

A Message from your President...

Welcome back to all the "snowbirds" and to the early visits of returning vacationers to the Ocean City area! As we are greeted with warmer weather and emerging greenery, the natural beauty of the Eastern Shore is again bursting with new life matched by innovative and stimulating programs at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. We welcome staff member, Katrin Huber in her new role as Education Coordinator.

As an artist and avid gardener, I am looking forward to all the ALOC's "Art in Bloom" events ushering in a long-awaited spring! Although the May exhibit opens as usual with our free First Friday reception, I hope you will come out again on the weekend of May 16th and 17th to view the floral competition where florists and local garden club members display their imaginative fresh floral interpretation of one of the pieces of artwork in the exhibit. You will also want to check out the schedule of additional special artful garden-related events.

Our spring and early summer calendar is packed with a variety of classes, special events and opportunities to express your artistic talents. As always, it takes willing volunteers to help make all of our events a success. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Mallory Hanback, would love to hear from you and will enthusiastically train you so you can be a confident addition to our growing pool of volunteers. We greatly appreciate each one of you as you share your various talents.

Yours in service, Marian Bickerstaff, Board President 410-208-2508

Art in Bloom

Celebrate Springtime this
May at the OC Center for the
Arts—See Page 7!

Acting Workshop

Offered by Brown Box Theatre Project Thursday, May 7, 6:30 See Page 9!



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Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday—Sunday 11 am to 4 pm



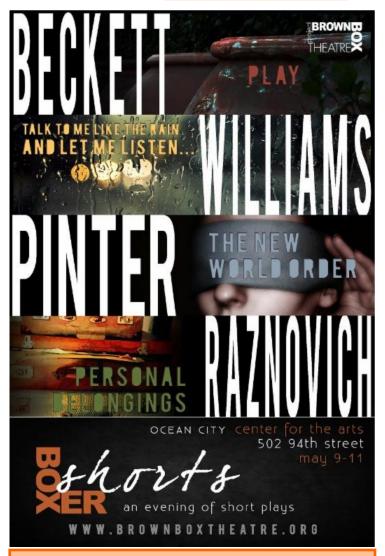
Voted Best Art Gallery in Worcester County May-Jun 2015







Save the Date!
Sand Castle Home Tour
September 24—25
Cocktail Party
September 16



Showtimes: Saturday, May 9—7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10 — 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11 — 7:30 p.m.

TO RESERVE TICKETS VISIT WWW.BROWNBOXTHEATRE.ORG

Upcoming 2015 Classes

Please see our complete list of classes online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org. Register for classes by calling 410-524-9433 or online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



Fused Glass Classes with Holden Becker

Create Your Own Glass Plate

Date: Saturday, May 9 Time: 2 pm—4 pm

Learn the fundamental concepts of creating a glass object! You will make an 8" x 8" fused and slumped plate, choosing from a wide range of glasses. Plates will be fired after the workshop and available for pick up a few days later. No experience necessary! Adults and children are welcome. Cost: \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members. \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor.

Create Your Own Suncatcher

Date: Sunday, May 17 Time: 2 pm — 4 pm

Learn the fundamental concepts of creating a basic glass piece! You will make an 8" x 8" fused glass window hanging to catch the light, filling your home with color and ambience, choosing from a wide range of glasses. The suncatcher will be fired after the workshop and available for pickup a few days later. No experience necessary! Adults and children are welcome. Cost: \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members. \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor.





Play it Safe Event: Tie Dying T-shirts Dates: Saturdays, May 30, June 6 Times: 10 am—Noon

Cost: Free, open to first 100 high school seniors. We need volunteers to help tie dye shirts. No experience necessary! Contact: Kim Wagner at kimwagner@homesinpa.com for more information.

Plein Air Painting for the Intermediate Oil Painter with Kirk McBride

Dates: Monday—Wednesday, June 1 –3 Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm each day

Back by popular demand! Following a consistent, step by step approach to every painting, from concept to paint application, Kirk will free you up to be your most creative. Kirk will instruct and demonstrate how he approaches the creative process in oil painting and help you develop a process that will work for you! Cost: \$225 members, \$275 non-members.

Drawing Basics and Beyondwith Brooke Rogers

Dates: Thursday — Friday, June 4—5 Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm each day

For both the beginning and intermediate skill levels! Stronger drawing skills will enhance your creative works, whatever your area of interest. Focus on line and proportion, emphasizing the importance of a pleasing and dynamic composition. Utilizing pencil and charcoal, we will move towards an understanding of light and shadow as means of enhancing a drawing's credibility and impact. Cost: \$45 members, \$56 non-members.

