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MARYLAND'S FIRST LADY IS CHAIRPERSON OF THE 18TH
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SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR IN-PERSON SEPT. 29-30, 2022

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Sept. 6, 2022* — The Art League of Ocean City is honored to announce that Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland, is the chairperson for the 18th Annual Sand Castle Home Tour, the largest fundraiser of the year for the nonprofit arts organization.

“For the last 18 years, the Art League of Ocean City has strived to create communal places for its residents to pursue the arts, and I am honored to serve as the chairperson for this year’s Sand Castle Home Tour,” First Lady Hogan wrote. “The tour is a wonderful opportunity for community members and visitors to tour Ocean City in a very unique way and support the Ocean City Center for the Arts. I want to thank the ten families who volunteered to open their homes in support of an outstanding cause.”

The tour, now in its 18th year, raised the seed money to construct the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St., and now supports keeping the nonprofit Arts Center free and open for all year round.

The home tour returns in-person this Sept. 29-30, opening the doors of seven private residences in the Ocean City area. A companion virtual

tour of the seven homes plus three additional online-only homes will be available from Sept. 29 through Oct. 31, 2022 on the tour's website. The tour includes a variety of homes from oceanfront to bayside to family residences and condos.

Volunteer docents staff each home, guide visitors through the rooms and outdoor spaces, and answer questions about the house and its unique features. Those taking the tour will be inspired with unique decorating ideas, color schemes, and different styles of living. Local businesses — architects, builders, home decorators, artists, florists, remodelers, landscapers — have the opportunity to show off their talents and showcase their products to the 1,000-plus tour takers.

The self-guided in-person tour is held over two days on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29-30, from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. so guests can tour at their own pace. The seven in-person homes are located in Ocean City, West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and Berlin. Combo tickets for both the in-person and virtual tours are \$50 per person. Tickets to the virtual-only tour are \$35. Both are available at [SandCastleHomeTour.com](https://sandcastlehome.com).

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or artleagueofoceancity.org.

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EDITORS: Photo of Mrs. Hogan with her official portrait painted by Jinchul Kim, professor at Salisbury University.

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