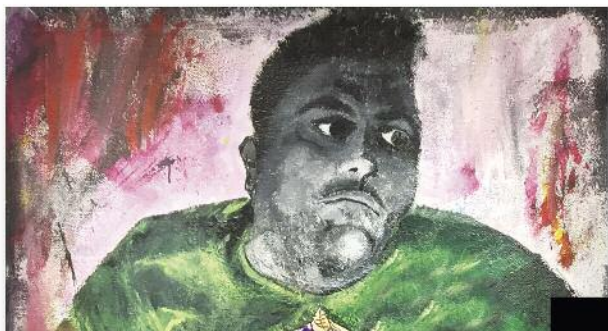
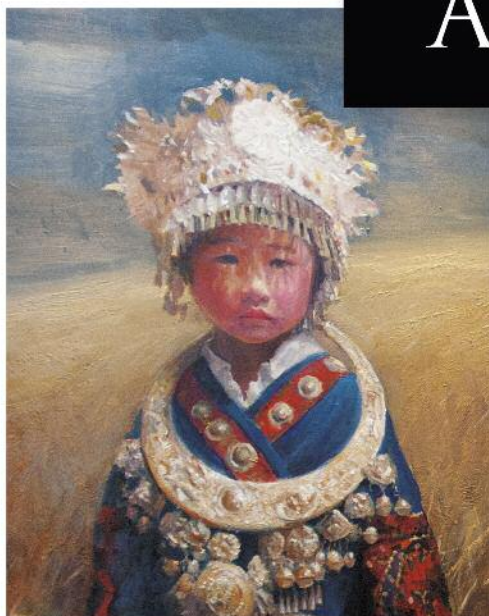


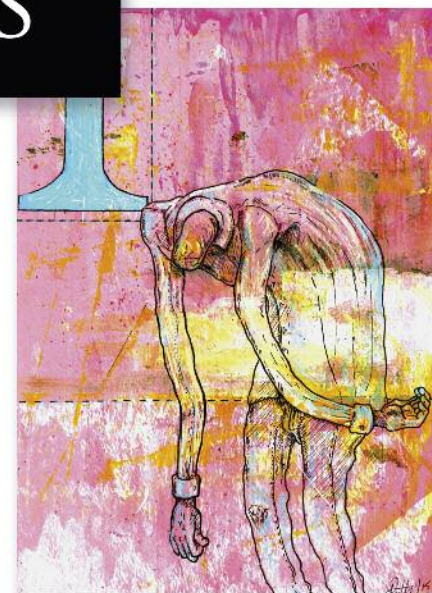
THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS



ART UNITES US



ANNUAL REPORT



2016 ~ 2017

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ART UNITES US! With all the social, economic, religious, and political polarization in our world, isn't it wonderful that there is still a common thread that unites us and embraces diversity?

Art is a universal language using visual code that transcends nations, cultures, religions, and generations. For example, ask a child anywhere to paint the sun, and it will have universal understanding.

I am delighted to see how the Ocean City Center for the Arts provides a place of unity in our community. Young and old alike are stimulated by our wide array of creative programming. Volunteers work together to make fundraising events successful. Regional exhibitors draw new audiences to opening receptions, and the corporate community appreciates the economic value that we help to bring to Ocean City.

We could not do this without your continued support through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. On behalf of our dedicated Board of Directors and hard-working staff, I thank you for your generosity. The Ocean City Center for the Arts is more than a beautiful venue – it's all about the people who unite together to create and appreciate art!

