

ART MATTERS

JULY/AUGUST 2016

THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

August is plein air time!

"Artists Paint OC" Schedule of Events

THURSDAY - SATURDAY AUGUST 11 - 13

Watch 50 artists paint our scenic outdoors throughout Ocean City and northern Worcester County. Check our Facebook page for artist updates.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 ~ 6 - 8 P.M.

Wet Paint Sale at the Arts Center: Artists hang their work for judging and prizes. Join us for a public reception and an opportunity to purchase the art, meet the artists and enjoy complementary refreshments.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 ~ 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Art on steroids! Quick Draw competition on the Boardwalk at S. Division St. Judging at 11 a.m. Off-the-easel art sale 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Alison Menke paints "plein air" at the West Ocean City harbor in August 2015.

Creative out-of-school fun! Summer art camp ages 6-14

They'll never be bored at our Summer Art Adventure Camp, held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts in cooperation with Ocean City Recreation & Parks Dept.

We offer four sessions, each running Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Section A: July 11-14

Section B: July 18-21

Section C: July 25-28

Section D: August 1-4

Sponsored by the Art League of Ocean City, this camp will offer a daily variety of art activities — drawing, painting, pottery, sculpting, jewelry-making, mixed media and time for individual expression — led by experienced teachers and professional artists. Children must be entering the First Grade in Fall 2016. Includes T-shirt, photo, certificate of completion, reception for parents/friends on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$150 for Ocean City residents, \$170 for non-residents. 25% non-refundable deposit with balance due on first day of camp.

To register please visit <http://ococcean.com/things-to-do/recreational/camps/>
Or call Ocean City Parks & Recreation at 410-250-0125





A message from our Board President

MARIAN BICKERSTAFF

It is great to see all the exciting things happening at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, now home to a new butterfly garden to welcome visitors to our Legacy Paver courtyard.

Although visitors to the beach community are encouraged to "leave only your footprints", you have the opportunity to leave more than that behind with the purchase of a courtyard paver. You can personalize a brick with your favorite saying, leave a tribute to a special person in your life or as a memorial to someone you have lost. I hope you will join many of our members who have already done so. I recently enjoyed personal pleasure in showing my grandkids their bricks.

I am happy to announce that new board member, John Sisson, has taken on the challenging position of chairing the Resource Development Committee. John is personally motivated to promote our paver program and will be happy to arrange for a speaker for other organizations about Legacy Pavers and to introduce the many and varied programs, classes and events offered by the Art League of Ocean City.

As summer business is now in full swing, many of our Corporate Partners have renewed their membership and we are happy to welcome Macky's as our first Picasso level partner! We are grateful for the generous support of our business community through corporate partnerships, event sponsorships, in-kind and personal donations. We will continue to make them proud as we strive for excellence as a 501(c)3 non-profit and ask our members to support these gracious partners!

Before we know it, summer will be gone and we will be looking forward to the Sand Castle "Rock the Kasbah" cocktail party on September 14th and the Sand Castle Home Tour on September 22-23. Get your tickets early for these two fabulous events!!



A message from our Executive Director

RINA THALER

Over the next 90 days, we will be welcoming 160 children to art adventure camp, bringing 50 artists here to paint outdoors in our "Artists Paint O.C." plein air painting event, and hosting 1,000 people for the 12th annual Sand Castle Home tour.

These three events are so diverse, yet they demonstrate the unifying power of art, and how many people the Art League impacts.

Beginning July 11, kids ages 6-14 will enjoy the four weekly sessions of "art adventure camp"

where they will paint, sculpt, draw, collage, create and have fun! It is so gratifying to watch the campers express themselves with such joy. Now in its 6th year, the camp is a collaboration with the Town of Ocean City.

It is particularly gratifying to see children return year after year, and to hear from them how much they look forward to coming back each year.

No sooner does camp wind up, then we are immersed in creating art in the moment, as artists literally take to the streets to capture the local flavor of our area in their paintings. "Artist Paint O.C." draws artists from six states to Ocean City, who collectively they will create hundreds of works of original art. The weekend highlights will be: the "wet paint sale" at the Art Center on Saturday, August 13, and the "quick draw" competition on Sunday, August 14.

