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**MARCH 1 FIRST FRIDAY AT OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE  
ARTS  
FEATURES “WOMEN IN THE ARTS”**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Feb. 23, 2024* — The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to a free art opening and reception on First Friday, Mar. 1, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside. Complimentary refreshments will be offered.

In celebration of March as Women’s History Month, “Women in the Arts: Nature, Nurture, Change” features new works by three female artists from Worcester and Wicomico Counties: Jeri Alexander, Sue Bromm, and Lisa Tossey. The Art League previously awarded \$1,500 to each artist to create a body of work from concept to fruition, with funds provided by a grant from the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Jeri Alexander of Delmar, Md. created and exhibits an installation entitled “Thirty,” exploring the artist’s experience turning 30 years old, a milestone that brought anticipation and dread in the face of societal expectations. Her artwork is rife with symbolism, using sculpture and video to relate to the passage of time and unconventional materials as clothing.

Sue Bromm of Hebron, Md. created and exhibits a series, “Embracing Uncertainty,” using raw plant pigment dyes and natural fibers along with hand-stitched details in her art. The unique process of eco-printing

brings awareness to our connection with nature and the concept of impermanence and change.

Lisa Tossey of Berlin, Md. highlights the effects of climate change on local habitats, through 360-degree imagery and ceramics. The images and pieces in this series show places and species in peril across the heart of Delmarva – from the Atlantic Coast of Assateague Island to old growth forests in Wicomico County to the marshes and ghost forests of Dorchester County.

Artwork by Worcester County middle and high school students will also be on display at the Arts Center through Sunday, Mar. 3 as part of the annual Shirley Hall Youth Art Show. Betsy Hall Harrison, Shirley Hall's daughter, will judge the show and award \$250 in prize money to students on behalf of her family members.

In the Sisson Galleria, the "Life in Motion" group art show features Art League members and local artists exploring the theme of movement through art. Salisbury University professor Jen Pepper will judge the artwork and award cash prizes.

Nina Mickelsen of Lewes, De. occupies Studio E in March. Mickelsen is a versatile, contemporary 2D artist working in acrylic silk screening as well as mixed media. Her artistic roots are in clean, colorful Scandinavian design, and she is inspired by nature and the coast.

In the Spotlight Gallery, pastel artist Donna Finley of Easton, Md. shows her artwork inspired by the landscapes of the Eastern Shore. Finley infuses her work with light and life, and both water and sunsets are recurring themes.

Mother-and-daughter duo Lisa Scarbath of Ellicott City, Md. and Pat Lang of Easton, Md. occupy the artisan showcase for March. Scarbath is a resident artist at the Howard County Center for the Arts and creates mosaic wall art, decor, furniture, custom pieces, and public art using a

variety of material from smalti, stained glass, marble, slate, and rocks to broken crockery and found objects.

Lang began oil painting in her late teens, learning through trial and error, visiting galleries to study famous works, and reading art instruction publications. As she experimented on techniques new to her, she used these experiences to master her own personal realistic style.

The Staircase Gallery continues a show by painter Itzel Aguilar of Georgetown, De., exhibiting through June. Other exhibits at the Arts Center run through Mar. 31.

The Art League's satellite galleries continue art shows during March, closing Mar. 31. Ruth Ann Kaufman shows her artwork in the lobby of the Princess Royale Hotel at 9110 Coastal Hwy. Madeline Patsel is the artist-in-residence at the Coffee Beanery at 94<sup>th</sup> St. and Coastal Hwy.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> St., home of the Art League of Ocean City, 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: Photos of Women in the Arts attached. IDs in file names.

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ART LEADER ON OCEAN CITY  
THIRD PLACE

Conversations with Cedar Bears  
Fiber Art, Eco-printing on  
Silk with Hand-Dyeing  
\$150  
March 2019, 12-14  
Sue Brown

JUROR'S NOTE:  
Sue Brown's work is a variety of nature, and  
the artist's use of natural materials and  
hand-dyeing techniques is a beautiful  
example of fiber art. The work is a  
great example of fiber art and is a  
great example of fiber art.





