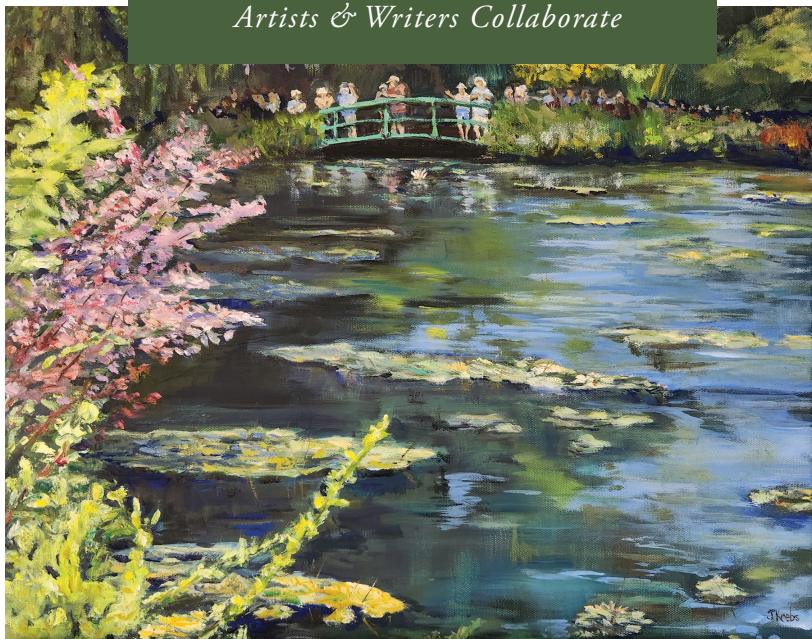


JAN 2024

ART MATTERS NEWSLETTER

SHARED VISIONS

Artists & Writers Collaborate



JAMIE KREBS

In homage to the great painter, the gardens were maintained exactly as he had prescribed – but he probably would have preferred them without the crowds....

Excerpt from "Monet's Garden" by Mary Leach

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FREE
FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
JANUARY 5, 2024 5-7 PM



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

EXHIBITS

ARTS CENTER

THALER GALLERY
*"Shared Visions"
Group Show*



SISSON GALLERIA
*"Home Sweet Home"
Group Show*

STUDIO E
*Studio Art Quilt Associates
Lower Eastern Shore Pod*



DALE ASHERA-DAVIS



SPOTLIGHT
Kevin Harris

ARTISAN
SHOWCASE
Francesca Rendell



SATELLITE GALLERIES



Ruth Ann Kaufman
*Princess Royale
9110 Coastal Hwy.*



Madeline Patsel
*Coffee Beanery
94th & Coastal Hwy.*

Arts Center exhibits run thru Jan. 27. Satellite exhibits continue thru March 30.

EVENTS

ARTS CENTER

MLK WEEKEND Dreamfest 2024



Please join us in celebration of MLK Weekend with events to inspire you. Complimentary light food and drinks.

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

11am-4pm: "I Have a Dream" youth art show and artist Kevin Harris of Chesertown, Md. with paintings on glass representing African American culture.

12:30-1:30pm: Jay Konsciouz of Baltimore performs hip hop.

2-3pm: Short film showcase & Q&A with filmmakers to follow: "Points of Juxtaposition" by B.L. Strang-Moya. "Nothing Makes Sense" by Torrez Wise.

3-4pm: MLK banner up for pictures.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

11am-4pm: Exhibits continue

12-1pm: Hip Hop open mic and Q&A with Jay Konsciouz



Brunch & Learn SERIES

Ocean98's Bulldog

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11:30am

Join us for a delightful brunch and a fascinating exploration into the lives of Ocean City celebrities. Discover the untold stories, achievements, and experiences that have shaped this coastal community's notable figures while savoring delicious brunch bites.

In January, meet Bulldog, Ocean 98.1 FM radio personality. \$10 per person, includes light brunch and speaker presentation. Seating is limited, so please reserve your place at [OCart.org](https://www.ocart.org).



EVENTS

ARTS CENTER

TUES JAN 9 1-3 PM FREE WRITERS' GROUP

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



THURS JAN 11 5:30-7:30 ARTISTS GATHERING

Artists: Come gather with the Maryland Citizens for the Arts to give feedback to the arts advocacy organization, make community ceramic butterflies, and enjoy a complimentary dinner. Register at MDarts.org.



