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**Local painter Patrick Henry headlines October art shows  
and First Friday opening on Oct. 5 at  
the Ocean City Center for the Arts**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Sept. 28, 2018** — Patrick Henry of Berlin is the featured artist during October with a one-man show at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The public is invited to the free First Friday opening reception on Oct. 5 from 5 – 7 p.m. with live jazz performed by The New York Connection and complimentary beverages sponsored by PKS Investments.

Henry's exhibition, entitled "Patterns: of Man, of Nature, of Art," features all-new paintings, many focusing on the very personal local scenes and flavors that identify his work.

Henry is a son of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Born in 1952 to Samuel and Marigold Henry, he was one of seven children in the close, spiritual family. From early on, Henry enjoyed exploring the fields around his family's home on Sinepuxent Road, outside Ocean City. After studying art at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Henry began to depict the seashores, farmlands, and laborers of this Maryland community.

Today, he is one of the area's most recognized painters, creating images that are a tribute to a way of life that may only exist on his canvasses.

The Galleria will feature an all-media abstract group show by members of the Art League of Ocean City.

Watercolorist Jill Kohut occupies Studio E in October. A signature member of the National Watercolor Society and lifetime achievement award recipient from the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, she is also an educator, teaching drawing, painting, photography and graphic design to students of all ages.

Maureen Wheatley exhibits her work in the Spotlight Gallery in October. A nature artist, working in many media, Wheatley is a graduate of Catholic University and was formerly the gallery director for the Kent Island Federation of Art and also taught art in Stevensville.

Jeweler Joan Danoff of Washington, D.C. is the artisan in residence for October. Her Starland by Hand jewelry line uses materials such as sterling silver and copper to create modern, organic art.

Admission is always free to the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> Street, 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 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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