

JAN 2023

ART MATTERS NEWSLETTER

Artists & Writers Collaborate



SHARED VISIONS

A Sleeper's balanced walk, unobserved and unabsorbed, by his brain, yet Monty, the sleep-walker's precious cat, watches George's strange actions, and decides not to wake him, as he meanders off.

However, as a self-labeled faithful **guide cat** for his owner, Monty performs as witness of these, soon to be, frequent departures...

"A Silent Slice of Life"
Ruth Alcorn

Painting: "Waiting"
by Isabel Pizzolato

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FREE FIRST FRIDAY
OPENING RECEPTION ~ JANUARY 6 ~ 5-7 PM



502 94th St 410-524-9433 OCart.org

EXHIBITS



SHARED VISIONS

**THALER
GALLERY**

**SISSON
GALLERIA**
"Force of Nature"
Group Show

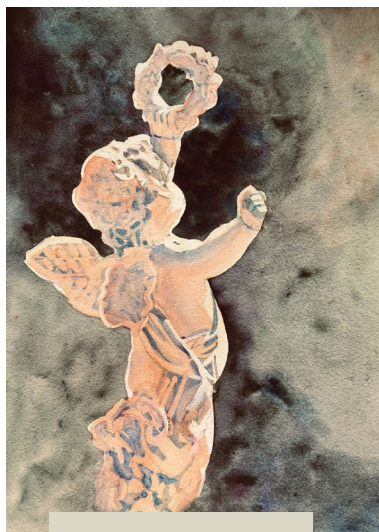


STUDIO E
Sarah Hancock

ARTS CENTER FREE FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION - JAN 6 ~ 5-7 PM

All welcome. Free admission. Meet the artists and mingle!

Beverages sponsored by PKS Investments. Complimentary snacks.



SPOTLIGHT
Cindy Strouse

ARTISAN SHOWCASE

Art League of
Ocean City Staff



**COFFEE
BEANERY**

94th & Coastal Hwy
Dale Ashera-Davis



**PRINCESS
ROYALE**

9100 Coastal Hwy
Don Hartman

Arts Center exhibits run through Jan. 28, 2023; satellite exhibits thru March

CALL TO ARTISTS ~ 2023 GROUP SHOW SCHEDULE

MONTH	SHOW THEME	ENTRY DATE/WHERE
JAN	"Force of Nature"	Arts Center Jan 2-3
FEB	"Opposites Attract"	Arts Center Jan 29-30
MARCH	"Somewhere to Smile About"	Arts Center Feb 26-27
APRIL	Juried Corporate Partner Show	Online opens Feb 6, closes Mar 6
MAY	"Refections" Photography	Online opens Mar 7, closes Mar 27
JUNE	"Drawings"	Arts Center May 28-30
JULY	Beverly Bassford Juried Show	Online opens May 8, closes June 5

*NOTE: Before entering, please check complete requirements and make a drop-off appointment at **OCart.org/call-for-entries**

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PICASSO - \$5,000 Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill **VAN GOGH - \$2,500** Candy Kitchen Shoppes ~ Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel **RENOIR - \$1,500** Atlantic Planning & Development ~ Jolly Roger/Bayshore Development ~ Pit n Pub ~ Sunations **MONET - \$1,000** Dumser's Dairyland ~ Residence Inn Ocean City ~ Seacrets Nite Club **CEZANNE - \$500** Cambria Hotel ~ Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore ~ Creative Concepts ~ Dunes Manor Hotel ~ Sandra & Robert Esham DDS ~ Key Financial Services ~ Malibu's Surf Shop ~ Mancini's Brick Oven Pizzeria ~ Montgomery Financial Services ~ Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 ~ Old Pro Golf ~ Sea Quest Fashions ~ Worcester County Developmental Center **GAUGUIN - \$250** Albright's Associates LLP ~ Atlantic Dental Cosmetic & Family Dentistry ~ Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand ~ Bonfire Restaurant ~ Brush Stroke Fine Art ~ Billy & Madelyn Carder ~ Chick-fil-A ~ Delaware Elevator ~ Fathom ~ The Framing Corner ~ Harrison Group ~ Heart Drawn Studio & Tattoo ~ Hooked Restaurant ~ Innerbloom ~ Just Tree Creations ~ Mann Properties ~ Monte Carlo Hotel ~ MyCity4Her.com ~ Princess Royale Oceanfront ~ RAK Inc. Rick Meehan & Katy Durham ~ Royal Plus Electric ~ The Sahara Motel ~ Spain Wine Bar ~ Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery **FRIENDS-IN-KIND** Clean Team Janitorial ~ D3 Corp ~ The Dispatch ~ Harrison Group ~ Mail Movers ~ Ocean City Today ~ Shoreline Technologies ~ Sun Signs ~ Unscene Productions **RECIPROCAL MEMBERS** Hotel Motel Restaurant Assn. ~ Ocean City Chamber of Commerce ~ Ocean City Development Corp. **RESTAURANT SPONSORS** Touch of Italy Coins Pub ~ Dunes Manor Hotel ~ Ocean Downs Casino ~ Culinary Arts, Worcester Technical High School ~ Blue Fish

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We're back in 2023 with our lucky 7th season! Stay tuned for more details and check in often for updates at OCMDFilmFestival.com



BOWL-MAKING SESSIONS

\$30 members/\$38 non-members
Saturdays from 1-2pm with potters
Sarah Halcott or Patricia Rose

Jan 14 ~ Jan 28 ~ Feb 11 ~ Feb 18
Feb 25 ~ Mar 11 ~ Mar 18 ~ Mar 25

Space is limited per session. Register online at OCart.org/classes by date.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for bowls to be fired and ready for pickup

Help us fight hunger

The Empty Bowl Project is a unique opportunity to fight hunger locally and benefit the Diakonia food bank and the programs of the Art League. Bring some friends and make a bowl.



