

12 MONTHS OF ART AT THE OCEAN + ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

60 years of service ...and beyond



e are the Art League of Ocean City. We are a community - of artists, of advocates, of staff and volunteers, of sponsors and donors, of teachers and students, of casual visitors, and of children of all ages. We understand the joy, the benefit, and the value the arts bring to the personal, collective, and commercial well-being of the place we call home. We have been doing this for 60 years, and we keep getting better.

Looking through the archives since 1963 when we first opened our doors in that old school-house, through the "pool house" years, and the 10 years we have occupied our beautiful Center for the Arts, we cannot help but admire the pioneers whose vision, dedication, and perseverance have brought us to where we are today. They established a tradition that has made us a cultural icon on the Eastern Shore. Nobody does it like we do.

But we're not resting on our laurels. Our 60th year has been the best ever. This annual report shows why. It highlights our expanding outreach and outstanding record of service to the Shore. It showcases our unique special programs. It demonstrates the power of art to inspire, to heal, and to bring people together.

ou, our loyal supporters, make it all possible. You are the essential part of the team. We are especially grateful this year to those who have stepped up to our "Future of the Arts Campaign." Your gifts have permitted repairs, replacements, and upgrades at the Arts Center that will position us for our next decade of service. A few needs still remain, so it's not too late to be part of this great effort. Some members have made special anniversary gifts to our endowment fund, or have joined our Legacy pARTners Society. Others have sponsored events, pledged monthly gifts via credit card, or have made it a point to stop by the "dip jar" when visiting the Center. Many support local artists by purchasing original works at our gift shop or off the wall. We are grateful for all. Contributions great and small combine to keep our doors open seven days a week, with never a charge to visit our galleries.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we make a difference. Together, we will continue to grow and serve for countless decades to come.

JOHN SISSON President RINA THALER
Executive Director

VISITORS TO THE ARTS CENTER 17,243

VISITORS SINCE OPENING IN 2013 1*7*6,162

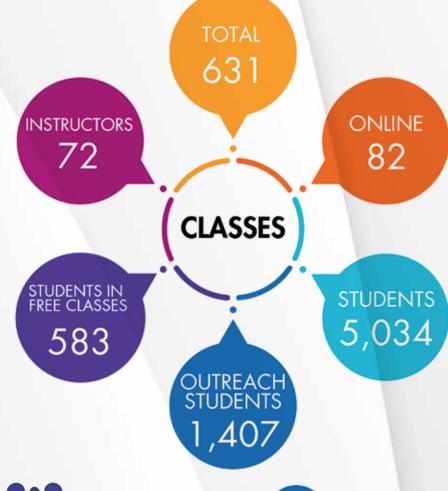
> **MEMBERSHIPS** 1,200

ARTWORK & ARTISTS

ART EXHIBITED 2,129

> **ARTISTS** 613

GIFT SHOP 139





SUMMER CAMP 264





REACH 324,177



FOLLOWERS 7,232





Jan 24



MLK "DREAMFEST" WEEKEND

Join us for free activities in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend and the Town of Ocean City's "Dreamfest" event. Art League activites include a hip-hop performance by Jay Konsciouz, an art exhibit by Kevin Harris, a short film showcase, and a youth art show. Watch **OCart.org** for details.





SHARED VISIONS is an annual collaboration between the literary and visual arts. Local writers submitted poetry and prose for consideration, and Art League members selected a piece to use as inspiration for their artwork. Visual and literary works will be on display together during January 2024. Join us on January 16 for live readings from the show.





Feb 24



AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES are in full swing. Kids love something creative to do after school, and we offer pottery plus special seasonal classes.

OCart.org/classes



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clients expand their horizons with personalized art classes taught by trained instructors at the Arts Center.

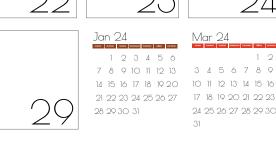


DAVID SMITH is our 2023 Orem & Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art & Community Engagement. An accomplished ceramicist, he is Associate Professor at Salisbury University. His solo exhibition in the Thaler Gallery in February is the culmination of his fellowship.



