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**FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENING AT OC ARTS CENTER
FEATURES BUILDING-WIDE EXHIBIT ON EMBRACING
CONNECTIONS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — Sept. 27, 2024 — The Art League of Ocean City announces a new building-wide art show at the Ocean City Center for the Arts with the theme “The Red Thread: The Common Thread of Connection Through Art,” curated by Deborah Rolig of Berlin, Md. The opening is First Friday, Oct. 4 and features extended hours from 5-8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this free event on 94th St. bayside with refreshments sponsored by PKS Investments and complimentary hors d’oeuvres. The Saltare in Elementis Dance Collective will perform during the First Friday opening party.

“The Red Thread holds significance in many cultures, all sharing the same basic theme – connectivity,” Rolig said. “In this building-wide show, artists share their own interpretations of the Red Thread that flows through us and intertwines with others to weave the scarlet tapestry of lives. We invite the public to wear red or a red rose to the First Friday opening to show their connection to others.”

Exhibiting artists in the Thaler Gallery are Rolig, Dee Gray, Seth Apter, Heather Bailey, Beth Deeley, Janice Elder, Raye-Valion Gillette, Garry Moore, Brian Robertson, and Twisted Stitchers. The Sisson Galleria hosts an all-media

group show interpreting the Red Thread theme, and the Art League will award cash prizes to the winners.

The Spotlight Gallery will exhibit student artwork created during after-school art clubs at Buckingham Elementary and Berlin Intermediate Schools. Studio E presents the Community Weaving Project led by fiber artist Deeley. Rolig will present her jewelry creations in the Artisan Showcase.

Special “Red Thread” events continue throughout the month. A free Yoga and Sound Healing Workshop with Chrissy Ehrhart and Jared Rowan is on Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m. Dr. Judy Pierson presents a free discussion, “The Weave is Strong: The Power of Connection,” on Oct. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Nancy Mitchell leads the “Muse to Muse: Ekphrastic Creative Writing Deep Dive Retreat and Reading” on Oct. 13, 1-4 p.m., \$25 for Art League members, \$30 for non-members. More information and registration are available online at OCart.org/classes.

Elizabeth Grey continues her exhibit, “Different Imagination,” in the Staircase Galley, through December.

In the satellite galleries, Lisa Guerriero of Ocean City presents her photography at the Princess Royale, 9110 Coastal Hwy. Guerriero has a lifelong passion for animals, nature, and the outdoors, and photography is her primary medium for artistic expression. “It is my hope that my images can momentarily instill in others a sense of wonder and awe, urging them to slow down and notice the incredible world surrounding us,” she said.

Theresa Alo of Indian Head, Md. exhibits her acrylic paintings, mixed media, and ceramics at the Coffee Beanery on 94th St. Alo has been with the Charles County Board of Education for thirty-six years and is Fine Arts Department Chair at North Point High School. She was voted the Secondary Career Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Art Education Association in 2022. Alo is also an instructor of Ceramics at the College of Southern Maryland.

Exhibits at the Arts Center run through Oct. 26; satellite galleries through December. 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 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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