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**Art League of Ocean City welcomes Board of Directors 2024**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Jan. 29, 2024** — The Art League of Ocean City announces their Board of Directors for 2024 with four new members joining the volunteer board. The new and returning members were sworn in at the Art League's annual Holiday Luncheon & Meeting on Dec. 14, 2023 at the Princess Royale Hotel.

"We welcome our new board members and look forward to the new ideas they will bring to the table," said Rina Thaler, the Art League's Executive Director. "We also thank our long-serving board members who have devoted so much of their time and talents to our cause."

John Sisson continues as president; Marian Bickerstaff as past president; Barbara Patrick as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Laura Jenkins as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; Jan Perdue as corresponding secretary, and Ryan Wilde as recording secretary. Amy Rothermel will serve as treasurer.

Returning to the board are Courtney Blackford, Crystal Collins, Al "Hondo" Handy, Don Lehman, Virginia "Ginny" Outten, and Emily Schwab.

Ian Postley of Bishopville, Md. joins the board in 2024. A graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and the Delaware College of Art & Design, Postley was a former Art League college scholarship winner. He

is a working graphic artist and social media coordinator at Unscene Productions and the designer of the annual Ocean City Film Festival poster. “Since youth, I’ve been around the Art League long enough to see the organization as a driving force in the local art scene and a supporter of the various art forms,” Postley said.

David Keil of Bethany Beach, De. joins the board after previously volunteering for the nonprofit. A graduate of Syracuse University, he is also on the board of the Delaware Center for Inland Bays and volunteers for the Brandywine Valley SPCA and the Bethany Beach Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee. “The arts are a critical and underappreciated component of a healthy and growing community,” Keil said. “The Art League is an important cultural driver in our region with core values that help sustain long-term community growth and well-being.”

Patricia Selig of Berlin, who recently returned to the area from Maine, holds degrees from George Washington University and Salisbury University. She has served on the Abbe Museum’s and Camp Beech Cliff Day Campo’s executive boards as well as on the boards of Worcester County Youth & Family Counseling and a private first responder board. “I am excited to participate in promoting the arts in our community,” Selig said. “I believe that the experience of art can change lives for children and adults.”

Heather Ross of Berlin comes to the Art League after a successful career as a Senior Program Manager and Director of Operations at Deloitte Consulting Group. She also served on the Art League’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee. A graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, Wake Forest University, and the University of Virginia, she also volunteers for the Cape Charles, Va. Main Street Project and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Ross said, “Artistic expression fosters creativity and innovation, amplifies voices that may otherwise go unheard, is a powerful form of communication, and has

numerous benefits associated with mental health and the development of well-rounded individuals.”

*The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects.*

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Headshots attached of new board members

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