~ Marian Bickerstaff
President, Art League of Ocean City



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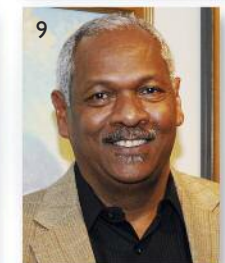
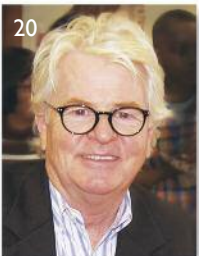
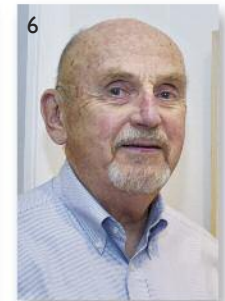
- > More than 80,000 people have visited the Ocean City Center for the Arts since 2013 — 18,000 in 2016 alone.
- > Nearly 1,000 people are members of the Art League, with close to 100% renewal rate.
- > In 2016, 298 classes were taught at the Arts Center with 2,392 student registrations.
- > Volunteers gave 6,873 hours of their time to us in 2016, and more than 330 artists exhibited their work.
- > The Art League — with support from partner Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore — has awarded \$32,000 in student scholarships since 1991.
- > More than 50 artists from six states participated in the “Artists Paint OC” plein air event in 2016 and 2017.
- > The Sand Castle Home Tour completed its 13th year with more than 1,000 tour takers and 200 volunteers.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Matthew Amey	Heather Layton (14)
Mitzi Ash (15)	Hannibal Lee
Jeffrey Auxer (10)	Kee Lee
Irene Averitte	Don Lehman (20)
Baltimore Watercolor Soc.	Gwen Lehman (4)
Marian Bickerstaff	Jessica Luscombe
Megan Burak (7)	Selena Mallot (23)
Rosemary Burns	Nicole Maskill
Barbara Kern Bush (3)	Lesley McCaskill (11)
Jess Cross	Myrna McGrath
Reeves Dark (22)	Hannah Miller
Joy Davis	Jeanne Mueller
Debbi Dean-Colley	Jan Perdue
Jose Diaz (21)	Christian Peterson
Dee Dobson	Dean Peterson
Chris Dodd	Fred Peterson (6)
Ed Challenger	Marcus Pettit (2)
Delaware Watercolor Soc.	Damon Pla
Ed Eckert	Justin Pyles
Artists of Ellicott City	Ian Postley (17)
Laura Ellison	Victor Pozhidayev
Stewart Emmerich	Pauline Rakis
Sandra Esham	Jon Rees
Anabela Ferguson	Deborah Rolig
Evan Fitzgerald	Brian Robertson
Carl Forsberg (12)	Gregg Rosner
Geri Gaskill	Barbara Doyle Schmid
Maria Gayhart	Jospeh Scukanec
Dee Gray (1)	Dale Sheldon
Kate Hammen	Rickey Sears
Betsy Hall Harrison (18)	Silk Painters International
Patrick Henry (9)	David Simpson
Randy Hofman	Barbara Siskind
Yumi Hogan (16)	Patti Smith
Katrin Huber	Rae Smith (13)
Brad Hudson	Shayn Smith
Kathy Huegel	Barbara Stepura
Tinsel Hughes	Nancy Ellen Thompson
John Iampieri	Erin Timmons
Laura Jenkins (19)	Paul Treadway
Norman Johansen	Dot & Robert Truitt
Fay Kempton	Sydney Waters
Jinchul Kim (5)	Robert Watson
Galina Kolosovskaya	Gail Zinar (8)



ART UNITES ARTISTS & THE COMMUNITY



MEET US

1) The Art League and the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore awarded five \$1,000 scholarships in 2016 to local students majoring in art. Committee members Jan Perdue, Nancy Fortney, and Judy Tremellen with Jordan Riddleberger, Tate Shockley, and Rebeka Kline. Not shown: Marley Parsons, Trent Carpenter, Velda Henry, Lyn Burr, Katy Durham.

2) The 2nd Anime/Manga Show in April brought a group of young artists into the Arts Center for a weekend show and to mingle with other enthusiasts. Erin Timmons of Savannah College of Art & Design was featured. John Sisson sponsored prizes.

3) Outreach is part of the mission of the Art League, and engaging children in art is a prime directive. The students at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin loved painting self portraits.

4) Tinsel Hughes, artist in residence at the Arts Center, engages attendees at the April First Friday opening reception as she works in clay.

5) Free Family Art Days encourages families to create together. The free event has a new theme each month. Sponsors such as the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and Walmart make the event free for everyone.

6) Our pottery studio hosts classes for all ages and skill levels with firing and glazing capabilities.

7) Kids & Canvas is a monthly Saturday class held at the Arts Center for children of all ages.

8) Summer Art Adventure Camp is an annual program sponsored by the Art League and Ocean City Parks & Recreation. This year, 160 children enjoyed activities taught by artists and teachers.

9) Pizza & Pottery is a monthly class for children of all ages taught by the Art League's pottery studio manager, Nancy Barnas. Children enjoy a pizza dinner and make a clay creation.





