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

EXHIBITS

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ART QUILTERS on the Edge

THALER GALLERY

SISSON GALLERIA "Opposites Attract" Group Show



D'Shon McCarthy











SPOTLIGHT Kevin Moore





STAIRCASE Emil Markulis



94th & Coastal Hwy Dale Ashera-Davis

Arts Center exhibits run thru Feb.; Staircase thru July; satellites thru March 2023.





FREE! KNITTING/CROCHET

ARTS CENTER, FEB. 9, 10AM - NOON Make items to support Coastal Hospice including twiddle muffs and blankets. Led by Maggie Miller, we have donated yarn to use.

FREE! FAMILY ART DAY

ARTS CENTER, FEB. 11, 10AM - NOON Paint a heart with Barbara Buford. We supply everything. Register online under Classes. For children with accompanying adults.

FREE! heART & SOUL

ARTS CENTER, FEB. 16, 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, FEB. 18, 1 - 3PM Creative writing discussion in a supportive group. All welcome. Register online under Classes tab.



\$5 FILM NIGHT

ARTS CENTER, FEB. 18,7PM

A hand-picked selection of short films that will be featured in Season 7 of the Ocean City Film Festival in March. Content not rated by MPAA.



PAINT & PASTA NIGHT

ARTS CENTER, FEB. 23, 5:30-8PM Bring a friend and an adult beverage for pasta from Touch of Italy and painting with Rebecca Morgan. \$45 members/\$56 non. Register online.



Building an arts community is community building

2023 is a landmark year for the Art League of Ocean City as we celebrate 60 years of serving the community by providing cultural arts opportunities. Looking back on the small group of artists who first established the Art League in 1963, it is amazing that we have been able to grow and help so many people find self fulfilment by engaging with the arts.



The Art League has brought reputational credibility to Ocean City and all of Worcester County as a place where the arts flourish. In the past 10 years since we raised the funds for and occupied the Ocean City Center for the Arts, more than 151,000 people have visited the center, and more than one million people have engaged with our organization online. The Art League has become part of the fabric of Ocean City and added to the quality of life for those who live

here and the experience of those who visit.

Events like the upcoming Ocean City Film Festival on March 2-5 have literally built a community of filmmakers on Delmarva and helped hundreds of independent filmmakers connect with audiences right here in the resort. This year's festival will be especially exciting as we welcome internationally known filmmaker John Waters for a special spoken word performance on Saturday, March 4, at Ocean Downs Casino. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Baltimore's own legendary artist and author. Make sure to purchase a premium access pass to see John Waters, plus all 70+ films at the festival, and attend all the great parties and networking events. You can purchase your tickets at **OCMDFilmFestival.com.**

Be sure to check out all of the fun and creative events this February including the live theater performance of "Musical Review: Broadway Love Songs" by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company on Feb. 25, try your hand at a slot tournament to benefit the Art League at Ocean Downs Casino on Feb. 12, and make a bowl to help fight hunger at one of our Empty Bowl classes.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our members and community. There is still much work to be done. After 10 years and 151,000 visitors, we are launching our 60th anniversary campaign to bring much needed repairs to the Arts Center and maintain the beautiful facility we call home.

On behalf of our board of directors and staff, we thank you for your support, and encourage you to join us on the journey to bring the arts to Ocean City and beyond.

John Sisson	Rina Thaler
President	Executive Director



THE 7TH SEASON

70+ films - local and international

Feature films plus blocks of shorts grouped by theme

Parties and mixers with the filmmakers and industry experts

Red Carpet Night at OC Convention Center with two huge local films

Live performance by John Waters on Saturday at Ocean Downs Casino (Limited number of tickets available)

We are honored to welcome legendary filmmaker, artist, and author John Waters to the OC Film Fest. His all-new, fast-moving, comic monologue about today's despair and diseases, desires and desperation breaks through with an insane optimism that welcomes all audiences into a new dawn of depravity.

Ocean City Film Festival MARCH 2nd to 5th 2023

GET YOUR TICKETS OCMDFilmFestival.com

LIVE! IN-PERSON!

THE "END OF THE WORLD" SHOW

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 8 PM Ocean Downs Casino



BOWL-MAKING SESSIONS

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

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

Fight hunger locally

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

CALL TO ARTISTS 2023 GROUP SHOW SCHEDULE

MONTH SHOW THEME

- MARCH "Somewhere to Smile About" APRIL Juried Corporate Partner Show
- MAY "Refections" Photography
- JUNE "Drawings"
- JULY Beverly Bassford Juried Show

ENTRY DATE/WHERE

Arts Center Feb 26-27 Online opens Feb 6, closes Mar 6 Online opens Mar 7, closes Mar 27 Arts Center May 28-30 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**

Slot Tournament for the Arts

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 - 6 PM

Each month, Ocean Downs Casino chooses a nonprofit to benefit from their Slot Tournament, and, lucky us, they chose the Art League for February! Entrants pay a \$20 cash donation to the arts and play one three-minute session. The top three players win a prize, sponsored by the Casino. Play for the arts!



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Joe & Alyson Kendall of Made in the Shade kicked off our fundraising by donating new blinds for our classrooms. We welcome gifts in-kind as well as cash!

Join the Kendalls! OCart.org/donate

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Performed by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company

Saturday, Feb. 25, 7pm Thaler Gallery/Arts Center

Tickets ^{\$}25 at OCArt.org/upcoming-events Enjoy your favorite love songs from West Side Story, Oliver, Showboat, Little Shop of Horrors, South Pacific, Carousel, The Sound of Music, and 1776. Special appearances from "Abbott & Costello" and "Lucy & Ethel."