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**BALTIMORE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY VISITS WITH
PAINTINGS, OPENING
ON FIRST FRIDAY AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *August 27, 2017* — The public is invited to a free First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on Sept. 1 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The First Friday reception will feature in the Thaler Gallery a group show by members of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. Established in 1885, the mission of the non-profit society is to encourage, educate, and promote professional excellence in the creation and development of original works of art, executed in aqueous media.

A pop-up exhibit of photographs by the resort's J-1 students will also open on First Friday and continue through the weekend. The annual mini-show displays unique photographic views of the resort through the eyes of its international student workers, who come to Ocean City in the summer to experience life in the United States.

An artists' choice group show in all media by members of the Art League of Ocean City will line the walls of the Galleria in September. Three new studio shows open on First Friday.

Painter Rosemary Burns occupies Studio E in September. A multi-talented artist who also acts, sings, and dances — appearing in professional musical theater, ballet, and opera in Florida, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. — she graduated from the University of Maryland and continued her education at Daytona State College.

Painter Myrna McGrath displays her work in the Spotlight Gallery for the month. The Eastern Shore of Maryland is home and an inspiration to McGrath, who strives to recreate the quiet beauty in nature. Her paintings and prints are in collections throughout the United States and abroad.

Joy Davis of Ardentown, De. is the artisan in residence for September. A self-taught contemporary sterling silver jewelry artist, she often enhances her one-of-a-kind limited edition jewelry with copper, brass and gold-filled metals.

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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EDITORS: Photo attached.

CAPTION: J-1 students from Italy enjoyed photographing the Ocean City area during the summer of 2015.

