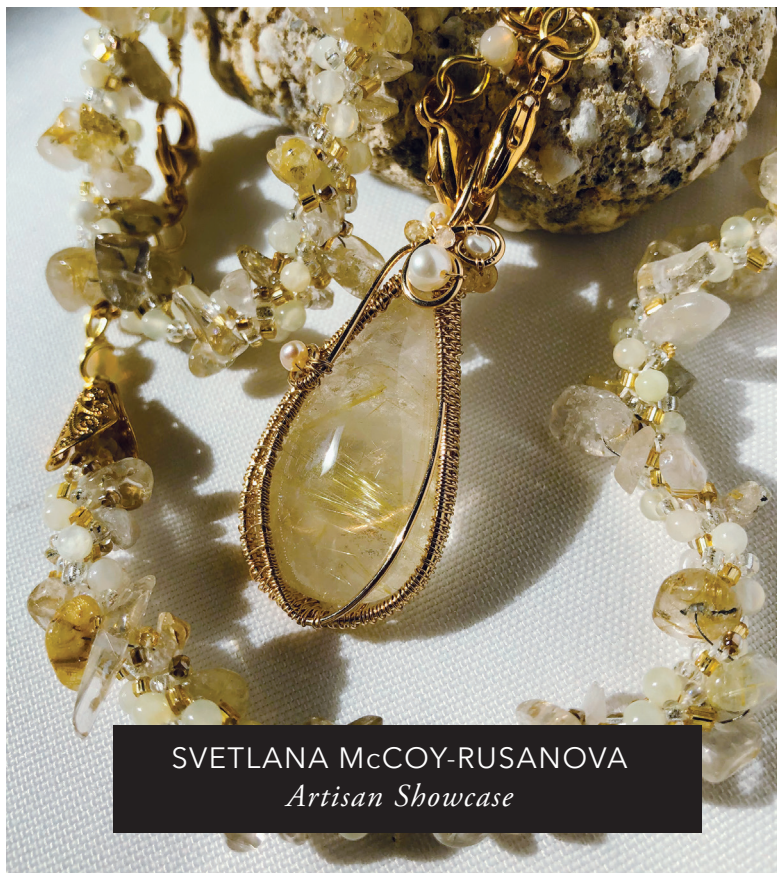


# DEC 2023

ART MATTERS NEWSLETTER



SVETLANA McCOY-RUSANOVA  
*Artisan Showcase*

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE FREE **FIRST FRIDAY**  
OPENING RECEPTION & ARTISAN FAIR  
**DEC 1, 2023 5-7 PM**



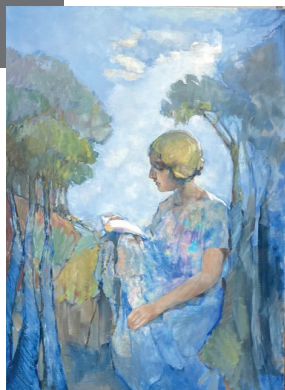
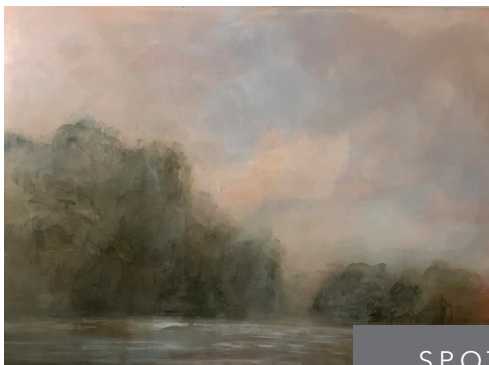
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# EXHIBITS

ARTS CENTER

THALER GALLERY *Annual Members Juried Show*

SISSON GALLERIA  
*Best of 2023*



BARBARA KERN-BUSH

SPOTLIGHT  
*Natalie Blanton*

STUDIO E  
*Small Works*

ARTISAN  
SHOWCASE  
*Svetlana McCoy-  
Rusanova*



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

SATELLITE GALLERIES  
*Amanda Lind - Coffee Beanery - 94th & Coastal Hwy.  
Carol Ward - Princess Royale - 9110 Coastal Hwy.*

# EVENTS

## ARTS CENTER

### HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR

DEC 1 5-7 DEC 2 11-4

Start your holiday shopping here with one-of-a-kind, handmade gifts you won't find anywhere else. Jewelry, ceramics, fiber art, wood art, metal art, and more plus book signings, too.



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## Brunch & Learn SERIES

### SAVE THE DATES

The Buzzed Word Dec. 6  
Ocean98's Bulldog Jan. 10  
Bunk Mann Feb. 7



Join us at 11:30 for a delightful brunch and a fascinating exploration into the lives of Ocean City celebrities. In December, meet Mickie Meinhardt, founder of The Buzzed Word in north Ocean City, and learn about wines and how to serve them. Seating is limited, so please reserve your place at [OCart.org](http://OCart.org).

# EVENTS

## ARTS CENTER

### SAT. DEC. 9 10AM-NOON FREE FAMILY ART DAY

Come together as a family and make a winter tree collage with Barbara Buford. Take home your art that very day! Children must be accompanied by an adult; adults, by a child.



