan Lok May 18–20, 2015

Save the Date! Artist Rights and Copyright Law Lecture by Jim Dimartino

April 7, 2015 6:00-7:00 pm

Private and Semi-private lessons available in a variety of media: oils, acrylics, pastel, watercolor, and more! Learn at your own pace and around your own schedule. Call for more info. 410-524-9433

Fundraiser for the Village of Hope: Kids Pizza and Pottery Friday, March 13, 2015 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Do you want to build a snowman? If so, join us and create your own one-of-a-kind Olaf to benefit The Village of Hope! Ticket includes all materials and instruction needed for your child to complete their snowman, have a pizza dinner and beverages, all while enjoying a viewing of Disney's FROZEN! All ages are welcome, however children age 7 and under require parental supervision. Cost: \$ 35 per person.

Perdue Relay for Life Pottery Fundraiser Wednesday, March 4, 2015 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Join Perdue in their fight against cancer and create your own one-of-a-kind vase! A portion of each ticket sold benefits the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Your ticket includes all materials and instruction needed for you to complete your vase. Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages; this is a 21 and over event. Cost: \$ 35 per person

Creative Fundraising

Let the Art League of Ocean City make fundraising fun! Enjoy a stress-free art experience and unleash your inner artist all while raising money for your charity or organization. Our instructor will guide you step-by-step as you create a masterpiece— *no experience necessary*! Make up to \$500 for your charity and support the arts in the Ocean City area!



Brushes & Bubbly Bring your own beverage & snacks. We'll supply the rest! Paints, brushes, canvases, aprons, easels, and an artist to guide you!



Sip & Ceramics Bring your own beverage & snacks. We will supply the rest! Clay, tools, aprons, and an artist to guide you!

Charity must be a registered nonprofit. Minimum 20 people, maximum 25. Schedule your FUNDRAISER today! Give us a call at 410-524-9433.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ART LEAGUE— Jan Perdue



Who's Who in the Art League ~

Jan Perdue was born and raised in North Carolina. She married Jim Perdue, settled in Salisbury to raise their children, and became active in organizations like the Salisbury School, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and the United Way. About five years ago, she and Jim built a home overlooking the water and marshes of the Assateague Bay. Desiring to become involved in the local community and willing to volunteer her time and efforts, Jan hosted the cocktail party for the homeowners of the Art League's 2013 Home Tour. Jan says, "I was so impressed with the Art League's organizers and the people I met that I became a member." She now serves on the Board of Directors.

Passionate about educating children in the arts, Jan has been a docent for the Seattle Art Museum and the Walters Museum in Baltimore, conducting programs for children, from elementary school through high school. Now, she is part of the Walters Outreach program here on the Shore. Using objects from the Museum and sometimes power-point, Jan teaches about how art affects our lives. "Learning about painting and sculpture should be fun. I get excited about it and I hope to bring that excitement to the kids."

Jan enjoys painting, cycling, traveling, and taking art classes. The Perdues have a daughter in Connecticut with two boys, a son in California who is developing a pet food line for Perdue Farms, and a son who works in the agribusiness section of the company.

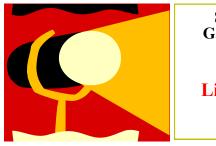
~ Stasia Heubeck

Drop In and Paint!

Watercolor — Tuesdays, March 3, 24, 31, April 7, 28 All Media — Thurs., March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 30 10:00 am — 1:00 pm Cost: \$ 3.00 Bring your supplies and paint with others No Instructor

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



Spot Light Gallery Artist

March Linda Trope

Art Matters

Our newsletter has a catchy new name — "Art Matters," thanks to Patti Selig, who was the winner of the "Name the Newsletter" contest. The name was selected by our publicity committee from a list of imaginative titles that were sent in by our members, and we were delighted to see so much creative thinking to determine the name. In the end, the name "Art Matters" was clever and meaningful, at the same time. While I am confident that all of you reading this newsletter know why art matters to you, below are a few reasons that art matters to our society and community.

- Arts spark creativity and innovation
- Arts improve academic performance
- Arts strengthen the economy
- Arts drive tourism
- Arts have social impact
- Arts improve healthcare

Now, we would like to challenge you our readers again, to come up with some responses to why art matters to you. Please email them to me at <u>rthaler@artleagueofoceancity.org</u> with the words art matters in the subject line. I look forward to hearing from all of you as to why art matters in your life. We will include them in the next newsletter. Thank you for all your participation.

Artfully yours, Rina Thaler Executive Director

> Shirley Hall Youth Art Exhibit March 14—15, 2015 11:00 am — 4:00 pm

Enjoy this remarkable show of artwork from the talented middle and high school students of Worcester County schools.

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Member News

John Schisler's painting, "Apple Picking," was chosen for the cover of the Rehoboth Art League's 2015 catalog. He will be participating in the Peninsula Gallery's March show, "Our Animal Kingdom," in Lewes, DE.

Patricia Dubroof is participating in *Alchemical Vessels Benefit and Exhibition* at the Smith Center for Healing and the Arts in Washington, DC from April 4—May 16. The project selects 125 artists to transform a simple ceramic bowl as a place of holding, a circle of care, then guests to the benefit pay \$125 and select a bowl to take home. They are designed to be wall objects.

Phyllis Jaffe is currently exhibiting in the Watergate Gallery DC invitational group exhibit entitled, "Food for the Body, Food for the Soul" through March. She will have a solo exhibit at the Bethesda Library March 1—21, "Phyllis" Phantasy PHYSH." She'll also be exhibiting at the Woman Caucus for Art, DC, Members Exhibit at Pyramid Gallery, Silver Spring, MD, opening March 6 for the month.

