

SEPT 2023

ART MATTERS NEWSLETTER

ARTISTS PAINT



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE FREE FIRST FRIDAY
OPENING RECEPTION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 5-7 PM



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

EXHIBITS

ARTS CENTER

SISSON GALLERIA
Artists Paint OC

See and collect original artwork of
iconic local scenes created during
this year's Plein Air event.

THALER GALLERY
*"Memories: Storytelling through Art"
All-Media Group Show*

SPOTLIGHT
Brigitte Bowden

HELEN SMITH



ARTISAN
SHOWCASE
Helen Prah



STUDIO E
*Lisa Scarbath
Pat Lang*



STAIRCASE GALLERY *"There's Lines & There's Shapes"*
Laura Kelley & L. Morgan Kelley

Arts Center exhibits run through Sept. 30; Staircase through Dec. 31

AUGUST

EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPT 26 ONE-DAY RESIDENCY

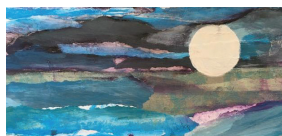
CALEEN JENNINGS

Caleen Jennings is a professor of performing arts at American University and a five-time nominee for the prestigious Helen Hayes Award. Jennings leads a writing workshop for both new and experienced writers from 3-5 pm - "Writing a Memoir: Get Started! Get Unstuck!" (\$25 members, \$32 non). From 7-9 pm, she will read a 20-minute excerpt from her play "Queens Girl in the World" and take questions. (\$25 members, \$32 non.) Members can bundle both the the workshop and reading for \$40, or \$50 for non-members.



SAT. SEPT 9 10AM-NOON FREE FAMILY ART DAY

Make a beautiful collage of torn paper with Barbara Buford. We supply everything. For children with accompanying adults. Register online under Classes tab.



TUES. SEPT 14 7PM STORIES LOVE MUSIC

An evening of music and art to benefit the non-profit Stories Love Music, celebrating the positive effects on emotional and physical health. Founders Ilyana Kadushin and James Harrell will perform relating the music to the artwork on display.

Tickets at StoriesLoveMusic.com/benefit



StoriesLoveMusic

WED. SEPT 27 6PM ORIGINALS ONLY LIVE MUSIC

Young up-and-coming musicians perform their original work. Donations are welcome at the door.



EXHIBITS

SATELLITE GALLERIES

COFFEE BEANERY
Debbi Dean

PRINCESS ROYALE
Barbara Stepura

Satellite exhibits run through September 2023.

Coffee Beanery - 94th & Coastal Hwy. Princess Royale - 9100 Coastal Hwy.



BE A GEM! SPONSOR OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE GALA

For 60 years, the Art League has been devoted to fostering the arts. To mark our diamond-year anniversary, we are holding a Diamond Jubilee Gala on Nov. 4th and we're hoping you'll be part of it.

Art League parties have traditionally been the "party of the year" in Ocean City, and this year will be no exception. The freshly-renovated oceanfront Ashore Resort & Beach Club (formerly the Clarion) will be the perfect setting for our event with a cocktail party, a palette of fine food, live music, dancing, and the drawing of the winning 50/50 raffle ticket with a potential \$30,000 payout.

You can be an important part of our gala with your sponsorship of this momentous event. We have several levels to offer, and each comes with a wonderful set of perks you can share with friends and colleagues. Your generous support allows us to fulfill our important mission, which is to promote artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in our community.

Individual gala tickets may be purchased beginning Sept. 16!

DIAMOND JUBILEE GALA SPONSORSHIP LEVELS INCLUDE	DIAMOND SPONSOR \$10,000+	RUBY SPONSOR \$5,000 - \$9,999	SAPPHIRE SPONSOR \$2,500 - \$4,999	EMERALD SPONSOR \$1,500 - \$2,499	TOPAZ SPONSOR \$1,000- \$1,499	PEARL SPONSOR \$500- \$999
Reserved table for 8 at Gala Nov. 4	2	1	1			
Tickets to Gala Nov. 4				4	2	1
Complimentary Rooms Ashore Nov. 4	2	1				
Commemorative Diamond Jubilee gift	2	1				
50/50 raffle tickets - win up to \$30,000	12	6	6	2	2	1
Recognition at Gala Nov. 4	Title	•	•	•	•	•
Recognition on invitations & signage	Logo	Logo	Name	Name	Name	Name
Social media promotion of sponsorship	•	•	•	•		

**Please contact Nancy Dofflemyer, Development Director, by Sept. 15, 2023
to receive the full benefits of your sponsorship.
nancyd@artleagueofoceancity.org 410-524-9433**



FUTURE OF THE ARTS CAMPAIGN 2023



Your gift makes a lasting impact

This year we celebrate 10 years of serving the community at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. After a decade of use, over 160,000 visitors, 35,000 students and 3,000 artists exhibiting 15,000 works, our sights are set on the future. Please invest in the future of our community.

OCart.org/donate

Enter to
win
\$30,000

50/50 RAFFLE HELPS
THE ART LEAGUE!

