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**ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY ANNOUNCES NEW  
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITS OPENING AUG. 7**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Aug. 3, 2020** — The Art League of Ocean City continues to innovate, providing art with social distancing, and August’s art shows will be a combination of virtual and in-person exhibits. On First Friday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m., the Art League will premiere an online video with a sampling of artwork from several new shows. The exhibits will also be physically on display in the galleries of the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94<sup>th</sup> St. through Aug. 29.

First Friday’s virtual event is free and open to the public on the Art League’s Facebook Live page. The video tour of the exhibits will also be available at [www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org).

The Thaler Gallery hosts the contemporary art of John Mosher, the Art League’s 2020 Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement, in a show titled “Curiosities.” Originally from Michigan, Mosher moved to the Eastern Shore in 2011 and currently teaches studio art and web design at Salisbury University. His own art practice is varied, from web design to digital art to more traditional drawing/painting to collage.

“Curiosities is an exhibition that explores various interpretations of natural light phenomenon and suggests underlying organizations of

invented abstract objects,” Mosher said. “Inspired in part by scientific illustrations from the 18th and 19th centuries, this work envisions the artist as a scientist or archaeologist collecting specimens from the imagined world rather than the natural one.”

The artwork of Pauline Rakis of Silver Spring, Md. fills the walls of the Studio E during August. Rakis has expanded her portfolio of landscapes and still lifes to included abstracts and collages. Viewers and her collectors have commented on the joy they feel from her bold colors.

Ruth Ann Kaufman of Lewes, De. is the Spotlight artists for August. She works primarily in watercolors, often combined with other media, and is inspired by nature, animals, sea creatures, and color. She is a member of the Cape Artists of Lewes and has won numerous awards.

Tina Parsons of Pittsville is the artisan for August. Working in many mediums, she creates one-of-a-kind paintings, sculptures, dolls, and unique objects filled with beauty, fantasy, creepy gore, and more.

A one-week-only exhibit from Aug 7-14 in the Galleria features artwork created by campers ages 6-14 in the summer’s Art Adventure Camp at the Arts Center, including paintings, drawings, and mixed media.

*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.*

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

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