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**PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE FREE FIRST FRIDAY ART  
OPENING RECEPTION  
ON JUNE 1 AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *May 27, 2018* — A mixed media of art fills the galleries of the Ocean City Center for the Arts in June, and the public is invited to the free opening reception on First Friday, June 1, from 5 – 7 p.m. Longboard Café is providing complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and Shore United Bank is the beverage sponsor.

Nina Mickelsen of Lewes, De. and her colorful silk screen art are featured in the Thaler Gallery in June. A native of Finland, she grew up with the bright colors and bold shapes of Nordic and Scandinavian design, drawing inspiration from nature and contemporary art. Mickelsen's artwork pushes the boundaries of silk screen printing, mixing the paint freely and adding elements to create multileveled surfaces. The artist holds an MBA and a secondary Ph.D. in Business Administration and studied at the Corcoran School of Art and Design and The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

The Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore takes over Studio E in June. Their mission is to bring together ceramic artists and hobbyists on the lower Eastern Shore and to promote the ceramic arts. Works by Guild members Thomas Wright, Ashley Wright, Robert Johnson, Mary Back, Patricia Rose, Vicki Noonan, Florence Kasden, Nicole Bishop, Ernie Satchell,

Karen Bearman, and Sarah Halcott will be on display. The Guild will present a free “Clayapalooza” weekend at the Arts Center on June 23-24 with hands-on demonstrations.

Members of the Art League of Ocean City will also be displaying their work in a photography show devoted to black-and-white images.

Helen Smith of Berlin displays her paintings in the Spotlight Gallery. She is inspired by the coastal areas in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and California and attempts to give life to the subject in her art.

Ceramicists Dot and Bob Truitt occupy the Artisan Showcase in June. The couple uses high-fire stoneware clay and low-fire glazes to get a wide range of colors and objects for the home, including fan pulls, finials for lamp shades, bottle stoppers, and bells shaped like animals.

All shows will run through June 30. Admission to the Arts Center is always free.

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. 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](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

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Image of Nina Mickelsen of Lewes making a piece of silk screen art

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