### TUES. DEC. 12 1-3 PM FREE WRITERS' GROUP

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



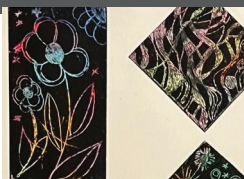
### THURS. DEC. 14 11:30 ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Don't forget our annual luncheon is in a new location this year - The Princess Royale, 9110 Coastal Hwy. Please join us to meet our board of directors, congratulate our volunteer award winners, and celebrate 60 years of art in OC.



### THURS. DEC. 14 5:30-7:30PM FREE HEART & SOUL

Make scratch-board art with Barbara Buford. The theme is "transformation" for those dealing with stress, trauma or grief, focusing on healing. Free with suggested donation. Supplies included.



### SAT. DEC. 16 7 PM FILM NIGHT & SHOWCASE

Highlighting local filmmakers and films produced in part by the Art League.

"Peer" directed by Marlon Wallace.

"A Center for the Arts" directed by B.L. Strang-Moya. "Roots" directed by Fiona O'Brien, Zoe Couloumbis, Sebrena Williamson. Q&A with filmmakers. \$5 suggested donation at the door.



*Content not rated.  
Viewer discretion is advised.*



# ART Trees for the arts VOTE



Yes, you can  
vote right  
here! Scan  
the QR code

Head to Northside Park and visit our display of hand-decorated trees by 24 local businesses and friends. Vote for your favorites at \$1 per vote. The winning tree gets \$500, and proceeds go to Art League youth programs.

Nov 16-Dec 24 - Wed-Sun - 5:30-9:30  
Dec 25-Dec 31 - 7 days - 5:30-9:30

*Winterfest  
of Lights*



SEE YOU AT COMIC CON  
OC Convention Center  
SATURDAY, DEC. 9

We're doing face painting!  
And screening films from the  
Ocean City Film Festival and  
giving details on our Manga/  
Anime Youth Art Show at the  
Ocean City Center for the Arts  
in April 2024.

Get your Comic Con tickets at  
[OceanCityComicCon.com](https://OceanCityComicCon.com)



We're back in 2024  
with our 8th season!  
And you-know-who is  
coming back to town.  
Stay tuned for details.

[OCMDFilmFestival.com](https://OCMDFilmFestival.com)



**He's  
back!**

**SAVE THE DATES ~ MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**

# YEAR END REFLECTIONS

As the Art League of Ocean City's 60th Anniversary year comes to a close, we look back on all that has been accomplished this year, and ahead to the second decade in our beautiful building - the Ocean City Center for the Arts.



In 2023, we launched a campaign called the Future of the Arts, and the community came together to contribute funds to help us update the Arts Center and upgrade the technology so we can sustain a vibrant arts scene. Funds raised from the campaign went to new lighting, security cameras, computers, and software. We were able to purchase a storage shed, new pottery wheels, and convert closet space to much-

needed office space. New classroom tables and chairs and a new coat of paint helped to make the space function and improved the aesthetic.

In addition to the new items, generous donors came forward to dedicate spaces in the building, and the support they provided will go towards the long-term investments so the Art League will be here to serve generations to come. New dedicated spaces include the Pottery Studio dedicated by the Tong Family, the Staircase Gallery dedicated by Jack Burbage and Virginia Pappas, and the Courtyard dedicated by Sandy & Palmer Gillis. We will have an official dedication and celebration of these spaces in 2024.

It is not too late to contribute to the Future of the Arts campaign, and there are still items that our 10-year-old Arts Center needs. So please consider making a year-end tax deductible donation to the Art League of Ocean City's Future of the Arts campaign. If you love the Art League like we do, consider joining us as a legacy partner and make a pledge to sustain the organization through estate planning. To give, please go to [OCart.org/donate](https://OCart.org/donate).

We are looking forward to 2024, and hope that you will join us for a First Friday, take a class, enjoy a performance in the gallery space, attend our 8th Ocean City Film Festival next March, or come to our new Brunch & Learn series. However you choose to interact, know that engaging in the arts makes life worth living.

Wishing you all happy holidays and a happy and healthy New Year!

John Sisson  
*President*

Rina Thaler  
*Executive Director*

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**VAN GOGH - \$2,500** Candy Kitchen Shoppes ~ Dr. Leonard & Kari Berger

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**MONET - \$1,000** Dumser's Dairyland ~ Farmer's Bank of Willards ~ Residence Inn Ocean City ~ Seacrets Nite Club

**CEZANNE - \$500** Bayside Skillet ~ Cambria Hotel ~ Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore ~ Creative Concepts ~ Sandra & Robert Esham DDS ~ Hilton Garden Inn ~ Innerbloom ~ 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

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# HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday | December 14, 2023 | 11:30 - 1:30  
Princess Royale Hotel | 9110 Coastal Hwy.

Join us as we celebrate the grand finale of our 60th year, with so much more to come. We'll recognize our volunteers, members, sponsors, and supporters with our annual awards.

*<sup>\$</sup>45 per person includes meal, non-alcoholic beverage, gratuity, and special gift. Luncheon options include Caesar or garden salad; blackened salmon, chicken or falafel; bread and desserts.*

**RSVP by Dec. 7 to 410-524-9433**

