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**NOVEMBER'S FIRST FRIDAY FEATURES FREE ART
OPENINGS AT
OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND SATELLITE
GALLERIES**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Oct. 27, 2021* — First Friday art openings by the Art League of Ocean City take place in three locations on Nov. 5 from 5-7 p.m. The main opening is at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 94th St. bayside, with satellite openings also taking place at the Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery.

The Thaler Gallery at the Arts Center features a signature members' exhibit by the Delaware Watercolor Society, a group of more than 100 artists from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Signature level denotes the highest level of artistic achievement within the Society, designating those artists who consistently demonstrate a high degree of creativity, knowledge, and skill in watercolor.

The artwork of Gwen Lehman of Ocean Pines is on exhibit in Studio E in November at the Arts Center. Lehman is best known locally as an inspirational teacher for 46 years at Stephen Decatur High School where she won a variety of local and national awards. Originally from Washington Co., Md., Lehman earned a Master's Degree in English from Washington College in Chestertown, Md. Untrained formally as a visual artist, she has begun to explore the visual arts through painting, drawing, and photography.

Bobby Malzone and Reeves Dark, both of Worcester Co., Md., share the Spotlight Gallery at the Arts Center in November. Malzone will exhibit photographs of the intricate mandalas he makes in the sand “to not only tolerate impermanence but celebrate it,” he said. Dark is a representational artist who works mostly in oils, gaining inspiration from experiences he has while surfing in Ocean City. He holds a BFA in graphic design from Salisbury University

Svetlana McCoy-Rusanova of Linden, NJ is the Art Center’s artisan for November. In creating jewelry, she draws inspiration from the beauty and energy of natural stones and other natural materials as well as from her experience as a gardener and flower arranger.

The First Friday receptions continue at two points in North Ocean City. The main lobby gallery at the Princess Royale Oceanfront, 9100 Coastal Hwy. continues an exhibit of art by Jim Adcock of Bishopville. Originally from Baltimore, Adcock graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art and has taught art in Baltimore Co. schools and at Michaels stores locally.

A second satellite gallery on 94th St., located a block from the Arts Center at the Coffee Beanery, opens a show of new artwork by Kathy Huegel of South Bethany Beach, De. Huegel worked in the commercial art field in Washington, D.C., then returned to the Eastern Shore working as an art teacher in Wicomico County. The artist works mainly with oils, sometimes adding fabric to her creations.

Refreshments at the Arts Center are sponsored by PKS Investments. All shows will be on display until Nov. 27. More information is 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. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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