Finally, our Sand Castle home tour will involve almost 300 volunteers and 1,000 guests on this two day self-guided tour of ten fabulous homes. The home tour has introduced thousands of people to our organization over the years, and brought us new audiences, who in turn continue to enjoy all that the Art League of Ocean City offers.

There is truly something for everyone here at the Ocean City Center for the Arts! I look forward to seeing you all here this summer.

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July

EXHIBITIONS AT THE ARTS CENTER

**OPENS FIRST FRIDAY
JULY 1, 5-7 PM**

**IN THE GALLERIA THRU AUGUST 12:
STAN SPERLAK**



"Blackbird Rain" from "The Coasts and Marsh in Pastel" Show by Stan Sperlak.

**IN THE THALER GALLERY:
BEVERLY BASSFORD JURIED SHOW**

**BEVERLY BASSFORD
BEST IN SHOW 2015**

Megan Burak



SPOTLIGHT GALLERY
Ashley Brown

**ARTISAN
SHOWCASE**
*Laura
Ellison*



STUDIO E
*Darlene
Jones*

**OPENS FIRST FRIDAY
AUGUST 5, 5-7 PM**

August

**IN THE THALER GALLERY:
JOHN DAVIS HELD**



*"Sunswept"
from the
"Studies in Light"
Show by
John Davis Held*

**IN THE GALLERIA:
PLEIN AIR WET PAINT SALE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 6-8 P.M.
PLEIN AIR EXHIBIT THRU AUGUST 31**



STUDIO E
*A Week in the
Life of Ocean City*



SPOTLIGHT GALLERY
Brigette Bowden

**ARTISAN
SHOWCASE**
*Marge
Bradach*



Happenings at the Arts Center

An enthusiastic crowd gathered on Saturday, June 18 for the ribbon cutting of the community garden in front of the Ocean City Center for the Arts. (Pictured back row) Worcester County Commissioner and Art League board member Joe Mitrecic, Art League board member Emily Schwab, Ocean City Chamber ambassador Brian Shane, Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias, Art League



board member Barbara Patrick, Susan Petito of Ocean City Recreation & Parks, Amy Phillips of PNC Bank, Executive Director of the Lower Shore Land Trust Kate Patton, and Art League board member John Sisson. (Front row) A group of the children who participated in the event and Executive Director of the Ocean City Center for the Arts Rina Thaler.



During the annual Ocean City Play It Safe event, high school students created tie-dyed T-shirts at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, sponsored by the Art League of Ocean City. Left to right: Rina Thaler, Jim and Kim Wagner, Al "Hondo" Handy.



Debra Howard, May's featured artist, gave a gallery talk on May 10 about her artist-in-residency time on Tangier Island. The island's unique scenery and lifestyle were inspirations for her paintings.



The Art League scholarships for 2016 have been awarded! Left to right: Judy Tremellen of the Art League; winners (all from Stephen Decatur High School) Marley Parsons, Ellen Bargar and Rachel Thomas; Lyn Burr of the Art League, and B.J. Summers of the CFES. Not shown: scholarship winner Rachel Eure from Snow Hill High School.

Coming up at the Arts Center

A new event! "A Week in the Life of OC" Photography Contest



Take photos of your artistic views of Ocean City the week of July 10 - 16, and enter to win cash prizes

The best photos will be displayed at the Ocean City Center for the Arts during August with a First Friday art opening on August 5

CONTEST RULES

- All photos must be taken the week of July 10 thru 16, 2016 and within the town limits of Ocean City, Md.
- Maximum two entries per artist. Photos only.
- Photos are submitted at the Arts Center on Sunday, July 31, 2-4 p.m. or Monday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Entries must be framed and ready to hang.
- Maximum size of outer edge of frame: 11x17-inches.
- This is a juried show. All entries will be on display opening night, First Friday, August 5, 5-7 p.m. and throughout that weekend. Juror will select the best photos submitted for display in Studio E throughout the month of August.
- Non-refundable entry fees (per entry):
\$10 for Art League members;
\$15 for non-members.
- All artists selected for the juried show must submit a high-resolution digital image of their accepted entry(s) by August 15, 2016.

