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**DECEMBER'S FIRST FRIDAY FEATURES FREE ART  
OPENINGS AND ARTISAN FAIR AT OCEAN CITY CENTER  
FOR THE ARTS**

OCEAN CITY, MD —*Nov. 29, 2021* — First Friday, Dec. 3, celebrates the holidays at the Ocean City Center for the Arts with two group shows, a small works show, plus a building-wide two-day artisan fair. The event is free and runs from 5-7 p.m. on Friday.

The annual Holiday Artisan Fair fills the Arts Center for two days with handcrafted items made by local and regional artists. The artists will display their creations during the First Friday art opening and also on the following Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items offered include jewelry, mosaic, fiber, glass, pottery, and mixed media. Guests will also enjoy local authors doing book signings, a free kids' craft area, and a bake sale. The Art League also will be raffling an artisan-filled gift basket and chances to win door prizes.

The Thaler Gallery at the Arts Center features the Annual Members Group Show featuring 2D and 3D artwork by members of the Art League of Ocean City. The Galleria features the Best of 2021, artwork that won awards during exhibits of the past year. Studio E features Small Works, small in size and affordable in price for holiday giving.

Megan Burak of West Ocean City, Md. exhibits her paintings in the Spotlight Gallery. Burak is a contemporary realist artist working mostly in oils. A 2015 graduate of Salisbury University with a BA degree in

two-dimensional art, she has won multiple awards while exhibiting in juried shows and galleries and has shown all around Maryland as well as in New York and Washington, D.C. Her inspiration is drawn from her emotions and the world as she sees it.

Susan Allen of Lewes, De. is the Art Center's artisan for December. Allen developed a passion for mosaics when she made her first piece four years ago, and, as a physician, recognized and experienced the healing effects that creating mosaics can provide both to healthy individuals and those in need of healing. Her recent works combine glass and other materials adding texture and dimension.

First Friday continues 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. A second satellite gallery on 94<sup>th</sup> St. at the Coffee Beanery continues a show of artwork by Kathy Huegel of South Bethany Beach, De.

Refreshments at the Arts Center are sponsored by PKS Investments. All shows will be on display until Dec. 31. More information is available at [www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

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