Find New Expression in Your Paintings with Angela Herbert-Hodges

Dates: Tuesday—Wednesday, June 16-17

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Learn how to find a new vocabulary of expression in your paintings, using collage and mixed media. You will be making exciting, colorful, and textural paintings using your own watercolor paintings and hand tinted papers. Cost: \$120 members, \$150 non-members.

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

We are seeking qualified art instructors in a variety of mediums to expand our schedule of classes for kids and adults. If you are interested in teaching, contact

katrin@artleagueofoceancity.org





Bay Golf Club, Berlin

A benefit for The Art League of Ocean City in memory of artist Betty Grace Everson



REGISTRATION - \$90 PER PLAYER

includes continental breakfast, lunch, cart, tee gift and range balls Sponsorships are available.

Registration 8 am - Shotgun start 9:00 am - Lunch 2:00 pm - Awards 2:30 pm

PRIZES AND RAFFLES!!

Hole in One, Longest Drive, Closest to the Hole. Two \$500 cash raffles.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT

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Art Adventure Camp!

Multiple Sections, Monday—Thursday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Section A: July 13-16

Section B: July 20—23

Section C: July 27—30

Section D: August 3—6

Kids can immerse themselves in creativity this summer! Sponsored by the Art League of Ocean City, this camp will offer a daily variety of art activities, including drawing, painting, pottery, sculpting, jewelry-making, mixed media, and more. Lots of fun activities are planned, as well as time for individual artistic expression. Led by experienced art teachers and professional artists. Camp extras include: camp t-shirt, 4x6" color photo certificate of completion, gallery reception. Cost: \$150 OC residents, \$170 OC non-residents. To register, please visit ocsportscamps.com or call the OC Parks and Rec Dept. at 410-250-0125.

Thank you — To all who worked so hard on designing the new masthead for our newsletter. Your efforts are much appreciated! The masthead, incorporating the new name of the newsletter, looks great and reflects what the Ocean City Center for the Arts is all about. Good job! Gail Philippi, Newsletter Editor



Ocean City's Fine Art Show at Northside Park June 27-28

The Art League of Ocean City (ALOC) will have a booth at the show and artists can apply to show their work in the ALOC booth. There will be a \$500 prize awarded to an ALOC member artist. Contact Katie@artleagueofoceancity.org to participate. We are also seeking volunteers to help with the children's activity, be a booth sitter for artists and to sell craft beer and wine at the event. To volunteer for these opportunities please contact Mallory@artleagueofoceancity.org.



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!



Painting Party

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



Pottery Party

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 10 people, maximum 25. Schedule your FUNDRAISER today! Give us a call at 410-524-9433.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ART LEAGUE— Gail Philippi



Who's Who in the Art League ~

Gail Philippi is the very competent editor of our newsletter. She gained her experience from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C., where she was a supervisor and editor of their reports. After retiring, she and her husband, Frank, built a house in Ocean Pines. "I wanted to be in an active community and I liked the fact that the residents all came from somewhere else," says Gail, "so I joined a lot of clubs." She belongs to the OP Camera Club, the OP Garden Club, two card groups, two book clubs, and publishes a newsletter for her neighborhood, Colonial Village. Because Frank owns vintage Studebakers, the couple also belongs to several auto clubs.

Gail is interested in photography, and although she doesn't have as much time to take photos any more, she was happy to exhibit and sell one of her photographs at the Art League. She is also very interested in arts and crafts. She has become proficient in stained glass, and is most proud of her design and creation of a circular stained glass window for her home church, Motley United Methodist Church in Virginia. She now attends services at Community Church of Ocean Pines, where she is a member of the Administrative Church Council. "Being an editor for the Art League is so rewarding," says Gail. "I enjoy meeting people and learning about the artists and all the League's activities."

~ Stasia Heubeck



Now in Studio C

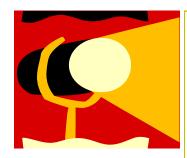
Glass Artists
Jeffrey Auxer
and
Holden Becker

Join Erik Hertz

Drop In and Paint!

Watercolor — Tuesdays All Media — Thursdays 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Cost: \$ 3.00 Bring your supplies and paint with others
No Instructor



Spot Light Gallery Artist

May
Barbara Hager
Amy Marcoux
June
Brigitte Bowden

Why Art Matters

In the last edition of the newsletter, I touched on why art matters to society. Since then, I have been asking people here at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, why the Art League of Ocean City matters to them.

Here are some of their answers:

- It keeps me sane.
- I have made so many friends here.
- I love looking at the exhibits.
- It makes me feel good to help.
- The classes are great.
- I don't know what I would do without it.
- It gets me out of the house.
- My kids love doing the pottery and the art camp.

