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New community art mural installed on 94th St. tennis courts

OCEAN CITY, MD — June 28, 2022 — The Art League of Ocean City announces the installation of a community art mural on the tennis court fencing on 94th St. bayside under the blue water tower. Artist Jeanne Anderton of Hebron, Md. designed the giant mural, entitled “Seaside Recollections,” featuring seven of her photographic “solar” prints – or photograms - made from the trash and treasures she found on the Ocean City Boardwalk and beach.

The mural is a public art initiative by the Art League in collaboration with the Town of Ocean City. Funding for the project was provided by the Tong Family Charitable Trust.

Art League board members Brooke Rogers and Don Lehman coordinated the exhibition. Anderton created the artwork and worked closely with Rogers and Lehman on the design and execution.

“The mural is cyanotype photograms of items collected at various locations on the Ocean City Boardwalk,” Anderton said. “Collected items — food, wrappers, cigarettes, clothing tags, napkins, and natural elements including sand, feathers, leaves and broken shells — are collected and placed on coated, light sensitive paper and exposed to the sun.”

Opaque objects block the light, leaving a white shape. Transparent and translucent items reveal words or shapes in different shades of blue. After exposure to the sun, the paper is washed in water to remove the chemicals, revealing the final image.

Anderton's intention with the mural is to inspire viewers to look at trash and everyday objects in a new way.

"A reminder of the memories of visiting Ocean City's Boardwalk, 'Seaside Recollections' asks the viewer to consider how commonplace objects can be transformed into something to be admired, making trash into something beautiful," she said.

Anderton teaches in the Department of Art at Salisbury University, holding an MFA in photography from Syracuse University. Her work has been exhibited nationally in individual and group exhibitions and is in public and private collections. A two time-recipient of the Maryland State Individual Artist Awards, Anderton teaches digital and analog photography courses including alternate photographic processes and digital imagery.

Anderton will teach the solar print or photogram process to children attending this summer's Art Adventure Camp at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, next door to the tennis courts. Anderson's original photograms used to create the mural will be on exhibit and for sale inside the Arts Center in the Spotlight Gallery during July.

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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