WIN UP TO

\$20 per ticket - 6 tickets for \$100

A maximum of 3,000 tickets will be sold.

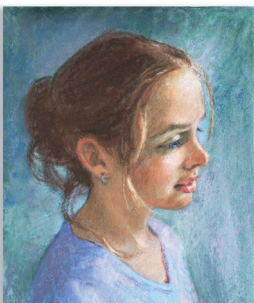
Drawing November 4, 2023. You need not be present to win.

Tickets at the Arts Center or online OCart.org/gift-shop-2

Win

A CUSTOM HAND-PAINTED PORTRAIT

Acclaimed artist Laura Era will hand-paint an 11x14" portrait of a loved one or pet in oils or pastels from a photo



RAFFLE TICKETS
\$5 ea. or 3/\$10

Drawing Sept. 30, 2023. You need not be present to win. Raffle benefits the Art League.

AUTUMN IS A TIME TO GET CREATIVE

As the summer fades to fall and life goes back to the routine, consider exploring your creative side in an art class. The Art League offers nearly 500 art classes each year in writing, photography, ceramics, glass, jewelry making, painting, and more, so there's something for you.

Research has shown that creating art can help with cognitive function and potentially ward off dementia. This month's exhibit in the Thaler Gallery challenges artists to create artwork based on memories. Music can also be a tool for caregivers, and the nonprofit "Stories Love Music" presents that in an evening of art and music on September 14th.

We are honored to bring five-time Helen Hayes Award nominee Caleen Jennings for a one-day artist residency on September 26th. Caleen is a professor emeritus of performing arts at American University, and an award winning playwright, actor and director. Don't miss this chance to celebrate creativity and learn how to express yourself as a writer, whether you are a newbie or a seasoned author. The day will culminate with a special evening performance from her award-winning show, "Queens' Girl in the Real World," with tickets at \$25 for Art League members. You can take her workshop as well for a \$50 combo ticket.

For kids, our after-school pottery classes continue with opportunities for ages 6-13 to create objects out of clay. Our monthly Free Family Art Days resume on September 9th for families to create art together.



Mark your calendars for November 4th and get dressed up for our Diamond Jubilee gala event to celebrate the Art League's 60th birthday in style!

Thank you to all of our members, donors, students, and volunteers who help us bring creativity and joy and economic impact through the arts!

John Sisson
President

Rina Thaler
Executive Director

Renew or buy a new membership and receive this signed limited edition print by Kevin Fitzgerald

Your membership earns 10% off purchases, 20% off classes and 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**



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PICASSO - \$5,000 Macky & Pam Stansell **VAN GOGH - \$2,500** Candy Kitchen Shoppes ~ Dr. Leonard Berger **RENOIR - \$1,500** Atlantic Planning & Development ~ Jolly Roger/Bayshore Development ~ Pit n Pub ~ Sunsations ~ Trimper Rides **MONET - \$1,000** Dumser's Dairyland ~ Farmer's Bank of Willards ~ Residence Inn Ocean City ~ Seacrets Nite Club ~ Trimper's Rides **CEZANNE - \$500** Bayside Skillet Cambria Hotel ~ Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore ~ Creative Concepts ~ Sandra & Robert Esham DDS ~ Hilton Garden Inn ~ 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 ~ Valentine Accounting Worcester County Developmental Center **GAUGUIN - \$250** Albright's Associates Atlantic Dental Cosmetic & Family Dentistry ~ Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand Billy & Madelyn Carder ~ Clare's Nutty Concoctions ~ Deeley Insurance Agency ~ Delaware Elevator ~ The Framing Corner ~ Harrison Group ~ Heart Drawn Studio & Tattoo ~ Hooked Restaurant ~ Innerbloom ~ Jinchul Kim ~ Just Tree Creations ~ Lombardi Pizza ~ Mann Properties ~ Monte Carlo Hotel ~ Princess Royale Oceanfront ~ RAK Inc. Rick Meehan & Katy Durham ~ Royal Plus Electric ~ Spain Wine Bar ~ The Wilde Family **FRIENDS-IN-KIND** Cambria Hotel ~ Clean Team Janitorial D3 Corp ~ The Dispatch ~ Harrison Group ~ Mail Movers ~ Ocean City Today ~ Residence Inn ~ Shoreline Technologies ~ Sun Signs ~ Unscene Productions **RECIPROCAL MEMBERS** Hotel Motel Restaurant Assn. ~ Ocean City Chamber of Commerce ~ Ocean City Development Corp. **RESTAURANT SPONSORS** Pit N Pub, Lombardis, Blue Fish

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Sat-Sun 11 am - 4 pm
Always free admission



Have the time of your life! volunteer for the arts

Our volunteers have fun and make new friends while doing rewarding work. Join us at our First Friday art openings, Harbor Day at the Docks, and other special events at the Arts Center and offsite. For information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Aubrey Sizemore, at aubrey@artleagueofoceancity.org or 410-524-9433.