Sandra Grzybowski's photographs are on exhibit at the Yellow Fins restaurant at the Center in Williamsville, DE. She will also be showing her photography at the Burley Oak Brewery in Berlin, MD during the month of March.

Stasia Heubeck will be exhibiting original paintings in oil, pastel, and watercolor in Studio E at the Ocean City Center for the Arts from March 2 to March 29. Stasia will be demonstrating her techniques and giving lessons at various times in the studio during the month. In addition, Rosa Celozzi, one of Stasia's high school students, will have a display of her work during the same time.

MEETING ROOM SPACE AVAILABLE

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

AMAZON SMILE

The ALOC is now participating in the **Amazon Smile** program. Every time you shop on Amazon, use this link, **http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1377610**, and all of your eligible shopping will benefit the Art League! There is no cost to the shopper, but the Art League will receive .5% of every purchase made.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE — March Studio E Stasia Heubeck and Rosamaria Celozzi

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Retail Showcase Mary Jane Hastings Miniature Paintings

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE — April Studio E Teri Edgeworth

ARTISAN IN RESIDENCE—April Retail Showcase Donna Yannucci Jewelry



Participants at a recent "Brushes and Bubbly" class. Instructor Kathi Stevens says "no prior experience" is necessary for these fun classes!

Member News, con't.

Marina Borovok is in the process of finishing up a community mural at the senior center CHEER in Ocean View. Everyone is invited to a Wine & Cheese reception with ribbon cutting for the ocean mural on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 3:00—5:00 pm. CHEER is located at 3067 Cedar Neck Rd., Ocean View, DE. Cost is \$5 per person.

Join us at the Opening Receptions for the March and April Exhibits at the Ocean City Center for the Arts Friday March 6 from 5-7 pm Friday April 10 from 5-7 pm (Second Friday)

<u>March</u> In the Thaler Gallery

Dennis Young



"Waiting for Summer" by Dennis Young

<u>March</u> In the Galleria

"Black and White" All Media (2D + 3D) Competition by Members and Local Artists Judge: Susan Holt Eastern Shore of MD University

<u>April</u> In the Thaler Gallery

Juried Corporate Sponsor Show Juror: Steve Rogers



"The Tree Farm" by Debra Howard Best in Show Winner 2014

<u>April</u> In the Galleria

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Faculty & Students 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.

Volunteer Update and Opportunities

February has been an exciting month at the Ocean City Center for the Arts and we could not have made it such a success without the help of our volunteers. From hanging one of our largest exhibits, to the First Friday reception volunteers, the pottery assistants helping with the last of our empty bowl-making sessions, and the front desk docents; none would have been possible without the help of: Don Lehman, Don Whitcomb, Nancy Fortney, Lisi Ruczynski, Hilda Plisko, Kim Morgan, Sally-Anne Chappel, Bebe Antonini, Margaret Bradach, May Tignall, Sara Coffin, Donna Becker, Deborah Bryant, Candy Giard, Tina, Walas, and Ann Augustine. Thank you, also, to all volunteer committee members.

On Saturday, March 21st from 5-8 PM the Art League of Ocean City will partner with Diakonia for the second annual Empty Bowl Dinner. Volunteer opportunities on the night of the event will include: help with set-up, greeting visitors, assist guests in claiming their pre-purchased bowl, selling raffle tickets, ladling soup, bartending (soft drinks and wine), serving coffee and desserts, and clearing tables. The event will be split into two volunteer shifts (first from 4:30-6:30pm and the second from 6:15-8:30pm). If anyone is interested in volunteering on the night of the dinner, please contact Mallory Hanback by email at

Mallory@artleagueofoceancity.org or phone (410)-524-9433.

We are excited to announce the launch of an exclusive monthly update for our volunteers! We will provide updates on our current exhibits, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. If you did not receive the first update and would like to, please email

<u>Mallory@artleagueofoceancity.org</u> to be added to the distribution list.

Mallory Hanback. Volunteer and Events Coordinator



Join the Art League of Ocean City to Help End Hunger Here is how you Can help!

Save the Date for the Soup Dinner March 21, 2015 • 5-8pm

Guests who attend will receive a handcrafted bowl, to be filled with delicious soup donated by local restaurants, so they may help the hungry.

For a \$ 20 donation, enjoy a dinner of soup, bread and desserts donated by local restaurants and take home a bowl to remind you of all the empty bowls in the world.

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2015 Exhibit Schedule

March — Black and White All Media 2D & 3D, First Friday Reception March 6, 5-7 pm

April — Juried, All Media 2D & 3D, Corporate Sponsor Show SECOND Friday Reception April 10, 5-7 pm

May — Art in Bloom, 2D Only, First Friday Reception May 1, 5-7 pm (photography not eligible)

June — Photography and Digital Media, First Friday Reception June 5, 5-7 pm

July — Juried, All Media 2D & 3D, Beverly Bassford Show, SECOND Friday Reception, July 10, 5-7 pm

August — Works from Artists Paint OC: Plein Air Event, Saturday, August 8 Reception

September — Abstract, All Media 2D & 3D First Friday Reception September 4, 5-7 pm

October — "Selfies" - Self Portraits, All Media 2D & 3D, First Friday Reception October 2, 5-7 pm

November — Members Only, Juried, All Media 2D & 3D, First Friday Reception November 6, 5-7 pm

December — Members Only, Juried, All Media 2D & 3D, First Friday Reception December 4, 5-7 pm

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