But perhaps one of the most touching stories came from the advocate/mentor of a gentleman who comes to our pottery and painting classes often. He is 54 years old and lives at home with his elderly parents. He suffered a stroke when he was small which had an effect on his cognitive abilities and mobility. His advocate, who attends the classes with him told me, "art for him is a daily coping mechanism. I have taught him paper mache, simple mosaics, and other types of crafts since I started with him 6 years ago. Now that the art center is available...not only art classes...but socialization! When he has participated in a class, and helping to clean up afterwards, makes him shine...in his world". ""He often reflects on his time there and proudly shows everyone his creations made there."

Now, that is why art matters...

Hope to see you here soon, Rina Thaler, Executive Director

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

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Member News

Sandra Grzybowski is busy with her photography on canvas at Yellow Fins Restaurant in Williamsville, DE. She is showing at A.I.G. in Salisbury, MD for the "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" themed show. She's also showing at Sea-La-Vie in Berlin, MD on the second Friday of May, and in Burley Oak in Berlin during June.

Nick Seratore will be participating in art shows at the Oxford Art Show in Oxford, MD May 15—17, and at the Rittenhouse Square Art Show in Philadelphia, PA in June.

Lynne Lockhart's "Dogs I Know" painting was purchased by the Dunnegan Museum of Missouri for their permanent collection. It was part of the annual Society of Animal Artists "Art and the Animal" exhibit. The sister painting "More Dogs I Know" was exhibited at the Art Center of Ocean City in February of this year.

Phyllis Jaffe will be attending the 20th year anniversary and last year for the nine-day Intensive Study Seminar for painters in Taos, NM, April 22—May 2, 2015.

Paige Ruby's painting, "Statuary Head of a Woman" won a Judge's Merit Award for the month of April at the Rehoboth Art League's Delaware Watercolor Society guest exhibit.

Save the Date!

October 8-10, Abstract Mixed Media and Collage, Laurie Daddona

October 19-22, Painting Figures in the Landscape, Don Andrews

October 13-16, 2016 Watercolor Workshop, Sterling Edwards

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 — May Studio E

Kathy Mumford Willow Salzer

ARTISAN IN RESIDENCE—May
Retail Showcase

Donna Yannucci

Jewelry

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE — June
Studio E
Sandra Esham

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Diana Sickmeier



Interested in Going to Cuba?

Plans are in the works for a possible trip January 16-23. The group will explore the island, discover its people, their history, culture and the arts. Art League members and their guests are invited on this cultural experience. There will be time built in for painting in the itinerary, but you don't have to be an artist to participate. Visit an organic farm, artists' studios, and the University of the Arts. Tour price is \$2599 double, \$2719 single occupancy, plus airfare from Miami. Includes daily breakfast, six lunches and four dinners. For more information, call Hilda at Chelsea Travel, 410-208-1268. There is a 10-person minimum on this trip.

Join us at the Opening Receptions for the May and June Exhibits at the Ocean City Center for the Arts Friday May 1 from 5-7 pm Friday June 5 from 5-7 pm

May In the Thaler Gallery

"3 Generations"

Barbara Beauchamp, Lois Engberg, Katie Engberg



"Sunflowers" by Lois Engberg

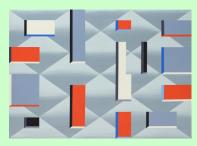
May In the Galleria

"Art in Bloom"
Group Show
Competition by Members and Local Artists
Judge: Kate Cashman

June In the Thaler Gallery

"Surf City"

Brooke Rogers



"Surf Shop" by Brooke Rogers

June In the Galleria

Photography and Digital Media Group Show

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.

April 10 Opening Night Reception



The Art League of Ocean City presented their corporate partners with a framed print of last year's Best in Show, "The Tree Farm," by artist Debra Howard. Left to right: Rina Thaler, Executive Director of the OC Center for the Arts, Mary Eastman of the Cayman Suites, Debra Howard, and Jamie Albright.



The winners of the April Corporate Partners Show, left to right: Hannibal Lee, ALOC President Marian Bickerstaff, Debra Howard, Thomas Strah, Fred Peterson, Gregory Poulos, and Margery Violetta.





Art Center corporate partners Katy Durham and Ocean City mayor Rick Meehan hold the framed print of "The Tree Farm" presented to them by the ALOC. Ernie Satchell, former chair of the art department at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, displays his raku pottery.

Photos by Elaine Bean



Celebrate Springtime this May at the OC Center for the Arts

Featured Exhibit: "Art in Bloom"

April 28-May 30, galleries open daily

Competition show featuring paintings, drawings, and other 2D artwork by local artists and members of the Art League. Judge: Kate Cashman.