Artwork	Mick McAndrews	Watercolor
Pickup*	Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup	27





First Friday

Reception

5-7pm



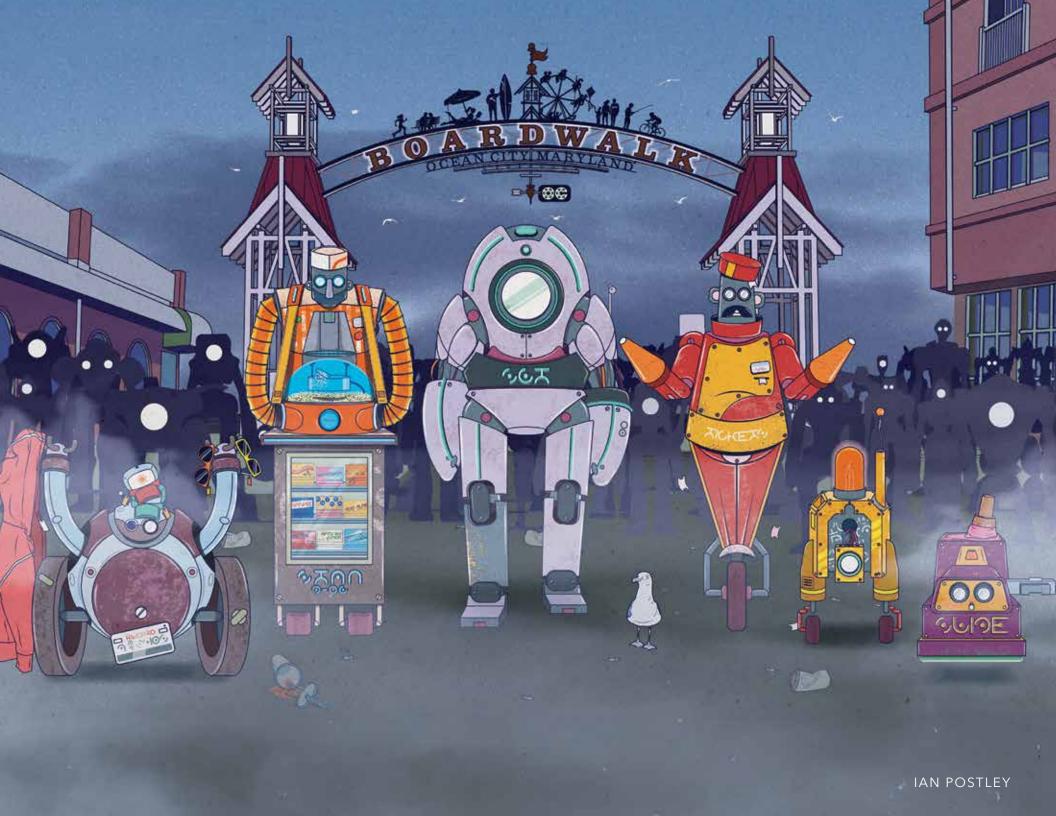
PAINT NIGHTS are a winter warmup.

Gather with friends or make new ones.

Sip an adult beverage or go familyoriented. Check our class schedule
or call for private events.



^{*} by appointment



Mar 24







8TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL is a major event in the resort in March screening 100 independent films both local and from around the world. And John Waters is back with his film "Hairspray" at the Performing Arts Center. OCMDFilmFestival.com

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

group will perform Academy Award winning songs.

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

OCEAN

FRIDAY

CITY FILM

SATURDAY

LIVE MUSICAL THEATER AT THE ARTS CENTER WITH THE LOWER SHORE PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY of Snow Hill. The talented

Youth Art Show

FESTIVAL

First Friday Reception Live Theater 5-7pm

Youth Art Show Live Theater **FILM FEST** Daylight Savings Time

Ramadan

St. Patrick's Day

18

Arrives

Spring

Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup*

Easter

Feb 24 1 2 3

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Apr 24

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SHIRLEY HALL YOUTH ART SHOW exhibits work by Worcester County middle and high school students and awards cash prizes. March 1 - 2 - 3.



April 24



MANGA/ANIME The annual youth art show April 5 - 6 - 7 featues middle, high school, and college students. With cash prizes awarded by University of Maryland Eastern Shore professors Brad Hudson and Elvin Hernandez.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Artwork Dropoff/				First Friday Reception	Anime Youth Show
	Pickup*	2	3	4	5-7pm	6
Anime Youth Show	Janet Rogers	Watercolor	Workshop:	Flowers/Figures		
7	8	9	10]]	12	13
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	Earth Day Passover					
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SATELLITE GALLERIES Our offsite exhbits continue with featured artists showing their work at both the Coffee Beanery and the lobby of the Princess Royale Hotel Oceanfront. Barbara Stepura was one of our 2023 satellite artists.





May 24



THE LOWER SHORE PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

of Snow Hill will bring live musical theater to the Arts Center. In May, they'll perform "Goosebumps: The Musical." Tickets go fast so get yours early.





THE GATHER SHOW In May 2023, Professor Jinchul Kim of Salisbury University curated the "Gather" exhibition, celebrating artwork by 16 Asian American and Pacific Islander artists, many from universities and colleges around the nation.

Memorial

Day

* by appointment

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June 24



SUMMER CAMP STARTS IN JUNE

In 2023, we're offering six weeks of fun in the sun for campers who want to get creative and make new friends. Sign up through Ocean City Recreation & Parks in February!



