

CONTACT:

Rina Thaler

The Art League of Ocean City

Ocean City Center for the Arts

[rthaler@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:rthaler@artleagueofoceancity.org)

410-524-9433

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Ocean City Center for the Arts hosts lecture on Oct. 16  
by architectural historian on the fire at Paris's Notre Dame  
Cathedral**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Oct. 8, 2019* — The Ocean City Center for the Arts will host a lecture entitled “Our Lady of Paris: The Fire at Notre Dame Cathedral – Past and Future” by architectural historian Robert M. Craig on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 6-8 p.m. The event is timed in celebration of Ocean City’s History Week and as a fundraiser for the Art League of Ocean City with an admission of \$10, and the public is invited.

In April, the world was shocked at the images of the horrendous fire that nearly destroyed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, one of France’s most significant Early Gothic cathedrals, begun in 1163. Craig will present an illustrated lecture on the fire, discussing the significant features of the building over time including past mutilations and desecrations of the cathedral. A highlight will be a review of proposals by 21<sup>st</sup> century architects to rebuild or redesign the roof and spire.

Written for a general audience, the talk will view the building through the eyes of Victor Hugo, author of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and Eugene Viollet-le-Duc, controversial 19<sup>th</sup> century restoration architect, as well as contemporary designers. Drawing on historic paintings and photogravures, drawings, photographs, and contemporary architectural

renderings, the talk is visually rich and promises to inform and entertain all who attend.

Craig is Professor Emeritus of Georgia Tech's architecture school where he taught the history of architecture from 1973-2011. He has lectured from China to France, Canada to Australia, and throughout the United States, giving more than 160 talks at academic conferences. He has authored nine books, most recently two illustrated histories of the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

*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.*

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

###

Elaine Bean  
Publicity & Marketing Coordinator  
Art League of Ocean City  
Ocean City Center for the Arts  
cell 443-944-3398