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**FREE “CLAY-A-PALOOZA” POTTERY CELEBRATION IS JUNE 23- 24  
AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *June 15, 2018* — The public is invited to a free weekend of pottery demonstrations and hands-on activities geared for all ages at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside. Activities run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 and from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Organized by the Art League of Ocean City and the Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore, the free weekend includes pottery demonstrations, children’s activities, competitions among the potters, and an artisan marketplace.

Children’s activities include the making of ceramic pins, rings, whistles, stamps, ceramic pumpkins, and mermaid sculptures. Clay Guild members will also demonstrate throwing techniques and compete against each other for top thrower.

Clay Guild members include Bob and Dot Truitt, Robbie Johnson, Vicki Noonan, Ernie Satchel, Mary Back, Thomas Wright, Patricia Rose, Ashley Wright, and Florence Kasden.

In addition, the Empty Bowl Project will kick off with bowl-making sessions on both Saturday and Sunday, led by the Art League’s resident potter, Nancy Barnas. The Empty Bowl Project

is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and a unique opportunity to use art in a way that helps the community. The project — which begins with bowl-making sessions and culminates in a soup dinner — is a collaborative effort of the Art League and Diakonia to raise awareness and funds for hunger through creative engagement.

As space is limited for some events, the Art League encourages pre-registration at [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org). All events are free, but if participants wish to take home the pottery they make, a firing fee based on size will apply. Pottery will be fired later for pickup in three weeks.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> 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.

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

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EDITORS: Image attached of potters Dot and Bob Truitt. Poster of scheduled activities is also attached.

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