** Photographers agree submitted work may be used by the Town of Ocean City (which is donating prize money) and the Art League of Ocean City for publicity purposes.*

Upcoming exhibition opportunities for artists

[CLICK HERE TO SEE A FULL SCHEDULE AND ENTRY FEES AND REQUIREMENTS](#)

Intake: Sundays 2-4 pm, Mondays 10am-noon

DUE JULY 31 - AUGUST 1:

Photography for "Week in the Life of OC"

DUE AUGUST 28-29:

Artist's Choice — 2D and 3D work, all media

DUE OCTOBER 2-3:

Abstract Show in 2D and 3D — all media

DUE OCTOBER 30-31

Members Only Show in 2D and 3D — all media (limit one entry per artist)

Call for Entries Paint an art door; win some \$\$\$

The Maryland Association of Realtors is looking for three designs with a theme of "Discovering Maryland," each to be painted on a door measuring 32x80". (Doors will be provided.) Put your thinking caps on, come up with a creative idea, and you could win \$100, \$50 or \$25.

Here is the 2016 schedule of events:

- July 13 - Deadline to submit your proposal to the Art League of Ocean City.
- July 15 - Artists notified if their drawing is selected.
- July 20 - Artists will pick up their door and create their artwork.
- September 2 - Doors will be dropped off.
- September 12-14 - Artwork will be displayed at the MAR Conference in Ocean City.

To enter: Email a jpeg file of your design to katie@artleagueofoceancity.org with the subject line "Discover Maryland." Artists must be at least 16 years old. Please include your name, phone, and description of concept. Or submit in person at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 9th St. bayside.

Who's Who by Stasia Heubeck

KEVIN FITZGERALD



FITZGERALD IS TEACHING A PAINTING CLASS AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS ON FRI/SAT, JULY 29-30 FROM 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
[Click here for more information](#)

Kevin Fitzgerald, oil painter of beautiful landscapes, was born in Washington, D.C. and earned a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from George Washington University. During this time he outfitted an old 54-ft. Baltimore tour boat, a catamaran that he used as a studio, painting as he sailed along the Patuxent River. In his twenties, he was hired by the sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, and had the privilege of working on the Crazy Horse Memorial, the South Dakota monument dedicated to honoring the culture of Native Americans.

In the 1980s, and longing for rural life, Fitzgerald moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore. For 14 years he worked at a profession he loved, teaching art and painting at Parkside High School in Salisbury and at Berlin Middle School. At Worcester Career Center in Newark, he developed programs in graphic arts and advertising for students from three high schools. Fitzgerald started the Art History program at Wor-Wic Community College and was on the adjunct faculty at Salisbury University, teaching design and painting.

Kevin and his wife, Wendy, live in Berlin where they raised their four children. His studio is a 120 ft. solar-powered building in Newark that once was a factory for making baskets. He shares studio space there with several other artists and sometimes there is space available. "We are a sort of community," says Kevin, "often critiquing each other's work."

Using a variety of surfaces, Kevin often begins his paintings with an earth colored ground. He says he tries to find unity in the landscape that he strives to put in his paintings. He finds inspiration from a wide range of artists, from Titian to Turner, and enjoys the rich surfaces of the works of John Singer Sargent and Edward Hopper.

Currently, Kevin is experimenting with a printing process, using contractors' tools and building board, applying paint, and producing an image on canvas or paper. Sometimes he leaves his paintings outside, exposing them to the weather to produce a certain effect.

Kevin Fitzgerald's art can be seen in galleries in South Norwalk, Ct.; Nantucket, Ma.; Alexandria, Va.; Charleston, S.C.; Annapolis; Easton; and at his Long Branch Studio in Newark, Md.

12th Annual SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR



A self guided tour of 10 fabulous homes!

Thursday and Friday
September 22 & 23, 2016 • 9:30 am - 4 pm

Ticket Price: \$30.00

Reserve before August 15th and save \$5.

Use promo code "earlybird" when reserving to receive the discounted price.

Proceeds Benefit

THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
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SAVE THE DATE

Rock the Kasbah

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

A Magical Night Not to Be Missed

The Gateway Grand Residences

Benefiting The Art League of Ocean City

Limited number of tickets available.

