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FIRST FRIDAY AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS PREMIERES FIVE NEW ART SHOWS

OCEAN CITY, MD — April 26, 2019 —The public is invited to the free First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. on May 3 from 5-7 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Painters Pamela and David Lussier of Somersworth, NH share the walls of the Thaler Gallery with their show, "Water Views." David Lussier is an award-winning contemporary impressionist and nationally-recognized plein air painter and workshop instructor. In his oil landscapes, he strives to capture the essence and sense of place. Pamela Lussier is a painterly realist, graduating from the Art Institute of Boston. She paints and teaches full time as well as managing the Todd Bonita Gallery in Maine in the summer season.

The group show hanging in the Galleria, titled "Felines vs. Canines," is part of May's Animals in Art month at the Arts Center, to benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Pip the Beach Cat will make a special appearance at the First Friday opening. Other May events include the Brushes and Bubbly "Paint a Pup" paint night on May 8, a class on fused glass animals on

May 10, and a pottery class on ceramic pet bowls on May 28. More information on these events is available at ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org.

Photographer John Carter of Reisterstown, Md. occupies Studio E during May. A native of Philadelphia, he is a member of the Central Maryland Photography Guild and has a Master's degree in Instructional System Design. Carter focuses his camera on nature, landscape, and wildlife images.

Myrna McGrath of Salisbury is featured in the Spotlight Gallery. McGrath is a maker of limited edition maps that portray landmarks and natural features — lighthouses, fish, ships, and towns, for example — of the Chesapeake Bay and the eastern coastline.

Marisa Longo of Ocean City is May's artisan in residence. She creates mixed media metal trees, pendants, and figures with the wire wrapping technique, often inset with pearls.

All shows will be on display at the Arts Center until June 1.

More information is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

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