60 years of art

The new year brings a sense of renewal and new possibilities, but 2023 is extra special as it marks the 60th anniversary of the Art League of Ocean City and the 10th year since the opening of the Ocean City Center for the Arts! What began in 1963 as a small group of artists who wanted to showcase their art has transformed into a full-fledged art institution serving tens of thousands of people yearly.



JOHN SISSON
PRESIDENT

The growth of the Art League has been exponential over the past ten years since the Arts Center opened with 150,000+ visitors, and impacting over one million people in-person and online. What has been most compelling is how the Art League has become part of the fabric of our community.

Art communicates in ways that words alone cannot. Art transcends ages, provides a visual dialogue of humanity, and promotes healing of mind and body. Yet all the positive effects of art would not be possible without the many dedicated members over the years who have made the Art League a vital resource for those who live, work, and vacation in the area.

Look for more information in the months to come on our anniversary celebration and special exhibition, and check out our new commemorative 60th anniversary logo. We are seeking your memories of the Art League from decades past, and photos or memorabilia to preserve the history of the organization in a special exhibit and film. If you would like to participate in this project, please email your Art League of Ocean City memories to us at admin@artleagueofoceancity.org.



RINA THALER
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

A special gift to our members this year is our 2023 commemorative calendar, featuring stunning images of our members original artwork and lots of opportunities to interact with the arts. We are planning an exciting year filled with creative experiences and encourage you to visit to our website **OCarts.org** for the latest information.

May 2023 be an inspirational year for you, and thank you for making the Art League of Ocean City an iconic arts organization!

John Sisson, *President* Rina Thaler, *Executive Director*

Join or renew your membership and receive our 2023 calendar as a gift

Here's what your membership earns: 10% discount on purchases, 20% discount on classes and events. Advance notice of special events, plus our newsletter mailed to your home. Opportunities to exhibit art, buy art, attend art openings, parties, and events to mingle, make friends, be inspired!

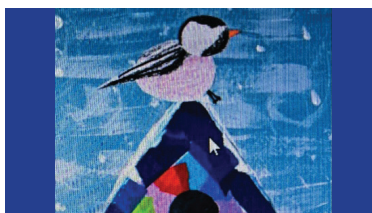


IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP - **Scan the QR code.**

Go to OCart.org/belong - or
call us at 410-524-9433



EVENTS



FREE! FAMILY ART DAY

ARTS CENTER, JAN. 7, 10AM - NOON

Make a birdhouse with Barbara Buford. We supply everything. Register online under Classes. For children with accompanying adults.



FREE! KNITTING/CROCHET

ARTS CENTER, JAN. 12, 10AM - NOON

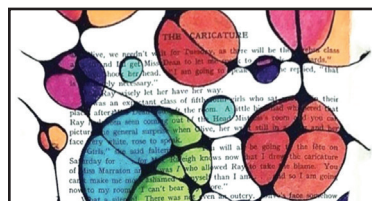
Make items to support Coastal Hospice including twiddle muffs and blankets. Led by Maggie Miller, we have donated yarn to use.



SHARED VISIONS READINGS

ARTS CENTER, JAN. 17, 6-8PM

The writers from our Shared Visions exhibit will read their writings and what inspired them about the art. Free, and all are welcome.



FREE! heART & SOUL

ARTS CENTER, JAN. 19, 5:30 - 7:30PM

Barbara Buford will lead a transformational session for those dealing with stress, grief. Register online under Classes.



WRITERS GROUP

ARTS CENTER, JAN. 21, 1 - 3PM

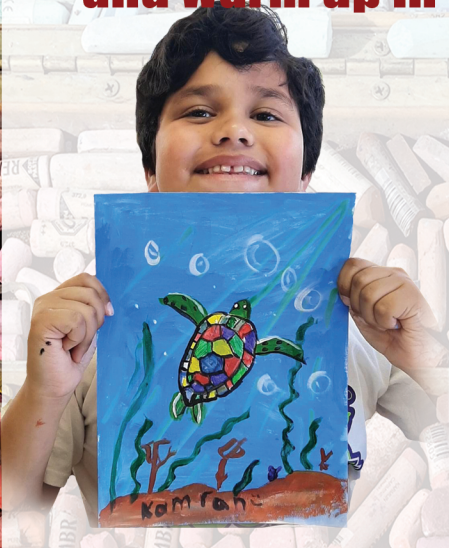
Creative writing discussion in a supportive group. All welcome. Register online under Classes tab.



12 months of art ~ \$10

Our 12-month 2023 calendar is filled with beautiful reproductions of original artwork created by local Eastern Shore artists. Every month is a new art exhibit for your walls. And you'll keep up to date on our events. Available while they last at the Arts Center.

It's cold outside! Come on in and warm up in an art class



Classes for all ages
and all skill levels

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Glass Art & Pottery
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friends, and learn
a new skill!



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Sat-Sun 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Always free admission



Who-Dun-It ??

The Thin Man Murder Mystery Show

*Performed by the
Lower Shore Performing
Arts Company*

**Saturday, Jan. 28, 7pm
Thaler Gallery/Arts Center**

**Tickets \$25 at
O**Cart.org/upcoming-events

The multi-gifted actors of LSPAC re-create "The Thin Man Murder Mystery" by Dashiell Hammett as it was performed on the radio on June 8, 1936. The actors, who will be dressed in apparel typical of the 1930s, will give clues with Nick, Nora, and Asta's help. Each person in the audience will receive a "Who-Dun-It" quiz. Solve the "WHO" and "WHY" mystery and win a "fantastic" gift.