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ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY WELCOMES
JENNIFER CARTER AS ROBINSON FELLOW FOR 2024
AT RECEPTION AND TALK ON MAY 14 AT PRINCESS ROYALE

OCEAN CITY, MD — *May 8, 2024* – The Art League of Ocean City is proud to announce artist Jennifer Carter will serve as the 2024 Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement. The fellowship comes with a stipend, a solo gallery art show, and opportunities to curate, judge, and create additional programming for the Art League.

To kick off her fellowship year, Carter will give an artist’s talk at a free reception in her honor on Tuesday, May 14, 5-7 P.M. at the Princess Royale Hotel Lobby, 9110 Coastal Hwy. All are welcome, and complimentary refreshments will be served. Guests will view Carter’s exhibit of paintings and photography and hear her speak about her process, artwork and inspiration.

“We are excited to continue this fellowship for a 6th year, thanks to Laura Jenkins, who endowed this position in memory of her parents, Orem and Harriet Robinson,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said.

Carter, who resides in Bethany Beach, De., envisions her fellowship to center on healing from experiences with trauma and loss through positive artistic expression.

“Each person experiences trauma in their lives,” Carter said. “People of all ages are in the midst of subconsciously or consciously reaching out in desperate pleas for support and guidance with personal instances of trauma, grief, change, loss. This reaching-

out is invisible, or silent, or quiet, or loud for each individual ... All types of reaching out need an outlet for a positive healing expression from those experiences. Anyone can create art as expressions of where they are in the process on the path of understanding and healing, and, more purposefully, grasping life's joy, gratitude, and beauty.”

Carter will create a body of work representing her personal journey through the fellowship year, incorporating art and music.

“I continue pursuing my goal of reconnecting with joy through gratitude and memories after losses of my dad and several friends and relatives during the past two years as a touchstone for the year,” Carter said. “I have repeated, ‘You cannot win if you don't play’ to myself. By stepping outside my comfort zone [with this fellowship] ... I gain a greater understanding of my abilities, talents, rekindled and new-found art loves, and strengths. Those revelations have allowed me to continue to build myself back and beyond my expectations. This is what I wish for participants in the workshops, webinars, chats, and whatever else we brainstorm together to offer for this fellowship year!”

More information about the Art League and Carter’s fellowship is available at OCart.org.

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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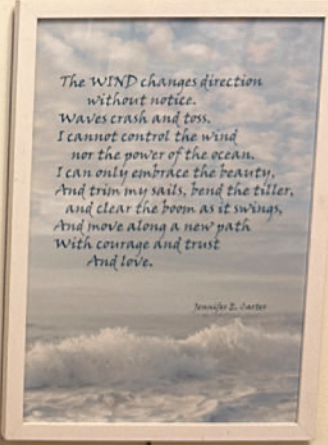


Old Barn
Photography by
Janice Carter



A friend is one to whom
One may pour out
All the contents of one's heart,
Chaff and grain together,
Knowing that the gentlest of hands
Will take and sift it,
What is worth keeping
The breath of kindness
Cast away.

Friendship
Photography by
Janice Carter



The WIND changes direction
without notice.
Waves crash and toss.
I cannot control the wind
nor the power of the ocean.
I can only embrace the beauty,
And trim my sails, bend the tiller,
And clear the boom as it swings,
And move along a new path
With courage and trust
And love.

Francis Z. Garder

The Sea
Photography by
Janice Carter