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**ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY TO HOST “SHARED VISIONS”  
FREE READINGS ON JAN. 16 AT ARTS CENTER**

OCEAN CITY, MD —*Jan. 9, 2024* — The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to a free evening of readings and art from the 11<sup>th</sup> annual “Shared Visions” exhibit. The event takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside.

“Shared Visions” is a collaboration of the literary word and visual art. The exhibition features 21 local writers and 26 artist members of the Art League of Ocean City. The writing submissions were reviewed by a panel that included industry professionals as well as local writers: Stephanie Fowler of Salt Water Media, Mickie Meinhardt of the Buzzed Word, Don and Gwen Lehman, Teresa Kinhart, Mary Leach, and Ruth Wanberg-Alcorn. This year, artists selected a poem or short prose written by the writers to use as inspiration for their artwork. Their creations include painting, photography, fiber art, mixed media, and more displayed alongside the writings that inspired them.

On Jan. 16 from 6-8 p.m., the writers will read their poetry and prose that inspired the artwork on display during a free event at the Arts Center, and the public is invited. Guests will enjoy live music and complimentary refreshments.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> St. is open daily until 4 p.m., and admission is always free. More information is available at [OCart.org](http://OCart.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

*The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.*

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EDITORS: Photo attached of Shared Visions pairing - Mary Ann Wangermann wrote the poem, and artist Pat Lang created a painting from it.

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