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**YUMI HOGAN SHOW CONTINUES AT THE OCEAN CITY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS
WITH NEW SHOWS AND OPENING RECEPTION ON FIRST
FRIDAY**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *July 30, 2017* — The public is invited to a free First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on August 4 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The solo exhibition by Yumi Hogan, Maryland's First Lady and wife of Governor Larry Hogan, continues in the Thaler Gallery through August 26.

The First Lady is donating proceeds from the sale of her artwork during this show to art therapy programs devoted to helping children with pediatric cancer.

Hogan, a native of South Korea, entitled her show "Nature's Rhythmic Alliance" that features her abstract landscape paintings produced in Sumi ink using Asian techniques. A graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art and American University, she has had more than 14 solo exhibitions.

A commemorative exhibition catalog of Hogan's paintings is available at the Arts Center for \$10.

The Beverly Bassford Show continues in the Galleria until August 6, when the space will be made ready for the upcoming “Artists Paint OC” plein air event and wet paint sale on August 12.

The First Friday reception will feature live acoustic music by Classic Vibes, aerial art and demonstrations by Michael Panco of Above Aerial, and a signing of the book “A Peachy Life” about growing up in a Baltimore Italian-Catholic neighborhood by author Leonora “Peachy” Dixon.

Three new studio shows open on First Friday.

Watercolor artist Nancy Ellen Thompson of Snow Hill and Solomon’s Island will display her artwork in Studio E in August. An experienced teacher of both beginning and accomplished artists, she regularly travels the United States teaching workshops. Thompson is also directing a 10-day artistic expedition to Lucca, Italy in May 2018.

Photographer Ed Eckert displays his work interpreting life on Delmarva in the Spotlight Gallery for the month. After retiring from St. Bonaventure University in New York, where he was board of trustees professor of history and academic vice president for 30 years and author of several books, he moved to Ocean City, a long-time vacation home.

Sydney Waters of West Ocean City, artisan in residence for August, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Object Design from Towson University. Growing up in Ocean City, she developed an inevitable love for the ocean, and the creatures that live in the water and the colors and textures that flow through it are the inspiration for her collection.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated

to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors. Funding for exhibits is also provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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

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