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**Public is invited to two “Wet Paint Sales” at
Ocean City Center for the Arts to collect affordable local
landscapes**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *August 8, 2024* — The Art League of Ocean City’s 19th annual plein air festival, “Artists Paint OC,” happens August 14-18, 2024 when 50 professional artists paint local landscapes in the area. The public is invited to view and collect the art during the “Wet Paint Sales” on Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. bayside.

“Fifty artists will be capturing a moment in time on canvas, and this is your opportunity – one that only happens once a year – to purchase these beautiful original paintings of iconic local scenes that are hot off the easel at very affordable prices,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said.

“En plein air” is a French expression that means “in the open air,” used to describe the art of painting outdoors. The annual Artists Paint OC event brings in 50 plein air painters to the resort and features many popular regional artists as well as painters from around the country. Artists will paint Wednesday through Saturday at picturesque spots around the area.

The artists scheduled to paint and exhibit are Carolyn Aberbach, [Lissa Abrams](#), Jon Bandish, Bruno Baran, Judy Benton, Alexandra Bradley, Jacqueline Bruce-Yamin, Andrea Burkom, Erica DeHart, Siobhan Duggan, [John Eiseman](#), Nancy Fine, Rhonda Ford, Gerilyn Gaskill, Kathy Gibson, Jill Glassman, [Scott Henderson](#), Catherine Homens, Betty Huang, Kathy Huegel, Frederick Johnson, Leo Kahl, Rajendra KC, Barbara Kern-Bush, [Ed Lewandowski](#), Bruce Ley, [Mimi Little](#), Liz Maynes, Katherine Miller, Madeline Patsel, [Martha Pileggi](#), [Jose Ramirez](#), [Jim Rehak](#), Russell Reno, Eva Rotolo, [Maggii Sarfaty](#), John Schisler,

Jessica Schlegel, Ricky Sears, Al Richards, Rebekah Simonds, David Simpson, Linda Steere, [Barbara Stepura](#), Gail Stern, [Nancy R. Thomas](#), [Joel Trotta](#), [Mary Veiga](#), Cheryl Wisbrock, Judy Wolgast, and Dennis Young.

On Saturday, August 17, the artists will bring their best work to the Arts Center to be judged and participate in the Wet Paint Sale that evening, a celebratory event that brings the artists together with the public. The party includes live music, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

Saturday's Wet Paint Sale from 5-7 p.m. is free and open to the public and an opportunity to collect original artwork of local scenes at affordable prices and meet the artists who painted them. The exhibit and sale continue at the Arts Center on Sunday and until the end of September.

Sunday morning's Quick Paint and Sale on August 18, sponsored by the Ocean City Development Corp., is an easy opportunity for the public to watch the artists paint. Artists gather in downtown Ocean City near South Division St. and the Boardwalk to paint against the clock from 9-11 a.m. They then bring their work to the Arts Center to be judged and winners announced. The public may purchase this Quick Paint art off-the-easel from 1-3 p.m. at the Arts Center and enjoy live music and a cash bar. There is no charge to attend.

For the 2nd year, the "Kids Paint OC" event joins the festival to feature the plein air artwork of youth ages 6-17. The children painted outdoors from July 1-31 and brought their work to the Arts Center to be exhibited. Kids Paint OC artwork will be on display on Sunday, August 18, from noon-3 p.m. and cash prizes will be awarded. The event is made possible by a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council.

More information is available at OCart.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in our community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs, and community art projects. Funding is provided in part 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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PHOTO attached of painters from Artists Paint OC 2023 painting on the Boardwalk. IDs in file names.

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