ART UNITES ALL AGES



PICASSO

Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill (9)

RENOIR

Atlantic Planning Development
& Design

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel (12)

Donaway Furniture/Kimmerly Messick (10)

Dr. Kathleen Dillon & Dan Mason

Farmers Bank of Willards

Gold Coast Beer, Wine & Liquor

Jolly Roger Amusement Park

Outback Steakhouse

Sello's Italian Oven & Bar

MONET

Commander Hotel (14)

Cynthia B. Malament, P.A. (2)

Seacrets Nite Club

Sunsations (6)

The Original Greene Turtle

CEZANNE

Berlin Interventional Pain
Management (4)

Community Foundation of
the Eastern Shore

Delaware Elevator (11)

Dough Roller Restaurants

Dunes Manor Hotel & Suites

Glitter & Gold (15)

Mancini's Brick Oven Pizzeria

Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645

Sea Quest Fashions

GAUGUIN

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& Family Dentistry

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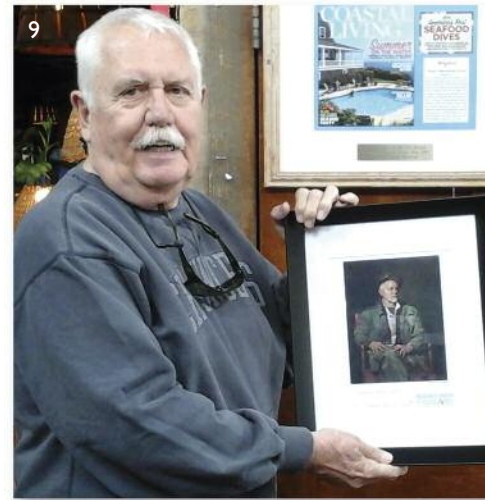
Liquid Assets

Longboard Cafe

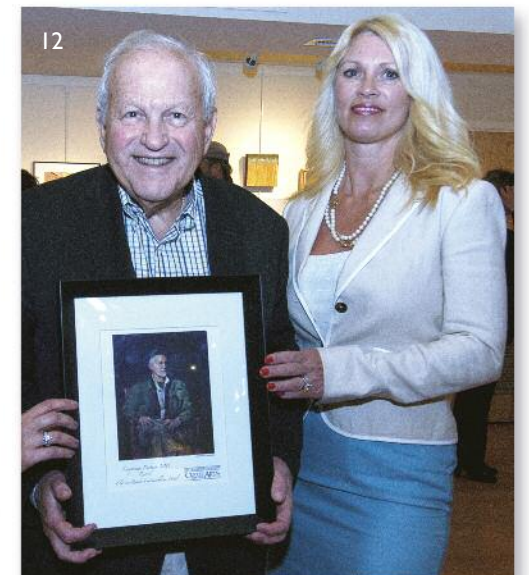
Miss Patti Cake

Touch of Italy





ART UNITES CORPORATE PARTNERS



OF NOTE

- 1) Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland, brought her work to the Arts Center this summer. Julie Madden of the Maryland State Arts Council visited. Hogan's "Yumi CARES" Foundation donated proceeds from sales to art therapy programs for children with cancer.
- 2) Our Evening Lecture Series covers topics both educational and inspirational. Karen Barwick speaks during the Devine Feminine Show in May.
- 3) The Empty Bowl Soup Dinner raised funds for the Art League and Diakonia. Volunteers Wes Page, Velda Henry, and Nancy Fortney served soup to the crowd.
- 4) In May, the Arts Center celebrated "The Divine Feminine — a month of art shows, workshops, and lectures — curated by Deborah Rolig and Dee Gray. The OC Writers Group and Rehoboth Women Writers with Kathleen Martens published a book by women authors.
- 5) The Art Center's Art & Soul Healing Series is free with a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The series opens the mind, body, and soul.
- 6) The inaugural Ocean City Film Festival showcased independent cinema in June with more than 100 films including "1984" by Rudy Childs.. The festival returns in March 2018.
- 7) The party of the year rocked the Gateway Grand in September with the 60s/70s themed "Peace, Love and Art." The committee got into the spirit and into costumes.
- 8) Cheryl Taustin sang and Kyler Taustin staged a duel during the pARTy for the Arts in April, a benefit for the Art League, Brown Box Theatre, and Gwen Lehman Foundation.
- 9) Brown Box Theatre Project brings live theatre to the Arts Center with original and experimental plays.
- 10) The annual "Artists Paint OC" plein air event brought 50 artists from six states to the area. Alison Menke of Silver Spring painted the Boardwalk during the Quick Draw event, sponsored by the Ocean City Development Corp.
- 11) The 13th annual fundraiser Sand Castle Home Tour featured ten unique homes over two days in September. Volunteers Merilee Horvat and Karen Hunter with Debbi Dean-Colley, volunteer coordinator.





ART UNITES US IN FUN





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Four years ago when we opened the beautiful new Ocean City Center for the Arts, I knew we were doing something important, but I never imagined how many people this building would unite.

From the children who look forward each year to participating in our summer art camp, to the families who come every month for Free Family Art Days, to the baby boomers who are retiring here eager

to pursue passions they delayed during their careers, the Ocean City Center for the Arts has become a place to gather and joyfully create, explore, and appreciate the arts.

