



ART LEAGUE of OCEAN CITY  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022





Artist Jeanne Anderton and team created huge solar prints and turned the Little Salisbury tennis courts into a public art initiative. The Tong Family Charitable Trust funded this project.

Free art projects on summer Saturdays brought families to the Arts Center to create art together.

## AN IMPACTFUL YEAR

**1,125**

Art League of Ocean City members

**14,746**

Visitors to the Ocean City Center for the Arts

**150,000+**

Visitors since opening in 2013

**1,892**

Original works of art exhibited at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, satellite galleries, and online

**398**

Individual artists exhibited their work

**113**

Artists offered work in the gift shop

**200**

Students attended Summer Art Adventure Camp

**75**

College scholarships awarded to Worcester County students since 1991

**3,980**

Students took 478 art classes, 108 online

**1,102**

Served through The Art League's outreach program with Worcester County School Art Clubs/Paint Events and Worcester County Developmental Center

**5,278**

Volunteers hours given by 249 dedicated volunteers who support the Art League

**227,389**

Facebook reach with 75,274 engagement

**652**

Students of all ages attended free healing art classes.

Figures are November 2021 through October 2022



Since 1991, the Art League has provided college scholarships to Worcester County students pursuing a higher degree in art. In 2022, we proudly awarded our 75th scholarship. Pictured here are the 2022 scholarship winners with Rina Thaler, scholarship donor Sherrie Beckstead, and committee members Ginny Outten and Emily Schwab.



# 60 years

## Looking back, looking forward



*Board President John Sisson celebrated with Abbey Whitelock of New Church, Virginia for her win in the Art League's Manga/Anime Youth Art Show.*



*Executive Director Rina Thaler greeted Maryland's First Lady and fellow artist Yumi Hogan on her visit and tour of the Arts Center in August 2022.*

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hat began 60 years ago as an effort by local artists to display their work has evolved into a far-reaching mission: using the arts as a means toward building bridges between generations and across divides, creating an atmosphere of beauty and culture in public spaces, providing opportunities for personal development and self-expression, and showcasing the work of talented amateur and professional artists in our region.

For the last ten years at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, our reach extends from beyond the Delaware line to Worcester and Wicomico Counties. We are proud of our outreach to youth and to underserved communities and people in need. Working in concert with other nonprofits and government agencies, we make our region a better place to live, work, and play, and contribute significantly to the standing and prestige of the Lower Eastern Shore.

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e stand in awe of the Art League members, artists, and supporters. Our volunteers and staff – always so generous with their time and talents – helped build our beautiful Arts Center ten years ago. We are grateful for our Corporate Partners and benefactors as well, agencies like the Maryland State and Worcester County Arts Councils, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, and a supportive Ocean City mayor and town council, all of whom understand the importance of the arts for the well-being and development of our community.

Looking back at all we have accomplished together, we are excited about our 60th anniversary and prospects for the next 60 years. But we can't keep going forward without your help. Please consider a donation anytime of the year to the Art League to support the arts in Ocean City.

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e have a new website address to make it easier and quicker for you to find out what's going on at the Art League and Arts Center. Please bookmark **[www.OCart.org](http://www.OCart.org)**. (The old website name still works, too.) On behalf of our entire Board of Directors and staff, thank you for all you do for us and the arts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Sisson".

JOHN SISSON  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rina Thaler".

RINA THALER  
Executive Director

# THANK YOU, DONORS Cash Gifts Oct. 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022

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*Visionary OC businessman and longtime Corporate Partner Dr. Leonard Berger was recognized for his support at our donor reception in April 2022.*

*Judy Schoelkopf of Old Pro Golf is one of our many dedicated Corporate Partners.*

*Cheryl Taustin sponsored the printing of artist Kirk McBride's "Breaking Surf" painting to support our 2022 membership drive. Shown here with board member Jan Perdue.*



*Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan and Katy Durham of RAK Inc. enjoy the Sunday Soirée with co-chair Gayle Widdowson.*

## HOW TO SUPPORT US

- Donate online at [ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org/donate](https://ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org/donate) with a credit card. Or donate by phone or mail.
- Become a member or corporate partner, or volunteer your time and skills.
- Donate a needed item for programming, a reception, or special event.
- Purchase a clay paver in our courtyard to send a special message.
- Sponsor an exhibit or a special event, provide a grant for tuition or scholarships, or donate prizes for our events.
- Honor loved ones or events by creating a memorial gift or naming an event or area of the Arts Center.
- Consider becoming a legacy partner through estate planning, and leave a gift that will last forever.
  - Make an outright gift through appreciated assets.
  - Leave a tax-exempt bequest through your will or trust.
  - Create and endowment or contribute to the Art League Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Please make your intentions known to us.

Contact Nancy Dofflemyer at [nancyd@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:nancyd@artleagueofoceancity.org).



*Ian Postley and Francisco Madera created a new gallery space in the staircase of the Arts Center with a custom hand-painted mural and art exhibit. Postley was the Art League's 2022 Fellow for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*

## OUR LEGACY PARTNERS

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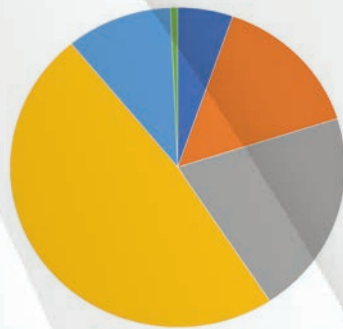
*The Art League partnered with the Ocean City Development Corp. to beautify our town with handpainted murals on the resort's utility boxes. In 2022, the Art League assisted with seven utility box paintings. Carol Toth created this masterpiece.*

*Laura Jenkins is a Legacy Partner of the Art League as well as our 2nd Vice-President and Chair of the annual Artists Paint OC plein air festival.*



# FINANCIALS January 1 - December 31, 2021

In keeping with the mission of the Art League of Ocean City, the largest components of our expenses in 2021 went towards programming, which accounted for 73% of total expenses. Administrative costs were kept to 19% of income, and fundraising costs were 8%. 59% of the income came from programs and membership, 21% from grants, and 20% from donations and fundraisers. Investments continue to be held in our endowed and non-endowed funds at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. We are grateful to the many donors, event sponsors, and grant funders who allowed us to continue operations during the pandemic, so that we could impact the community through art.



## INCOME

- Programs
- Fundraising
- Donations
- Grants
- Membership
- Other



## EXPENSES

- Programs
- Fundraising
- Administrative



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*Tia and Tuve Tuveson designed, fabricated and installed a sculptural weather vane in the courtyard of the Arts Center for the wind to turn and all to enjoy.*

*Arts Day at the Winery brought out 7,000 art lovers to Windmill Creek Winery in Berlin for a vibrant Artisan Fair, art activities, live music including a Battle of the Beach Bands, and a beautiful outdoor space to gather with friends and relax.*





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Board of Directors*

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COVER ART BY DANA SIMSON, "BAREBOAT"