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Art League announces winners of 13th annual "Artists Paint OC" event

OCEAN CITY, MD – August 20, 2018 – Alison Menke of Silver Spring, Md. took top honors in this year's "Artists Paint OC" plein air event with her painting, "Color Rigging." Menke also won honorable mention in the Quick Draw competition on the Boardwalk on Sunday.

Fifty artists — popular regional artists as well as painters from around the country — painted from August 8-12 at picturesque spots around the resort of Ocean City. The event culminated with the Wet Paint Party & Sale on Saturday, when the artists brought their freshly-painted work indoors to hang on the walls of the Ocean City Center for the Arts and be judged and sold.

Kirk McBride, acclaimed local plein air artist, judged the work and awarded \$2,650 in cash prizes, including several themed awards. Besides Menke, other winners include: Thomas Bradshaw of Blackstone, Va., 2nd place; Crystal Moll of Baltimore, Md., 3rd place; and honorable mentions Lisa BurgerLentz of Media, Pa., Andree Tullier of Annapolis, Md., and Carolyn Aberbach of Bethany Beach, De.

Barbara Kern-Bush of Berlin, Md. won Best Use of Light, sponsored by Royal Plus Electric. Mick McAndrews of Downington, Pa. won Best Maritime, sponsored by TowboatUS. Dennis Young of New Castle, De. won Best Hospitality, sponsored by the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Assn. Jill Glassman of Berlin, Md. won Best Nocturne, sponsored by Worcester County Tourism.

Quick Draw winners also include: Barbara Kern-Bush of Berlin, Md., 1st place; Raymond Ewing of Swan Point, Md., 2nd place; and Jim Rehak of Seaford, De., 3rd place. The Ocean City Development Corp. sponsored the Quick Draw event.

The plein air artwork will be on exhibit at the Ocean City Center for the Arts through the end of August.

More information about the event is available online at <u>www.artleagueofoceancity</u>.org or by calling the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 410-524-9433.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th St. 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.

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Winners left to right: Emily Schwab, Art League plein air coordinator; Ken Skrzesz, executive director Maryland State Arts Council; Jill Glassman;Alison Menke; Dennis Young; Barbara Kern-Bush; Mick McAndrews; Andree Tullier; Crystal Moll; Lisa BurgerLentz; Thomas Bradshaw.

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