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Art League of Ocean City invites Worcester County students to enter art show and win cash prizes

OCEAN CITY, MD — Feb. 15, 2021 — The Art League of Ocean City invites students in middle and high school in Worcester County to enter their original artwork and be eligible to win cash prizes. The Shirley Hall Memorial Youth Art Show will hang in the galleries of the Ocean City Center for the Arts from March 5-27, 2021. The show coincides with National Youth Art Month.

Entries will be accepted in-person at the Arts Center, 502 94th St. bayside, from Feb. 21-Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekends.

Every year for more than 25 years, the Art League has presented the annual Shirley Hall Memorial Art Show, showcasing the artwork of middle and high school students from public and private schools in Worcester County. The purpose of the event is to promote creativity and allow local youth to present their artwork in a professional gallery setting.

The art show is named in memory of Shirley Hall, a former Art League board member, who was instrumental in originally developing and presenting the show. The judges of the show are Hall's family, who will award \$250 in cash prizes in memory of Greg Hall.

“With the pandemic and school closures, we felt it was more important than ever to keep our students engaged in the arts,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. “That’s why we are reaching out to students directly

this year rather than going through their teachers. We want all middle and high schoolers to know they are invited to personally enter.”

The show is open to all middle and high school students in Worcester County, including public, private, and homeschool students. Artwork must be original, and all two-dimensional art is eligible: paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media, etchings, and more. The artwork must have been created in the past year. The art must be matted and framed and ready to hang, with a maximum framed size of 16x20 inches.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts practices CDC guidelines with mask wearing and social distancing.

Questions should be directed to Kacie Neeb, gallery assistant, at the Art League, kacie@artleagueofoceancity.org.

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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