This year, we have added new programs such as our “Originals Only” monthly music nights, where local millennials come together to perform original music in an alcohol-free setting. We have even grown beyond the walls, installing a Little Free Library in our courtyard.

We embarked on a successful effort to enhance our beaches with artwork-embellished trash cans, through a program we call “Art Can Clean Beaches,” sponsored by a grant from the “Keep Maryland Beautiful Campaign,” an initiative of the Maryland Environmental Trust. With the help of local businesses who sponsored cans and artists who contributed their work, we were able to raise awareness about littering, as well as beautify our beaches.

We even introduced a new event, The Ocean City Film Festival. Held at venues across the resort, the festival brought together a new group of filmmakers and appreciators who continue to collaborate.

Together, through art, we have made an impact on our community and created a place of which we can all be proud. Because of people of vision, we have been able to accomplish so much. Thank you all for your continued support.

*~ Rina Thaler
Executive Director
Art League of Ocean City*

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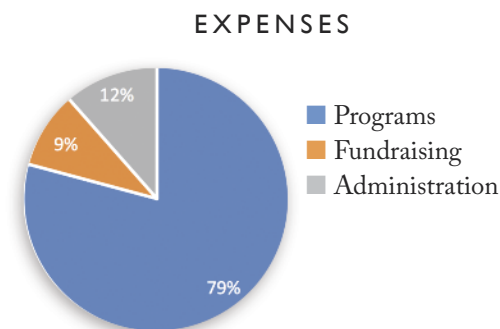
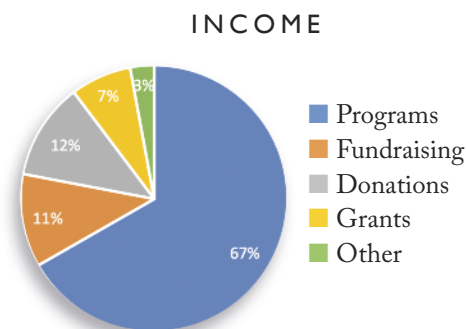
FINANCIALS *January 1 - December 31, 2016*

2016 was another strong financial year for the Art League of Ocean City. While focused on offering high-quality programming and an increase in staffing, we were still able to increase assets by 7% over the prior year.

One of the key financial goals of the Board for the year was to increase the level of our Endowment Fund to over \$80,000 with a goal of continued growth to provide for future sustain-ability of the organization.

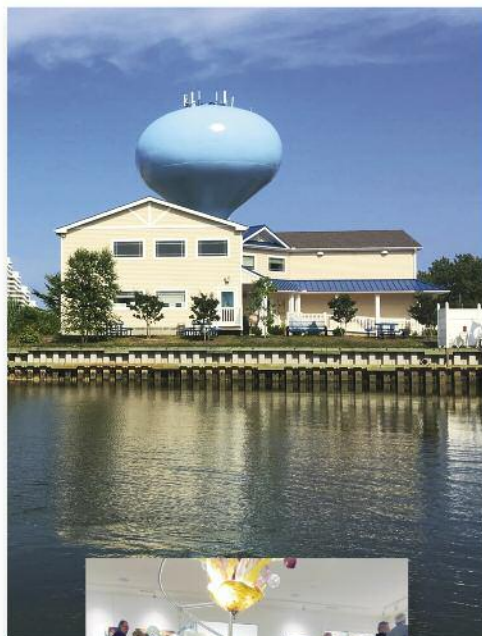
We are grateful for the diversified income streams that continue to support our programming including support from the Town of Ocean City, Worcester County, the Maryland State Arts Council, Worcester County Arts Council, and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

In addition to these grants, programming income accounts for the largest segment. We are also grateful for generous donors, individual members, and corporate partners.



HOW TO SUPPORT US

- Donate to our annual appeal online at artleagueofoceancity.org with a credit card. Or donate by phone or mail.
- Become a member or corporate partner, or volunteer your time and energy.
- Donate a needed item for programming, a reception or special event.
- Purchase a red clay paver in our courtyard and honor a loved one or send a message.
- Sponsor an exhibit or the Home Tour, provide a grant for tuition or scholarship or prizes for our Plein Air event.
- Honor people or events in your life by creating a memorial gift or naming an event or area of the Arts Center.
- Consider a legacy gift through appreciated assets and estate planning techniques: Make an outright gift of appreciated assets such as stocks, securities or real estate. Designate the Art League as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. Leave a tax-exempt bequest of cash or property through your will or trust. Fund a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) with cash or securities. Create an endowment or contribute to the permanent Art League Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Please make your intentions known to us and become a member of our new Legacy Partners.



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To promote the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events.

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