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**ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY ANNOUNCES
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR JUNE 2020**

OCEAN CITY, MD — June 1, 2020 — The Art League of Ocean City continues tailoring its programs to keep artists and patrons safe and engaged by offering both in-person and virtual events. The Ocean City Center for the Arts has reopened its doors, and the galleries are filled with art that can be viewed while safely social distancing.

“We want everyone to feel they can engage with us at their own comfort level,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. “For some, that means returning to on-site visits at the Arts Center or even taking an in-person class. Others may prefer to stay at home and view our exhibitions online or take a class on Zoom. Creative opportunities are available either way through the Art League.”

Classes resume in-person at the Arts Center on June 1 with limited class size and include painting, drawing, and mosaics. June art classes on Zoom include drawing, pottery, and painting. Special Zoom classes for children and teens include photography, art, and poetry plus free sessions with special changing art projects every Wednesday and Friday.

The traditional First Friday art opening and happy hour again moves online for June with live streaming of the new exhibits on Facebook and the Art League’s website beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5. June’s in-house gallery shows – also available to view online – include recent paintings by master oil painter Bernard Dellario in the Thaler Gallery, weavings by natural materials artist Heidi Wetzel in Studio E, and mixed media creations by artisan Lisa Scarbath. The Galleria will

also show an Art League members group exhibit called, “We Made It: Isolation Art Show,” featuring artwork made during the shutdown.

The Art League will also present several online-only shows during June, including a group photography show, “A Human Story,” juried by Greg Poulos. The Lower Shore Addiction Awareness Arts Competition, coordinated by the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, will also move online this year.

Other noteworthy June events include a free Zoom lecture by Art League fellow John Mosher entitled “Contemporary Assemblage and Collage,” on June 16 and a free Ocean City Film Festival film night on June 20. Also a free Lunch & Learn session with Bernard Dellario on June 22, and a free Originals Only concert on Facebook on June 24.

Complete up-to-date information about activities of the Art League and the Arts Center are available at 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. Funding for exhibits is also provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, 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.

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