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LAURA JENKINS FUNDS ART LEAGUE FELLOWSHIP  
IN HONOR OF HER PARENTS

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Oct. 25, 2019* – The Art League of Ocean City announces that local businesswoman, artist, and board member Laura Jenkins has endowed an art fellowship in honor of her parents.

The endowment provides \$1,500 annually and will fund in perpetuity the *Orem and Harriet Robinson Memorial Fellowship for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement* at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

Jenkins' parents were both educators. Orem Robinson was Dean of Students at Salisbury University and Harriet Robinson was principal at Pinehurst Elementary in Salisbury. Jenkins named this fellowship after them because of their dedication and love for education and art.

“Both of my parents came to art late in life and loved it,” Jenkins said. “My dad was handicapped as he grew older, and art became very important to him. He did pencil drawing and oil painting and also carved ducks. My mother did oil painting and had a very unique style. Art was a tremendous joy for them.”

“This fellowship means a lot to me, because they were my biggest fans,” Jenkins continued. “I didn't come to art until later in life either, and they were such cheerleaders in spurring me on. I wanted to be part of this fellowship because this is how we grow our circle, reaching out and engaging with other sectors of the community, giving back at a level that can bring in another level of (art) collector and educate people to fine art.”

Brooke Rogers of Ocean City is the inaugural Art League fellow for 2019. He has taught in the art department at Salisbury University for over 20 years, serving as department chair from 2009-15. He lead workshops, docent bus trips to important art museums, lectured on contemporary art, and curated exhibitions and pop-up shows.

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

*The Art League of Ocean City is 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.*

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