"Art in Bloom" Floral Competition

May 16-17 from 11AM-4PM

See floral arrangements inspired by the artwork on display. Designs will be unveiled Saturday and remain on display throughout the weekend. Enjoy demonstrations and activities celebrating Art in Bloom!

Plant a Living Picture, with Debbi Dean-Colley

May 14 from 4:30-6:30PM

Instead of framing a painting, why not a whole garden? Cuttings of assorted succulents knit together to create colorful, textural living tapestries that you can actually hang on your wall! Explore the art of plants.

Cost: \$30 members, \$40 non members

Sumi-e Brush Painting Workshop, with Joan Lok

May 18-20 from 10AM-4PM each day

Every stroke becomes a petal! Discover the art of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting, to expand your creativity and enhance your artwork. Packed with demonstrations, discussion, and individual help.

Cost: \$220 members, \$284 non members

Sip and Ceramics: Flower Pots, with Erik Hertz

May 20 from 5:30-7:30 PM

Bring your friends, a snack, and an adult beverage and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of pottery! An artist will guide you through step-by-step a fun and functional pottery project—no experience necessary!

Cost: \$35 members, \$40 non members.

Create an Indoor Herb Garden, with Debbi Dean-Colley

May 21 from 4:30-6:30PM

Who says you don't have a "green thumb"? Instead of framing a picture, why not frame a whole garden? Plant assorted herbs and create a one of a kind container creatively through using recycled products to create a textural living herb garden that you can actually use in your kitchen.

Cost: \$30 members, \$40 non members

to register: call 410-524-9433





Located on 94th St. bayside in Ocean City, MD Questions? katie@artleagueofoceancity.org www.artleagueofoceancity.org









The Art of Hearing ... Or Not

At the Ocean City Center for the Arts for the month of May

Celebrate Better Speech and Hearing Month with a unique art and public awareness exhibit on hearing loss and communication located in Studio E and the Spotlight Gallery. See artwork by Barbara Hager, Amy Marcoux, Kathy Mumford, and Willow Salzer, four Maryland artists with hearing loss, and learn about the latest assistive listening technologies.









Join us for the First Friday Opening Reception May 1 from 5-7PM to see demonstrations of four types of technology along with more information from professionals in assistive technology and audiology.





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ABOUT PHYLLIS' PHANTASY PHYSH

To some, the PHYSH are a contemporary symbol of their religious faith. For me, they symbolize the feel-good joy and happiness of life. The Physh came into my life about twenty years ago during an emotional struggle with my beliefs. I was compelled to paint Physh. They are so delightfully fun, just painting them helps me resolve any problem I may have.

This series is dedicated to a major family celebration. The Art League has generously donated space to exhibit these original paintings on canvas, which are small, portable, affordable and collectible. This occasion invites friends and family to visit the Art Center, a local treasure. A portion of any purchase will be donated to the Center.

A PHYSH ad on the tail of a local bus is our invitation to share this celebration and a reminder to visit the Art League on 94th St. in Ocean City.

~ Phyllis Jaffe

Look for the Fish on the Back of an Ocean City Bus this Summer!

I Remember Better When I Paint...

Ocean City Center for the Arts June 25, 2015 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

This program demonstrates how creative activities such as drawing, painting and visits to arts centers and museums can reawaken a sense of identity, dignity, and engagement among those with memory impairment and their family members, friends and caretakers.



Funded by: The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc.

2015 Exhibit Schedule

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.

July Featured Artists—Evan Fitzgerald & Bill Wolff

August — Works from Artists Paint OC: Plein Air Event, Saturday, August 8 Reception. August Featured Artist—Patrick Henry, "Moments in Color, Texture, and Light," Opening Reception August 1

September — Abstract, All Media 2D & 3D First Friday Reception September 4, 5-7 pm. September Featured Artist—Kirk McBride, Lynne Lockhart, Paul Lockhart

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

October Featured Artists—Artists Exchange Artist Group

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

November Featured Artists—Art by Wounded Warriors

December — Members Only, Juried, All Media 2D & 3D, First Friday Reception December 4, 5-7 pm. Best of 2015

Acting Workshop

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm

Join us for a workshop with Brown Box Theatre Project! Learn how the voice and body are our essential tools as actors and creators of theatre. In this workshop we will focus on applying these tools to the process of collaboration and ensemble. Ensemble is the key to how Brown Box Theatre Company works. In this workshop we will learn exactly what that all means- how to collaborate with everyone in the room, to communicate with respect when strong personalities are involved, to earn and give trust, to support each other, and to maintain professional relationships. Cost: FREE, but space is limited, so reserve early! *Kyler Taustin, Artistic Director, Brown Box Theatre Project*



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