Follow the event on Face Book @ "Rock the Kasbah: Home Tour Cocktail Party"
and on Instagram @ #rockthekasbahoc

For reservations call: 410 524-9433 or Order Online www.artleagueofoceancity.org



Call for Volunteers

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE "ARTISTS PAINT OC" PLEIN AIR EVENT AND WET PAINT SALE AUGUST 11 - 14

Artists will take to the boardwalk, streets, harbors, bay and marshes to participate. "En plein air" means "in the open air" and is the technique of painting outdoors, directly from life.

Come and be apart of our Plein Air event. Various ways to volunteer include: publicity distribution, registration, quick draw competition, and the artists' dinner.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DOCENTS FOR THE SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

It is time to sign up to be a docent at this year's Sand Castle Home Tour. There will be two shifts per day. Morning shift is from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and afternoon shift is from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. All shifts have a limited number of spots available; therefore sign-up will be on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are part of a group or organization that has volunteered in the past, please reach out to your group leader to confirm that he or she has all of your information and you on the group list. Although you have received the email invite, you will NOT need to sign up as an individual if you are part of a group.

**IF YOU CAN HELP US, PLEASE CALL THE ARTS CENTER
AT 410-524-9433**



Q @ A

Meet John Davis Held, our August artist

Q: How did you start making art?

A. My wife, Kirsten, recently pointed out a picture of me as an extremely happy three-year-old child in an old family album. I am standing, brush in hand, at a small artist easel with a Christmas tree in the background. Kirsten speculates that the gift of the artist easel happened soon after I had decided to use the walls of our apartment to paint some impromptu — and much unappreciated — frescoes.

Q: What is your medium and why/how do you work in it?

A. I use pastels for the absolutely gorgeous pure pigments of the medium. I use oil paint for the ability to glaze many transparent layers in these pieces. Recently, I have developed my own archival gessos for oil painting and pastel grounds for my work to give my pieces the best possible foundation to work on.

Q: What themes do you explore in your art?

A. It's all about the light. Whether I am painting a large sky or a small still life, I know I have something when some unusual and unexpected light shows up in the piece.

Q: Who or what has inspired your art?

A. There are pieces of art that just capture you. Looking at these pieces is like drinking a really great glass of wine — only infinitely better. Although I grew up in a small town, my parents took me to see much of the fine art that New York City has to offer. After college, I traveled around Europe visiting as much artwork as my few dollars would take me to. During this trip I saw a 400-year-old portrait of Cardinal Richelieu in Paris that looked more real than a photograph; a woman kiss a Van Gogh painting in Amsterdam (she was promptly escorted out!); some new dance steps taught to me by the security guards from the National Gallery in London after plying me with many beers at their local pub. And more!

Q: What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

A. I believe in listening to my wife. I am a happily married man!

Q: Why does art matter to you?

A. A really well done piece of art strikes a chord in us like nothing else does. I don't have words for this. I consider doing art to be a spiritual practice. It is a way to move through time at a slightly different pace. It is a way to prove to myself that there is more to us than we know.

THANK YOU TO NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS FOR MAY & JUNE 2016

Joanna Abercrombie	Janice Green	Irene Raber
Carolyn Allen	Sandra Grzybowski	Jean Radeackar
Beth Anderson	Adele Haas	Angela Reynolds
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		Dennis Young

And the winner is ... Leland Otto!



Joan Lok

Congratulations to Leland Otto who won this Sumi-style original painting by artist Joan Lok. Otto was entered into the drawing when he became a member of the Art League of Ocean City.

Thank you to all the members who joined us. We had 498 new and renewing members in the first six months of 2016, who will now enjoy discounts at the Arts Center on classes and purchases, plus personal notification of events.

You, too, can be a member of the Art League and enjoy its privileges. Just go to artleagueofocean.city.org to join.

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SAVE THE DATE!



Thursday, July 21 — 7 - 9 P.M.
Lauren Glick & The Mood Swingers
at Sunset Park, Ocean City

*The best blues, soul and pop co-sponsored
by The Art League of Ocean City and the
Ocean City Development Corporation.
Come on out and bring your own chair!*



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