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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

All-female art show opens on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Ocean City Center for the Arts with free public reception and market

OCEAN CITY, MD — Sept. 29, 2019 — The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to a special opening reception for "RISE," an art show by women artists, on First Friday, Oct. 4 from 5 – 9 pm at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. The exhibit opens with a free public reception and art marketplace featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

RISE, a building-wide multimedia exhibition that seeks to empower women through art, emphasizes women overcoming adversity. Curated by Deborah Rolig of Berlin, the exhibit is sponsored in part by the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. This is the third year for Rolig's all-female show that will showcase a cross-section of female artists incorporating all facets of visual art and conceptual art forms, promising to be thought provoking and visually stimulating.

Exhibiting artists include Joanna Barnum, Janice Elder, Susan Emond, Patti Euler, Autumn Faber, Raye Gillette, Dee Gray, Angela Herbert-Hodges, Tinsel Hughes, Alyssa Maloof, Barb Mowery, Deborah Rolig, Sophia Smith, and Dawn Tarr, plus a group show of submitted artworks. Seven female artisans will offer their work at a special art marketplace.

Once again, Kathleen Martens will unite Delaware and Maryland women writers, who have written a book of prose and poetry to accompany the show. "Seaside Scribes: Women Writing, Women Rising" will be on sale during the opening and through October.

The public is also invited to the RISE events happening during October at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. Rolig and sister Dee Gray will teach a "Soul Play" workshop on Oct. 12. The Seaside Scribes will read from their new book on Oct. 13. Dr. Judy Pierson will give a free lecture entitled "Heart to Heart We Rise" on Oct. 15. Rolig and Gray team up again for a "Nature Vignette" workshop on Oct. 19.

The SHEro Awards ceremony on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. will honor women who have made a difference on Delmarva, and is free and open to the public.

Admission is always free to the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th 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. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or <a href="https://example.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org">ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org</a>.

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EDITORS: Photo attached of Deborah Rolig who for the third year is curating an all-women art show at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

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