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ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY WELCOMES NEW EDUCATION DIRECTOR

OCEAN CITY, MD — *June 27, 2024* — Mary Anne Cooper, a long-time resident of West Ocean City, has joined the team at the Art League of Ocean City as Education Director. Cooper brings 32 years of experience in education to the Art League's multitude of classes.

Cooper served in education in Worcester County from 1998-2023 and prior to that in Baltimore City Public Schools. She was principal at Snow Hill Elementary School and Snow Hill Middle School for the last 10 years of her tenure in Worcester County. Prior to being a principal, she was an assistant principal, curriculum planner, math resource teacher, and math teacher.

Cooper holds a Doctorate of Education in Innovation and Leadership from Wilmington University. She has a passion for the arts and expresses her creativity through gardening, flower arranging, and baking. The love of art runs deep through multiple generations in Cooper's family.

"As an educator, fine arts have always played a major role in my philosophy of education," Cooper said. "I believe whole-heartedly that in education, arts integration is crucial in engaging students. I am looking forward to bringing my experience in education to the Art League and expanding my knowledge of the arts while being surrounded by the incredible artists in our community,"

Cooper can be reached at Education@artleagueofoceancity.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. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors.

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EDITORS: Head shot of Cooper attached.

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