CLAY-A-PALOOZA is a month-long festival featuring handmade ceramics by the Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore. Hands-on demonstrations, classes, and exhibits are planned all month, so watch our news for details.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

FREE SUMMER WEEKEND EVENTS START THIS MONTH

TUESDAY

We welcome children and families every summer Saturday to come to the Arts Center 11am-1pm for a free special craft project. Every Sunday this summer, an Arts Center Docent will lead free gallery tours at 1pm. Please join us.

FREE Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm



Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup*



May 24

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83 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND COUNTING

In 2023, the Art League awarded our 83rd scholarship to Worcester County students pursuing an education in college related to the arts.





July 24



FREE SUMMER WEEKEND ART EVENTS CONTINUE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY IS FILM	Mini Camp			Independence	First Friday	FREE
CHALLENGE Go to OCMD- FilmFestival. com for info.	Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup*	2	3	Day Closed	Reception 5-7 pm	Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm
FREE	Summer Camp	Week 2				FREE
Gallery Tours 1pm	8	9	10]]	12	Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm
FREE	Summer Camp	Week 3				FREE
Gallery Tours 1pm	15	16	17	18	19	Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm
FREE	Summer Camp	Week 4				FREE
Gallery Tours 1pm	22	23	24	25	26	Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm
FREE	Summer Camp	Week 5		Jun 24	Aug 24	* by appointment
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THE BEVERLY BASSFORD MEMORIAL ART SHOW

The Bassford Family continues sponsoring the Beverly Bassford Memorial Juried Art Show every year. In 2023 Barbara Kern-Bush won Best in Show.





Aug 24



FATHER & SON

Artists Kevin Fitzgerald and Evan

Fitzgerald will share the Thaler Gallery
in August 2024.



MONDAY

TUESDAY

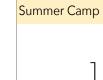
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FREE Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm

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FREE Gallery Tours 1pm	Summer Camp 5	Week 6	7	8	9	FREE Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm
FREE Gallery			Artists Paint OC	Plein Air	Festival Artwork	Wet Paint Sale
Tours 1pm	12	13	14	15	Pickup*	FREE Kids' Crafts

 k Paint Sale
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FREE Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm

24













FREE Kids' Crafts 11am-1pm

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ARTIST DENNIS YOUNG painted "en plein air" during the Quick Paint event on the Boardwalk Sunday morning. The 5-day festival includes art sales on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon with Sunday's "Kids Paint OC" event.

Follow at Facebook.com/ArtistsPaintOC



Jul 24

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Sept 24









Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup* Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup* Aug 24

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FREE BLOCK PARTY

Come meet your Little Salisbury neighbors and make new friends as you gather with us for a free block party on First Friday. We're celebrating with free cake and hors d'oeuvres, live music, arts and crafts plus a community art project we'll make together.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUBS

The Art League sponsors After School Art Clubs in several area schools including Buckingham Elementary and Berlin Intermediate School.



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Oct 24



ART OF RECOVERY

Brandon Bell proudly points to his artwork in 2023's show featuring artists who are in recovery from addiction. This exhibit is a partnership among the Art League, Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury University, and Worcester Goes Purple.





* by appointment

CAN'T DRAW? TRY FLOWER ARRANGING INSTEAD

Classes at the Art League are much more than just painting and drawing. Find your creative side with classes like book making, pour painting, floral arranging, sea glass art, fused glass jewelry, and much more. Check us out at **OCart.org/classes**





Nov 24

SUNDAY

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ART TAKES PARTIES TO ANOTHER LEVEL OF FUN

For our Diamond Jubilee Gala in November 2023, artist Kathy Denk painted model Drew Berke camoflage to blend into the photo backdrop, a photo spot for the gala.





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ARTS CENTER VISITOR

25

Stella Parsons of Parsonsburg, Md. checks out the fish mural at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, with free admission 7 days a week.



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Dec 24



OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR OFFERS UNIQUE GIFTS

Friday, Dec. 6, 5-7 pm and Saturday, Dec. 7, 11-4 pm showcases local authors, jewelry, glass, ceramics, sculpture, and fiber arts by Art League members. Here, Dana Simson displays her wares in 2022.





Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup*

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Artwork Dropoff/ Pickup*

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DELMAR HIGH SCHOOL

visited the Arts Center, part of the Art League's outreach program to area schools.

TREES FOR THE ARTS

The Art League is a big part of Winterfest of Lights at Northside Park every year with a tree decorating contest that benefits both the winning organization and the Art League.



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- 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.

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FINANCIALS January 1 - December 31, 2022

In keeping with the mission of the Art League of Ocean City, the largest components of our expenses in 2022 went towards programming, which accounted for 78% of total expenses. Administrative costs were kept to 15% of income, and fundraising costs were 7%. 61% of the income came from programs, 10% from membership, 9% from grants, and 20% from donations and fundraising. 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 to impact the community through art.



















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