SAT JAN 13 10AM-NOON FREE FAMILY ART DAY

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



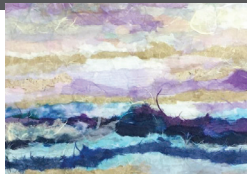
TUES JAN 16 6 PM SHARED VISIONS READINGS

Meet the writers and artists of this year's collaboration, on display in the Thaler Gallery in January. Hear live readings of the poetry and prose that inspired the artwork. Free and open to all, with complimentary refreshments.



THURS JAN 18 5:30-7:30PM FREE HEART & SOUL

Make a collage on rice paper with Barbara Buford. The theme is "transformation" for those dealing with stress, trauma or grief, focusing on healing. Free with suggested donation.



SAT JAN 20 6 PM ORIGINALS ONLY

Young, local, up-and-coming musicians and poets perform their original works in a safe, alcohol and drug-free setting. All welcome.





We're back in 2024
with our 8th season!
And John Waters is
coming back to town.
Stay tuned for details.

OCMDFilmFestival.com



**John
Waters
is
back!**

SAVE THE DATES ~ MARCH 7th - 10th 2024

CALL to ARTISTS '24

GROUP SHOW SCHEDULE

SHOW DATES

ENTRY DATES

JAN 5-27 **"Home Sweet Home"**
All media. What makes a home?
Subjects include household items,
interiors, domestic roles, etc.

At Arts Center:
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2

FEB 2-24 **"Perspective"**
All media. Use point perspective
or bird's-eye to create depth.

At Arts Center:
Jan. 28 & 29

MAR 1-30 **"Life in Motion"**
All media. Depict objects in motion
or create movement in your artwork.

At Arts Center
Feb. 25 & 26

APR 5-27 **Juried Corporate Partner Show**
All media. Annual exhibition with
special "Best in Show" award.
Artist's choice of theme.

Online entry:
Opens Feb. 5
Closes Feb. 26

MAY 3 -
JUNE 1 **"Texture" Juried Photo Show**
Photography only . Use texture to
add depth, detail, and interest.

Online entry:
Opens Mar. 5
Closes Mar. 25

JUNE 7-29 **"Surf/Skate"**
All media. Explore surf/ skate culture,
drawing inspiration from the people,
language, fashion, and lifestyle.

At Arts Center
June 2 & 3

**NOTE: Before entering, please check complete requirements and
make a drop-off appointment at OCart.org/call-for-entries.**

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

While the first recorded mention of "New Year's Resolutions" can be found in a Boston newspaper in 1813, the custom of making promises for the New Year dates back 4,000 years to ancient Babylonia, when farmers made promises to the pagan deities to pay their debts and return borrowed objects.

Today, our New Year's resolutions generally center on self improvement, like losing weight or drinking more water. This year, consider making a New Year's resolution to take some time for yourself and engage in the arts. Sign up for one of our many art classes and learn something new or expand your skills. Join us for the First Friday opening reception, and enjoy the exhibits and studios. There is so much to do at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and we are open everyday!



Mark your calendars for "Shared Visions" readings on Tuesday January 16, and experience the literary and visual arts in one evening.

We are especially excited to welcome the Maryland Citizens for the Arts for the South Eastern Regional Community feedback session on January 11 from 5:30-7:30pm. This free event provides a forum for artists to meet each other, contribute to a community art project, and help guide the Maryland Citizens for the Arts advocacy effort. Enjoy a complimentary dinner, the crafting of ceramic butterflies, and great conversation. Space is limited so please rsvp by January 8 by visiting their website - **MDarts.org**

But that's not all... Celebrate "Dreamfest" with us on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. On Saturday, January 13 from 11-4pm, we'll celebrate MLK with a free afternoon of film, food, and hip hop.

More information on this and other exciting events can be found on our website OCart.org

However you choose to participate, remember the wise words of Pablo Picasso: "Art washes away the dust of everyday life."

Wishing you a creative and fulfilling year!

John Sisson
President

Rina Thaler
Executive Director

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Sat-Sun 11 am - 4 pm
Always free admission



Artists: Give us your feedback. We'll give you dinner and conversation.



SOUTHEAST MARYLAND STRATEGIC COMMUNITY GATHERING

*Thursday, Jan 11
5:30-7:30pm
Ocean City
Center for the Arts*

The Maryland Citizens for the Arts is coming to town to meet with local artists. As a vital part of the arts community in Maryland's Southeast Region, please join us in crafting ceramic butterflies as part of a larger art installation at the Arts Center. The artists will also gather with MCA to share feedback that will guide the future of MCA's work in arts advocacy. Complimentary dinner provided.

*Space is limited so register early and by Jan. 8. Register at **MDarts.org** or call **302-841-7257**.*